

# Online Suzuki Teacher Development

Plans for October, 2020, through August 31, 2021

(To be reassessed, September, 2021. Guidelines for 2022 to be established in October, 2021.)

## I. Overview: Generally Guidelines from the Teacher Development Document remain in effect. The following are adjustments related to Virtual Teacher Training.

### A. Courses that may be offered online (September 2020 through November 30, 2021 May 25, 2021:

ECC, Filosofía, Unit 1, Units 2-10, Practicum (See V) , Revisiting Unit One, Overviews, Supplementary courses, & Enrichments\*

The following *still* applies: Courses must be posted for approval at least **6 weeks prior** to the start date. See also Section III, p. 3.

#### U.S. & Canada

Academic Year: From September 2020 through May 25, 2021, courses are being offered from Trainers' studios or by workshops, chapter affiliates, Suzuki programs, and other Organizations. See p. 4, Section V for summer restrictions.

Summer: SAA-approved institutes may apply for SAA approval for Summer 2021 (June 1 – August 31), either as virtual institutes or traditional institutes, offering activities and training according to guidelines revised specifically for 2021. Trainers may offer online courses and in-person courses in their own studios, though they are strongly encouraged to limit competition with institute offerings.

#### Latin America:

Members in Latin America are able to take advantage of virtual training in Spanish and in Portuguese, working with Trainers in those countries. This includes Filosofía, unit courses, Teaching Strategies and various other courses. Virtual training is being offered at Latin American Festivals and by SAA Latin American Teacher Trainers offering online training from their home studios and programs. Courses will continue to be offered online until in-person training is able to resume or until further notice. This includes June through August, as Institute Guidelines do not currently apply in Latin America.

**\*Confusion over guidelines for Overviews, Supplementary courses, and Enrichments:** Please follow the specific guidelines for Unit One, Practicum, Overviews, Supplementary courses, Enrichments, etc. See the Teacher Development Document for guidelines for information:

[\[https://suzukiassociation.org/teachers/training/teacher-development-program-document/\]](https://suzukiassociation.org/teachers/training/teacher-development-program-document/)

## II. The following existing guidelines apply to online training as well as in-person training:

- SAA Active membership
- Approved SAA audition, as appropriate for the course level
- Memorization of the repertoire for Unit One. See also Section IV for new information.
- ECC and first 3 units completed in order: ECC, Unit 1, Unit 2, Unit 3. Those units are prerequisites for all upper level units. (Note: taking all units in order is advised.)
- Please note that ECC! is the prerequisite for Unit One in North America; Filosofia, for Unit One in Latin America. (Interchangeability of the two introductory philosophy courses has not been established at this time.)

## III. Specific Guidelines for Online Training (NO EXCEPTIONS!)

**Note: Observations for unit courses may include live lessons or lessons provided on video, which may be viewed synchronously or asynchronously.**

- **ECC enrollment online is 2-15 participants**  
**ECC enrollment in-person is 2-30 participants**  
Effective January 1, 2021, ECC requires 8 hours over a minimum of 2 days for all delivery methods.  
Some possible online formats: 4 hours + 4 hours, or 5 hours + 3 hours  
  
Reminder for in-person ECC : Neither day should exceed 6 hours in-person or be less than 2 hours (not a change) Except for a change in maximum enrollment, guidelines are unchanged.
- **Enrollment online for Unit 1 is 1-10 participants**  
In person: Enrollment – no change (15)  
No change in hours: 28 hours over a minimum of 8 days, plus 15 hours of observation  
  
For Unit One, please note that time for discussion of observations is to be integrated into class time. Schedules should allow for observation and follow-up discussion of observations.
- **Enrollment for Units 2-10 online is 1-10 participants.**  
In person: Enrollment – no change (15)

No change in number of days or hours (A minimum of 5 days, 15 hours of class time, plus 8 hours of observation)

- A maximum of **4 hours online per day** is recommended for all unit courses. This does not necessarily include observation hours.

#### IV. Other Reminders about Teacher Training

- Remember: Observation of Teacher Training courses is not permitted.
- For auditing guidelines, please see the Teacher Development Document. (Generally auditing is allowed when the participant has previously completed and registered the unit.)
- U.S. & Canada: Institutes must follow Institute guidelines. Additions and changes require approval.
- As with in-person training, all registrants for online courses including auditors must remit the SAA fee of \$15 US per unit, to be submitted by the Trainer or course host/sponsor.
- Please refrain from posting courses that are not yet approved on your website, on FaceBook or other public sites.

#### V. Teacher Development Changes: Upcoming & In Process

**Every Child Can!** has being updated and expanded to 8 hours. Booklets for participants are updated and must be ordered 2 weeks in advance for mail distribution within the U.S. and Canada. (Please inquire re other locations outside SAA's region. Updated guidelines for the Trainer are now available **XX??X**, and additional video material should be ready by late spring.) Existing materials are provided for online and in person ~~ECC!~~ courses until that time.

##### **U.S. & Canada: Pilots (Optional until further notice)**

**Unit 2 (or any unit-3 or above) may be offered with Strategies as a pilot course in North America.** Generally, enrollment is 10 and course hours are 10. It may be offered by summer institutes or studios, online or in person.

**Stand-alone Teaching Strategies** as a 10-hour course with 2-10 participants, may also be offered as a **pilot** to anyone with the prerequisites of ECC! and Units 1 & 2, beginning January 15, 2021.

Tentatively, in fall of 2021. Strategies pilots will be assessed and ongoing guidelines set.

For both Strategies courses, it is recommended (but not required) that the participants have begun regular Suzuki studio teaching.

Several Strategies training courses have been offered for Teacher Trainers. Once final guidelines are set, further information will be made available.

### **SAA Practicum™**

Revisions will soon be underway for the **SAA Practicum™** with a projected re-launch later in 2021. The existing Practicum guidelines remain in effect until that time. Discussions are ongoing regarding requirement of the Practicum and the Certificate of Achievement Level One within the sequence of courses, preferably prior to continuing beyond Unit 4 or 5.

Note: The revised Practicum is proposed to be offered primarily as an online course, beginning in Fall of 2021.

## **VI. 2021 Summer Teacher Training at Institutes & elsewhere (U.S. & Canada)**

### **U.S. & Canada Training Restrictions:**

Existing guideline (below) for Trainers re summer training remains in effect for summer 2021, with possible restrictions related to studio-based online training to be considered.

*From June 1 through August 31, 2021, SAA Teacher Trainers are permitted to offer teacher training as faculty at SAA-approved institutes. This may be for in-person or for online training.*

*This long-standing guideline remains in effect: Trainers may not offer courses for unapproved institutes, workshops, and similar events taking place during the summer months. Trainers may offer training in their own studios during institute season (summer months), both online and in-person training. This may be reconsidered for 2022.*

**VI. Under discussion world-wide:** Balanced training to include in-person training and online training and reciprocity between regions.

**VII. Training between regions:** Please see ISA Policy on Teacher Training, available in the Trainer Manual on SAA website and in ISA Policies at <https://internationalsuzuki.org/policies.htm>