

HĀLAU HULA AULANI



General Information and Hālau Policies

- Hālau Hula Aulani LLC is located at 1437 NE Dee St. Roseburg, OR 97470. Polynesian dance classes are instructed here by nā kumu hula Tiffani Malialani Parker and Sharon Aulani Smith. Other alaka'i (leaders) in the hālau will sometimes teach classes under the guidance of kumu Tiffani or kumu Sharon. Guest instructors will occasionally be invited to teach special classes or workshops at the hālau.
- Fall/Winter session runs for **15 weeks, beginning Tuesday, September 5 and ending Thursday, December 21. The following days are scheduled off and are not included in the 15 dance weeks: TUESDAY – 10/31; WEDNESDAY – 11/22; THURSDAY – 11/23.** If a class must be unexpectedly cancelled by your instructor due to illness or unforeseen circumstances, a make-up class will be offered.
- Payments are accepted in the forms of cash, check, Venmo, Paypal or credit card. Please make checks payable to: Hālau Hula Aulani. Venmo @Tiffani-Parker-6 or Paypal @tiffaniparker. Credit card payments can be made in the office via square. **If paying cash, please place the exact amount owed in an envelope (provided) with your name and amount written on the envelope and place it in the drop box in the foyer.** Checks may also be dropped here. If you are paying for more than one Haumāna (student), i.e. yourself and your daughter, or your two keiki in different classes, please specify with a clear memo.
- Hula classes are \$60 per month. **The cost remains the same regardless of attendance. Your enrollment in Hālau Hula Aulani means we are reserving your spot in a class that could have been filled by another potential student. Any requests to put a hold on your account (temporarily discontinue your billing) must be communicated in writing prior to the first of the month, specifically indicating that you wish to HOLD your account and are becoming inactive in the hālau for the specified timeframe.** Discounts are available for prompt payment. For the 2023 Fall/Winter session (15 dance weeks), the cost for a 60-minute class is \$200 **if paid by the second week of class (no later than Thursday, September 14th).** Shorter classes are discounted at the same rate (45-minute class \$150, 30-minute class \$100.) **For late starts or those who miss the September 14th prompt payment deadline, the monthly rate will apply.** Most months have 4 classes per month although some have 3 or 5 depending on how the weeks fall within the month. For the sake of simplicity, the monthly rate will remain \$60 regardless of the number of classes in any given month within the 15-week session. Exceptions will be made for late adds where the dancer's first month only will be prorated at the time of registration. **Note – December will also be prorated to .75 being that it is a 15 week (versus 16 week) session.**
- Ori Tahiti Skills & Drills class is open to all ages and skill levels. The focus of this class will be on dance fitness and personal improvement pertinent to Ori Tahiti (Tahitian dance). The cost is \$60 per month or discounted to \$200 for 15 weeks paid in full by September 14th. If also enrolled in hula, the **Haumāna Rate** for Ori Tahiti is \$45 per month or discounted to \$150 for 15 weeks if paid in full by September 14th. Please bring a water bottle, towel, and your pareo to every Ori Tahiti class.
- Haumāna hula should bring a practice pa'u skirt and a water bottle to every class. Retired costumes from your own collection or from friends who have outgrown their pa'u make wonderful practice pa'u. If you do not own a practice pa'u, we have some for sale in the foyer. Some find it comfortable to wear leggings or athletic attire under their pa'u for practice. Don't forget to remove your shoes before entering the dance studio. Other things to bring to every class include a notepad and pen, a folder for handouts, and any hula implements you own. It is good practice to care for your own implements and bring them with you to class.

- Haumāna will have unique individual attire/costume requirements depending on the dances to be performed throughout the season and what they already own from previous years. Costume fees will be communicated to Haumāna/responsible party as soon as they're determined by your kumu. You will be responsible for crafting, sewing or assembling parts of your own costumes. This is customary in being part of any hālau hula. When required, we will demonstrate how to do this. Since the final prices of costumes will include and reflect postage fees (shipped from Hawai'i or elsewhere) and/or changes based on materials availability, we will do our best to accurately relay cost information but please note that minor changes or unexpected extra costs will sometimes occur. Costumes are custom ordered and tailored for each Haumāna. Sometimes we can buy costumes back (used) from previous years but not always. Often, when we do buy costumes back, cleaning, mending, and altering is required. **Please note that all attire/costumes and accessories are non-refundable once ordered.** Costume fees will be due either at the time of ordering or at the time they are dispersed/sent home, depending on the preference of your kumu. It is difficult to keep track of everything needed by each Haumāna. Sometimes we might assume you have something at home that you no longer have. Please be diligent in letting us know ASAP if a costume or accessory has been misplaced/damaged/does not fit, so that we can attempt to obtain a replacement for you. **The preferred way to communicate your costume needs is through a note in the foyer drop box.**
- Please take good care of your costumes. We recommend storing them in a hula box (large flat storage box with lid works nicely) or on hangers with clips. Wrinkled, dirty, torn or sun-damaged costumes are not permitted to be worn for any performance.
- Throughout the season we may have community performances/shows. Participation in shows is optional although we do hope you can attend as many as possible when invited. The length of each show varies, as does the number of Haumāna and guests we can have at each. We will not invite every class to every show. Sometimes we will invite all classes, but we will not get to perform every dance. Each show is tailored to the needs/wants of the host regarding its duration, size and level of professionalism. We will have sign-up sheets with more information as they are booked.
- **All dances shared with Haumāna in class are proprietary to Hālau Hula Aulani. Please do not teach dances to anyone outside of Hālau Hula Aulani without expressed permission from your kumu. Please do not represent Hālau Hula Aulani in public or online outside of events organized by your kumu or instructor without making prior arrangements with her.** As an example: if you wish to perform at a public event, for your school or for your pageant, we want to work with you to ensure authenticity and accuracy in your representation, to the best of our knowledge and ability. Mahalo for respecting this request.
- As a courtesy to dancers, Hālau Hula Aulani makes DVDs and digital videos available for practice at home. Each DVD or digital file costs \$3 per dance. DVDs are provided by Hālau Hula Aulani and are available for sale in the office. If you prefer to have a digital copy of the dance, please drop a flash drive labeled with your name into the drop box with a note specifying which dances to load; we will do our best to return it to you at the next class. Please do not share DVDs or digital copies of dances with anyone outside of Hālau Hula Aulani. We do encourage you to support Hawaiian music artists by purchasing your own copies of the music (this is not applicable to practice videos or cut music).
- Other important things: Please show kindness in the Hālau; Respect your kumu, instructors and hula sisters always; Act positively out in the local community and online communities as you are representing Hālau Hula Aulani and are a part of something traditional, wholesome, and bigger than yourself; Do everything you can to embrace the culture that you are representing: take outside workshops, follow hula masters on social media, read books, learn 'ōlelo Hawai'i, immerse yourselves in the culture, visit the islands in a responsible and respectful way, make Hawaiian crafts, enjoy 'ono food; This is a lifelong journey and we all bring different backgrounds, skills and life experiences into our pursuit of HULA. Just keep moving forward with a humble heart. Here's an 'ōlelo no'eau to keep with you as Haumāna hula:

“A'a i ka hula. Waiho i ka hilahila i ka hale. E kaupe aku no i ka hoe, e ko mai i ka hoe, e hoe.”

“Dare to dance. Leave embarrassment at home. Put forward the paddle, draw the paddle toward you, paddle.”

Appendix A: Examples of hula implements, attire and storage

Implements in storage / transport



Pa'u skirt (hula)

Pareo (ori Tahiti)



Recommended costumes storage

