

Tao Calligraphy Practitioner Pathway

General process

Attend a Tao Calligraphy workshop of at least two full days in duration in person or via webcast. Approval is required to attend Master Sha's workshops. Approval is not needed for Certified Tao Calligraphy Teachers' workshops.

Level 1: Tao Calligraphy Practitioner

1.1. Become a Tao Calligraphy Practitioner

- a. Apply for approval to become a Tao Calligraphy Practitioner if offered at the Tao Calligraphy workshop. Approval is determined by spiritual guidance by Master Sha, Master Sha's Lineage Holders, authorized Tian Xian, Di Xian, Ren Xian, and Tao Calligraphy Teachers.
- b. **Attain 80% proficiency** in writing at least one Tao Calligraphy sacred phrase that is being taught in the workshop. Assessment of calligraphy writing must be done by Master Sha or an authorized Tao Calligraphy Teacher.
- c. Sign the **Practitioner Agreement and return it to Tao Academy.**
- d. Fulfill all the prerequisites as follows:
 - Tao Hands Practitioner (may take training concurrently)
 - 7 Consciousness karma cleansing
 - 5 high-level qualities karma cleansing with seed removal (One can choose five from Anger, Self-love, Unworthiness, Frustration, Impatience, Sadness, Fear, Worry).
 - Writing Power karma cleansing
 - Tao Calligraphy Writing Technique Jin Dan
- e. Honour and receive the Level 1 transmission: **Da Tao Cai Hong Dan of Tao Calligraphy Practitioner.**

1.2. Become a CERTIFIED Tao Calligraphy Practitioner

- Complete a 5-day Tao Calligraphy Retreat, or equivalent (i.e., 2-day Tao Calligraphy Retreat + 3-day Tao Calligraphy Advanced Retreat = 5 days). One may attend the Retreat in person or via webcast (if offered).
- Complete the online Tao Calligraphy Practitioner Start-Up Training course.
- Conduct and collect 20 Session Reviews in accordance with the approved guidelines.
- Use the approved Session Review forms (download from the Resources section of Tao Calligraphy website).
- Upon completion of the 20 Session Reviews, email them to SubmitCalligraphy@drsha.com, to be reviewed by the Tao Calligraphy Committee Certification Team.
- The session reviews certification involves a 3-tier approval process. The first two levels are quality assessment and the final level is a check on your spiritual readiness to become a Certified Tao Calligraphy Practitioner.
- Quality evaluation of the session reviews is based on the following criteria. Minimum score is 80%:
 - **Honesty and integrity:** Are all statements truthful and are all the significant and relevant facts included?
 - **Da Ai, Da Ci Bei, Da Qian Bei:** Did the practitioner serve with these qualities of greatest love, greatest compassion, and greatest humility in his/her interactions and communications?
 - **Da Gan En:** Did the practitioner have greatest gratitude for the opportunity to serve?
 - **Accuracy:** Are results measured with enough detail and precision? If medical results or other objective physical measurements are available, are they included?
 - **Da Fu Wu:** Did the practitioner serve with the mentality and quality of Greatest Service? If applicable, is there follow up and continuing support and care?
 - **Thoroughness:** Are all relevant details included in the report? Was the interaction with the recipient before the blessing thorough?
- The session reviews submitted to SubmitCalligraphy@drsha.com are evaluated by the Tao Calligraphy Committee Certification Team regularly throughout the year. Upon approval, you will be notified and will receive either a printed copy or electronic copy via email of your Tao Calligraphy Practitioner certificate.
- The certificates will be issued quarterly at the end of March, June, September, December, or coinciding with a major event that falls close to these dates.

1.3. Recertification

Power and certification are given for two years. To be recertified, Certified Tao Calligraphy Practitioners, Master Practitioners, and Grandmaster Practitioners must:

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- Attend a Master Sha Tao Calligraphy Retreat or approved Tao Calligraphy Workshop conducted by a Certified Tao Calligraphy Teacher within the last six months of their two-year certification period.
- Pass a recertification evaluation

Level 2: Tao Calligraphy Master Practitioner

2.1. Become a Tao Calligraphy Master Practitioner

Prerequisites:

- Certified Tao Calligraphy Practitioner in good standing
- Approval by Master Sha or an authorized Certified Tao Calligraphy Teacher
- Honour for and receive Wu Ji Da Tao Cai Hong Dan of Tao Calligraphy Master Practitioner

2.2. Become a Certified Tao Calligraphy Master Practitioner

Conduct 100 session reviews similar to the certification process for Level 1 Tao Calligraphy Practitioner. Submit 20 of the 100 session reviews for approval. Passing score for Tao Calligraphy Master Practitioners' session reviews is 90%.

Level 3: Tao Calligraphy Grandmaster Practitioner

3.1. Become a Tao Calligraphy Grandmaster Practitioner

Prerequisites:

- Certified Tao Calligraphy Master Practitioner in good standing
- Approval by Master Sha
- Honour for and receive Master Sha Original Soul Cai Hong Dan of Tao Calligraphy Grandmaster Practitioner

Additional Information

Do's and Don'ts (for all levels of Tao Calligraphy Practitioners)

1. Tao Calligraphy Practitioners may give a personally written calligraphy to a client for continued tracing. However, they are **NOT** permitted to sell their personally written Tao Calligraphies.

The client who receives a calligraphy from a Tao Calligraphy Practitioner shall be informed of the sacredness of the calligraphy.

2. When offering personally written Tao Calligraphy blessings, all levels of Tao Calligraphy Practitioners must write only the Tao Calligraphy sacred phrases for which they have attained at least 80% proficiency at a workshop by Master Sha or a Certified Tao Calligraphy Teacher.

One must **NOT** write Tao Calligraphy of “Tao” or “Tong” to offer blessings unless Master Sha has given an order of authorization.

3. Tao Calligraphy Practitioners may offer blessings for self or others by tracing any approved Master Sha original Tao Calligraphies, Tao Calligraphy cards, or images of a Tao Calligraphy in any of Maser Sha's books.

However, one must **NOT** trace Master Sha's Bao Yuan Shou Yi calligraphy or calligraphy card at this time.

4. Tao Calligraphy Practitioners may offer blessings for physical, emotional, and mental bodies; relationships; personal finances; residence or business office; and for any aspect of a person's life as a one-time blessing. These blessings may be offered for self, individuals or groups, in person or remotely.

However, a Tao Calligraphy blessing for “All Life,” or any other blessing that requires significant amounts of virtue, is **NOT** permitted.

5. An appropriate honour fee is suggested for a Tao Calligraphy blessing.