

Online Suzuki Teacher Development

Plans for October, 2020, through August 31, 2021

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

I. Overview: The following are adjustments related to Virtual Teacher Training. General guidelines in the Teacher Development Document remain in effect.

Courses that may be offered online from September 2020 through November 30, 2021:

ECC, Filosofía, Unit 1-10, 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.

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. 2021 Institutes (June 1 – August 31) were approved under temporary guidelines, either as virtual institutes or traditional institutes) according to guidelines set up specifically for 2021.

Latin America:

Virtual training is being offered at Latin American Festivals and by SAA Latin American Teacher Trainers from their home studios and programs year-round. Institute Guidelines do not currently apply in Latin America.

***Confusion over guidelines for Overviews, Supplementary courses, and Enrichments persists:**

Please follow the specific guidelines in the Teacher Development Program Document:

[<https://suzukiassociation.org/teachers/training/teacher-development-program-document/>]

Note: the Teacher Development Program Document is being updated, with posting projected for May 15, 2021.

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, prior to course start. Audition is not required for ECC and Filosofía.
- ECC (USA and Canada) OR Filosofía (Latin America) and first 3 units completed in order: ECC or Filosofía, Unit 1, Unit 2, Unit 3. Those units are prerequisites for all upper level units. (Note: taking all units in order is advised.) Note: Taking courses with schedules that overlap is not permitted.
- Please note that ECC! is the prerequisite for Unit One in North America; Filosofía, for Unit One in Latin America. (Unit One requirements for Latin America are adjusted to allow for the content and schedule differences between ECC and Filosofía.)

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

- 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: Participants in either course must be at least 18 years of age and have graduated from high school.

- Enrollment for Units 1-10 online is 1-10 participants.
- A maximum of **4 hours online per day** is recommended for all unit courses. This does not necessarily include observation hours.
- Auditors count toward the total maximum number of participants in all courses.
- Observations for unit courses may include live lessons or lessons provided on video, which may be viewed synchronously or asynchronously; schedules should allow time for class discussion of observations throughout the span of the course, whenever possible.

IV. Other Reminders about Teacher Training

- Remember: Observation of Teacher Training courses is not permitted.
- For auditing guidelines, please see the Teacher Development Document. (Auditing is an option 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 announcing or posting courses that are not yet approved on your website, on FaceBook, or other outlets.

V. Teacher Development Changes: Upcoming & In Process

Every Child Can! has been updated and expanded to 8 hours. Manuals for participants and facilitator information are updated. Manuals must be ordered 2 weeks in advance for mail distribution within the U.S. and Canada. Addresses of all participants will be needed. (Please inquire re booklets for participants outside of North America.)

Production of additional video material for ECC has been delayed due to limited opportunities to video regular in-person lessons and groups.

U.S. & Canada: Strategies Pilots

Minimum prerequisites for Strategies participants: ECC! or Filosofía plus Unit One

Strategies may be combined with Unit 2 (or any unit beyond Unit 2) as a **pilot course** in North America. Generally, enrollment is 10 and additional 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 Unit 1.

Strategies pilots will be assessed and ongoing guidelines set by October, 2021.

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

Latin America: Teaching Strategies

No changes

SAA Practicum

Revisions will soon be underway for the **SAA Practicum** with a projected re-launch in 2022. The existing Practicum guidelines remain in effect until that time.

Discussions are ongoing regarding adding requirements for the Practicum and the Certificate of Achievement to be included within the sequence of courses, preferably prior to continuing beyond Unit 4 or 5.

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

U.S. & Canada Training Restrictions:

Existing guidelines (below) for Trainers re summer training remain in effect for summer 2021, with possible restrictions related to studio-based online training.*

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. Trainers may not offer courses for unapproved institutes, workshops, and similar events taking place during the summer months.

Trainers may offer online courses and in-person courses in their own studios; however, they are strongly encouraged to avoid competition with institute course offerings.

*Note: Effective immediately, SAA reserves the right to protect institutes, as needed, by limiting the number of non-institute-based online courses available in summer 2021, and/or making further inquiries before approving additional online courses for the months of June through August. Also please remember that all courses must be posted for approval at least 6 weeks prior to course start.

These guidelines will need to be reconsidered for 2022.

VII. Under discussion world-wide:

- Balanced training to include in-person training
- Online training and reciprocity between regions

VIII. 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>. Please be aware of these guidelines.

With online training available, more teachers from outside the Americas may wish to participate in an SAA course(s). For teachers from other regions to participate in any SAA course, the following guidelines apply:

- Participants must be a member of their home regional association and verification must be provided.
- Participants from outside our region must also show written (email) permission from their regional office to take the selected course in our region.
- It is the decision of the home region as to whether the course taken in another region will be recognized by the home region.
- Other requirements for enrollment apply.

Please email teachercourse@suzukiassociation.org or institutes@suzukiassociation.org for any needed assistance with these situations.