



Jim Duensing, Renshi

- 5th Dan, Shuri-Ryu Karatedo (ISA)
- 5th Dan, Shuri-Ryu Karatedo (SBK)
- Renshi Title, Shuri-Te Bujutsu-Kai



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Renshi Jim Duensing began his martial arts training in 1986 at the Columbia School of Karatedo, in West Columbia, S.C., under the direction of Hanshi Ridgely Abele. The path that led to his training actually began several years earlier, in 1979, when Hanshi Abele came to his dental office for treatment. The two became friends, and eventually he, along with his wife and son, became students. During this time, Renshi Duensing also began taking private lessons with Shihan Rod Gardner at the Columbia School of Karatedo to further his training in Shuri Ryu Karatedo. When Shihan Gardner opened Dojo Nishi in 1990, Renshi Duensing followed as one of his first students and has trained there continuously since.

During the course of his martial arts career, Renshi Duensing has achieved several honors. In 2019, Renshi Duensing obtained the rank of 5th Dan in Shuri Ryu Karatedo from the International Shuri-Ryu Association and the Shuri-Te Bujutsu-Kai. Other honors and awards include a Renshi Title Certificate (2017) and Associate Instructor Certificate from Kyoshi Troy Price and the Shuri-Te Bujutsu-Kai; a Sensei Title Certificate (2011) from Vitus Bilking and the International Shuri Te Yudansha Kai; and a Sensei of Merit Award (2007) and Dojo Instructors License (2009) from Hanshi Abele and the International Shuri Te Yudansha Kai.

In Renshi Duensing's 36 years in the martial arts, he has been fortunate to train with numerous instructors that have helped shape and influence him. In particular, he owes a tremendous debt of gratitude to Hanshi Ridgely Abele and Shihan Rod Gardner for their teachings, in addition to Kyoshi Troy Price for his knowledge and support, both at his annual Shurite Martial Arts International Conferences as well as his frequent visits to Dojo Nishi.



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Memberships and Associations

- International Shuri-Ryu Association
- International Shuri Te Yudansha Kai
- Shuri-Te Bujutsu-Kai

Dojos

- Columbia School of Karatedo – 1986-1990 (Hanshi Abele, Shihan Gardner)
- Dojo Nishi – 1990-Present (Shihan Gardner)

Awards

- Renshi Title (2017), Shuri-Te Bujutsu-Kai
- Associate Instructor, Shuri-Te Bujutsu-Kai
- Sensei of Merit (2007), International Shuri Te Yudansha Kai
- Dojo Instructors License (2009), International Shuri Te Yudansha Kai
- Sensei Title (2011), International Shuri Te Yudansha Kai

List of Instructors – Listed below are some of the martial artists Renshi Duensing has trained with during his martial arts career.

- Ridgely Abele
- Rod Gardner
- Robert Bowles
- Vitus Bilking
- Troy Price
- Rick Scoppe
- Jim Logue
- Tommy Hood
- Kimo Wall
- Joe Pounder
- Doug Perry
- Dan Smith
- George Anderson
- Paul Cote
- Steven Roensch
- Gary Shull
- Darren Myers
- And many others



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