



TWO RIVERS AIKIKAI

Equity is Ki Practicing Non-violence is a Way of Life

Dojo Education Plan

In order to maintain high quality instruction of Aikido and Iaido at Two Rivers Aikikai, the Board of Directors has instituted a formal education plan for current instructors, assistant instructors and students ranked 2nd kyu and above. The requirements of this education plan include the USAF requirements to maintain rank and designation as fukushidoin or shidoin, along with additional criteria specific to this dojo. Aikido and Iaido are dynamic martial arts that continue to evolve and grow for us under the direction of USAF shihan. Instructors, assistant instructors and students ranked 2nd kyu and above at Two Rivers Aikikai must keep up with these changes and attain a high level of proficiency in order to cultivate a higher level of practice among the students at our dojo. Our requirements include attendance at seminars specifically with Claude Berthiaume Shihan to increase the understanding of the late Mitsunari Kanai Shihan's style of Aikido and Iaido, which is the primary focus of instruction at our dojo.

Education Plan Requirements*

Instructor Requirements:

- Aikido Instructors must be ranked Nidan or above and fukushidoin or shidoin in USAF.
- Teach one Aikido class per week.
- Practice in at least one mixed level Aikido class per week to maintain proficiency.
- Practice in at least one basics Aikido class per week to help new students.
- Attend at least 3 seminars per year to include:
 - 1 major seminar with Yamada Shihan or a member of the USAF Technical Comm.
 - 1 Aikido seminar which includes weapons with Claude Berthiaume Shihan.
 - 1 local seminar in Portland, Eugene, Seattle. (Can be non USAF)
- Iaido Instructors must be ranked Sandan or above in Iaido by Berthiaume Sensei.
- Iaido Instructors must attend one Iaido seminar per year with Berthiaume Sensei.

Assistant Instructor Requirements:

- Aikido Assistant Instructors must be ranked Shodan or above in USAF.
- Teach 1 beginner or basics class per week in Aikido.
- Practice in at least one mixed level Aikido class per week to improve proficiency.
- Practice in at least one basics Aikido class per week to help new students.
- Attend at least 2 seminars per year to include:
 - 1 seminar with a member of the USAF Tech. Comm. or a USAF shidoin.
 - 1 Aikido seminar which includes weapons with Claude Berthiaume Shihan.
 - 1 local seminar in Portland, Eugene, Seattle. (Can be non USAF)
- Iaido Assistant Instructors must be ranked Nidan or above in Iaido by Berthiaume Sensei.
- Iaido Assistant Instructors must attend one Iaido seminar per year with Berthiaume Sensei.

Students ranked 2nd kyu and above in Aikido:

- Practice in at least one mixed level Aikido class per week to improve proficiency.
- Practice in at least one basics Aikido class per week to improve proficiency.
- Attend at least 2 seminars per year to include:
 - 1 Aikido seminar which includes weapons with Claude Berthiaume Shihan.
 - 1 Aikido seminar of their choice. (Can be non USAF)

Dojo Scholarship Fund:

The dojo maintains a Scholarship Fund to assist students with financial constraints to meet the above requirements.

* Requirements can be amended for injury, personal limitations and schedule conflicts but the intent of the requirements must be followed. Education plan to be reviewed annually at 3rd quarter Board Meeting.