

Improve strength, balance, mobility, and reduce risk of falling



## This class is for you if you:

- Want to improve strength and mobility
- Have had a history of falls or concerns about falls
- Have an abnormal gait or difficulty walking
- Have Parkinson's Disease

Attend the one-hour **Tai Ji Quan: Moving for Better Balance** class twice a week for 12 weeks. You'll:

- Learn eight Tai Ji Quan forms plus variations for therapeutic value
- Build strength, postural control, and range of motion
- Increase awareness of body positioning
- Control center of gravity to prevent falls
- Maintain functional capabilities that will help you remain independent
- Make rewarding social connections

## What participants say:

- "The exercises make me more mindful of my movements at home. They are also a tool for meditation and stress relief."
- "Excellent program. Everyone should participate. People should know how easy it is."
- "I highly recommend these classes."

The program was developed by Fuzhong Li, Ph.D., Oregon Research Institute

Each class session consists of three parts: tai ji quan-based warm-up movements, core practice emphasizing integration of individual forms, and a brief period of breathing cool-down exercises. Research shows that this tai ji quan class is more effective at reducing falls for older adults than conventional exercise approaches.

**Join us** for this fun and motivating class.

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