

The Science of Rehabilitative Tai Chi

4 CE HOURS / .4 CEUs

PDH Academy Course #OT-1707

Course Abstract

Tai Chi is increasingly being touted as a rehabilitation technique – but do you understand, and are you able to explain to your clients, why it works? This evidence-based course provides insight into the scientific principles that support the use of rehabilitative Tai Chi, with attention to the practical application of each.

Target audience: Occupational Therapists, Occupational Therapy Assistants, Physical Therapists, Physical Therapy Assistants (no prerequisites).

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Learning Objectives

At the end of this course, learners will be able to:

- Recall introductory concepts pertaining to rehabilitative Tai Chi
- Recognize elements of evidence supporting BodyMind connections and applications
- Identify the 6 body focus principles of rehabilitative Tai Chi, and the experiential exercises that pertain to each
- Identify breath fundamentals of rehabilitative Tai Chi
- Recall the application of vision and visualization to rehabilitative Tai Chi
- Recognize elements of evidence linking Tai Chi and painless rehabilitation

Timed Topic Outline

I. Introduction (40 minutes)

Tai Chi Philosophy, Tai Chi Physiology, Tai Chi in Rehabilitation Research, Rehabilitative Tai Chi Principles

II. BodyMind Foundations (60 minutes)

Bio-Energy Basics, BodyMind Connections & Applications

III. Body Focus Principles (60 minutes)

Posture, Efficient Breathing, Active Relaxation, Slow/Rounded/Fluid Movement, Dantien Focus, Silk

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IV. Breath Fundamentals

Anatomy & Physiology of Breath, Natural Breathing Methods, Abdominal Breathing Effects

V. Vision and Visualization (40 minutes IV + V)

Functional Vision, Visualization and Mental Imagery

VI. Painless Rehabilitation and Movement (20 minutes)

Pain Physiology, Autonomic Influence, Cross Mapping

VII. References and Exam (20 minutes)

Delivery & Instructional Method; Completion Requirements

Distance Learning – Independent. Correspondence/internet text-based self-study, including a provider-graded multiple choice final exam.

To earn continuing education credit for this course, you must achieve a passing score of 80% on the final exam.

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Course Author Bio & Disclosure

Brian Trzaskos, PT, LMT, CSCS, CMP, MI-C, is a bodymind rehabilitation specialist who believes education is powerful medicine that allows people to access their own highest healing potentials. He is the founder and director of the Institute for Rehabilitative Qigong & Tai Chi, which specializes in teaching rehabilitation professionals how to practically integrate western bodymind rehabilitation science and the ancient healing arts of Qigong & Tai Chi.

As a practicing physical therapist and student of eastern movement and meditation practices for over two decades, Brian holds certifications in both Western and Eastern healing arts truly bringing together the best of both worlds in modern rehabilitative care. In addition to his private practice, he is a teacher, author, international health consultant, and thought leader in holistic rehabilitation. A graduate from the State University of New York at Buffalo, Brian and his family now live in the beautiful Lake Champlain Valley of upstate NY.

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