

Welcome to Transformational Arts College of Spiritual and Holistic Training. Founded in July 1988, this year commences our 33rd year of educational services to the Spiritual, Holistic and Wellness communities. The College is a federally [Certified Private Educational Institute](#) with the Government of Canada.

It has been some time since I wrote but I will be changing that shortly. I am pleased to present our new website, here you can get the latest news, register, and pay for courses, check schedules and even send us a message. The site has a page called NEWS under the ABOUT tab. Here you can check if the weather may cause class cancellation, or a class is rescheduled. I will have my blog and updates on what is happening around the school. We encourage everyone to check the website first and frequently to keep abreast of a rapidly changing pandemic situations, you can see who the next speaker is on the radio show or with a direct link be taken to the archives where you will find over 70 hours of listening and learning. It 's all about staying connected.

To say that 2020 in a few short weeks became a shock is an understatement for all. Not in decades has such a global event, and not a war, stirred every country and creature from our collective slumber and forced us to look at where we were, where we fell asleep and pointing forward, as we all try to discern what that forward direction is.

Within a week of the state of emergency being declared, Transformational Arts was up and diving right into getting courses on-line so that students could continue to study but in a decidedly different format. While some have said they are Zoomed out, I am feeling grateful that Zoom.com had arrived in such a format that we were able to move most classes on-line, I am grateful I had \$3,000. to buy our license for Zoom. I am grateful to every teacher who rose to the occasion, learned to teach on Zoom and alter their presentation to allow for distance learning. No one at TAC has a strong technology background or much interest in getting one, we are all practitioners who teach.

We all would love to have you in classes where we can interact as 3 dimensional beings and not a small 2-dimensional photo on a Zoom screen. Now Reality Check and Radical Acceptance, it is not going to happen anytime soon. To those who ask about the Fall, I can only reply that your guess is as good as anyone else's. No one in authority knows, how can we? It is a challenge to move forward not knowing, another piece for us to learn, to trust, to have faith and continue to believe we are on the right path. We will arrive at a new "normal" eventually, however we need to let go of what was and ready our self for what will be. Comparison of what was, to now, shows our lack of perspective of what is taking place. The world of what was, and its values is at the heart of this pandemic, we cannot allow ourselves to go back.

As with most colleges and universities, we will be planning to be on-line in the coming months. Listening to the advice of the Toronto Public Health Unit and the government of Ontario, we will heed their direction. A classroom set with safe physical distancing would require up to a 60 % reduction in class size and the thought of wearing masks from 3 to 8 hours does not make this an attractive day of learning. Stringent cleaning regulations, including while students are at lunch and again right after, puts undo pressure on teachers, which they did not sign on for. While having to pay teachers 2 or 3 times to teach the same subject because of much smaller class sizes is daunting. But more daunting is that a teacher, a student, or a staff member would be infected and take it home to their children, parents, or grandparents. As you can see, it is complicated and keeping everyone safe and well is our primary goal, followed closely by providing the best, most up to date programs in the Spiritual and Holistic fields with training unsurpassed in adult education.

Stay connected and we look forward to zooming, teaching, and learning with you.

Live well, Be Well and Be Blessed

Gord Riddell

**President/Co-founder**

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