

“The Teacher Development Program clearly demonstrates that effective teaching is a ‘learnable’ skill. As a TDA, I am proud to offer my students the very best methods available to ensure their painting experience is successful. By applying techniques outlined in the TDP Manual, I’ve seen my students grow both in skill and in self-confidence!”

—Susan Mynyk TDA

“I found the Teacher Development Program to be an excellent opportunity for someone who wants to become a decorative painting instructor. For those who want to improve their current teaching skills, the information within the manual is invaluable. The manual is full of wonderful advice on ways to better understand your students. For example, people process information in different ways. The manual helps define the different ways they learn, and how you can excel as a teacher. The more prepared you are as a teacher, the more enjoyable your classes will be for your students as they explore the wonderful world of decorative painting!”

—Vicki Alley TDA



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# Teaching The Journey

The Society of Decorative Painters Teacher Development Program (TDP) provides a standard of excellence for those teachers who desire to improve their skills and obtain the ability to reach—and teach—all students.



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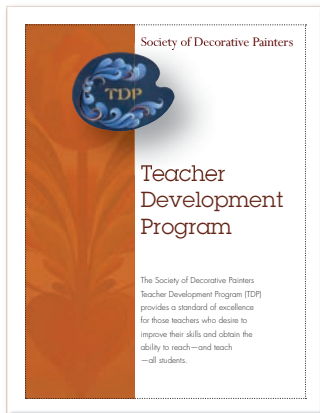
The TDP covers topics such as learning theory, student identification, classroom preparation, classroom and student management, and business management. The information provided in the manual is a guide to assist teachers in developing their own personal teaching style. The program improves the teaching skills of experienced teachers, and helps painters to become teachers. Anyone who is a current SDP member may apply to the TDP program.

Once the program is successfully completed, the participant receives a certificate, a distinctive pin, and the privilege of using the designation of TDA (Teacher of Decorative Art) with their name in marketing and promotions. Interested? Read on to learn more about this program designed especially for decorative painting teachers.

## Teaching Part I

Upon enrollment in the Teacher Development Program, the applicant will receive the Teacher Development Program Manual, which contains a vast amount of information pertaining to decorative painting students and their education. After studying the manual, applicants will need to take the open-book written test and return it to the Society

of Decorative Painters, along with the application test fee.



The TDP Manual is a superb resource for any decorative painting teacher, whether or not you opt to become a TDA. Inside, you'll find:

- \* Learning Theory
- \* Student Identification
- \* Class Preparation
- \* Classroom Management
- \* Managing Student Behavior
- \* Glossary of Painting Terms
- \* And More!

## Part II

After an applicant has passed the written test, he or she will be required to complete 100 hours of teaching time in a setting of no less than four students per class. In addition, applicants will record a teaching video, and prepare supporting class materials. Three copies of the video and three copies of the supporting class materials must be submitted for evaluation along with the fee.

## Achievement

Once an applicant has successfully completed the Teacher Development Program, he or she will receive a TDA (Teacher of Decorative Arts) pin, and will be entitled to use the designation TDA after his or her name. Those who complete the program are recognized with a rosette at the Annual Meeting, and are listed on the SDP website.

After achieving the TDA status, each teacher has the opportunity to become an evaluator. This involves critiquing submitted videos and class materials. The process enables the evaluator to observe various teaching methods and reinforces what they have learned in the program.

## Fee Structure

For Part I of the program, applicants pay \$55 plus shipping and handling for the TDP Manual (or \$29 for the TDP Manual on CD), then \$15 upon submission of the open-book test. For Part II of the program, applicants pay \$50 upon submission of three copies of the video and supporting class materials. Parts I and II may be repeated as needed, but additional fees will be required each time. Open-book test and videos will not be returned to the applicant.

## Getting Started

To order the TDP Manual and to find out more information about the program write, call, or email the Society of Decorative Painters office.



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