



Social Class Teacher Qualification (working group set up Feb. 4th 2017 E&T meeting).

Mission: to address the needs of the present-day average dancer by training social class teachers in the use of standard RSCDS teaching methods, to maintain the RSCDS membership and thereby the standards.

Summary:

The current two-tier certification system is seen by many as a barrier to the recruitment of much-needed appropriately-trained teachers. The majority of respondents to the RSCDS Branch Consultation for Members indicated the need for teachers who can manage general social classes.

We propose to offer a **single Basic Teaching Qualification (BTQ)** course to master the skills needed to teach a mixed-ability social class. The training would combine and expand the essence of the current Unit 3 and Unit 5 so that successful candidates would be prepared to teach a general class. The certification process would include a theory test based on the Manual, administered as an open-book online test simulating use of the Manual in "real life" as a prerequisite, submission of a video of teaching and a record of teaching practice for assessment and a letter of recommendation from a mentor.

With the advent of RSCDS videos, the class teacher is no longer the only model for the RSCDS performance standards, so the current high standard which blocks many from undertaking training would be relaxed for this Basic Teaching Qualification.

Extra or advanced modules could be undertaken by teachers when their needs, and those of their classes, arise and time and financial support is available. A high personal standard of dancing could be documented by passing the advanced DAA, and be attached to the teacher's record. The teacher's qualifications would be listed on the RSCDS Teacher Roster.