

LUNA

YOGA *Art of Teaching*

IYENGAR YOGA Teacher Training Program

Two Year Program

Overview

Luna Yoga is pleased to introduce an Iyengar Yoga Teacher Training Program. It is a comprehensive course for students wishing to deepen their personal yoga practice and teach Iyengar Yoga.

The course meets the teacher training requirements of the BKS Iyengar Yoga Association of Australia. It is designed to confidently prepare you for Iyengar Yoga Certification Assessment.

The program has three main components:

- the development of your personal yoga practice;
- studying the elements of teaching; and
- yoga philosophy.

The development of your personal practice is extremely important, as it is from your experiential knowledge that you will draw the confidence and conviction needed to teach. If students are wishing to participate in the program for the development of their practice only the program is also appropriate.

The two-year program will take new trainees every six months in January and June of each year.

Contact time will include:

- Teacher Training Sessions every third Friday 6:00 AM – 12:00 PM;
- Trainee Group Practice Friday 6:00 – 8:00 AM;
- Wednesday Led Practice 6:00 – 8:00 AM;
- Thursday Meditation and Pranayama Zoom 6:30 – 7:30 AM;
- Early Morning Intensives; and
- Observing and assisting in class.

Students non-contact time will include:

- Daily personal practice – one to two hours plus keeping a practice diary,
- Reading in preparation for workshops;
- Reports on Teacher Training sessions and practice process; and
- Assignments.

Undertaking the program will require from trainees a whole-hearted commitment to both the compulsory contact time and a dedicated, well-disciplined approach to their personal practice.

"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." Mahatma Gandhi

Schedule, Feb 2022 – May 2022

The dates for the program will be scheduled around the Luna terms/blocks: Jan – May 2022 includes two terms, Jun – Dec 2022 includes three terms.

FRIDAY TEACHER TRAINING SESSIONS

Two Fridays in February

Two Fridays in March

One Friday in April

One Friday in May

FORMAT: Class 6:00 – 8:00 AM

Group Breakfast 8:00 – 9:00 AM

Discussion and feedback 9:00 – 12:00 PM

EARLY MORNING INTENSIVES

Usually, two or more

TIME: 6:00 – 8:00 AM

PERSONAL PRACTICE

Trainees will be given keys to access Luna Yoga Studio to practise if they wish, around the class times.

Dates for 2022 will be confirmed towards the end of the year

Fees

FEB – MAY 2022

6 x Friday Workshops @ \$240 \$1,440

2 or more Early Morning Intensives \$260

No charge for the Wednesday Led Practice, Thursday Meditation & Pranayama Zoom, Friday Trainee Group Practice.

No charge for observing and assisting in class which will commence around twelve months into the program.

To be paid in four payments of \$425 over 4 months \$1,700 Total

JUNE – NOV 2022

9 x Friday Workshops @ \$240 \$2,160

2 or more Early Morning Intensives \$260

No charge for the Wednesday Led Practice, Thursday Meditation & Pranayama Zoom, Friday Trainee Group Practice.

No charge for observing and assisting in class which will commence around twelve months into the program.

To be paid in six payments of \$403 over 6 months \$2,420 Total

\$4,120 TOTAL first 12 months

TOTAL for the two-year program \$8,240

Class time is not included in the fees. It is highly recommended that trainees attend the Saturday and/or Monday classes each week.

Each trainee's readiness for assessment will vary. Additional workshops may be helpful between the end of the Teacher Training Program and before sitting an assessment which are held biannually.

"Confidence, clarity and compassion are essential qualities of a teacher." BKS Iyengar

Course Outline

WHAT IS IYENGAR YOGA

- Defining Iyengar Yoga
- Iyengar Lineage

DEVELOPMENT OF PERSONAL PRACTICE

- Working towards optimum conditions to support a dedicated and committed practice
- Energetic action versus movement and form
- Balance – the order of energetic action within an asana
- Understanding of order in the sequential nature within asana groups
- Sequencing of the asana groups within the week for a comprehensive practice
- Repetition and consistency – for the development of skill, sensitivity and intuition
- Development of practice to observe, analyse and learn
- Practice for the cultivation of our minds and recognising emotions
- Pranayama

ELEMENTS OF TEACHING

- Communication - clarity and precision of instruction
- Voice - tone, inflection, projection
- Use of language
- Demonstrating effectively
- Observation and correcting students
- Adjusting - safely and appropriately
- Sequencing, linking and timing
- Class organisation and teaching presence
- Appropriate use of props
- Modifications and Adaptions
 - Yoga for women during menstruation, pregnancy and menopause
 - Working with medical conditions and injuries
- Responsibilities and qualities of a yoga teacher

YOGA PHILOSOPHY

- Patanjali's Yoga Sutras
- Yoga History
- Invocation to Patanjali

Vivienne O'Brien

Vivienne has dedicated her yoga practice of thirty years to the Iyengar Yoga method. She is the director of Luna Yoga Studio which she founded in 2000. She became a Certified Iyengar Yoga teacher in 1998 and has passed successfully through several more vigorous certification assessments to gain Intermediate Junior Level III.

She regularly travels to Puna in India where she has had the privilege of studying directly under Mr. Iyengar and now with the Iyengar family.

Her ongoing development with her mentoring teacher, Peter Thomson, a senior Iyengar Yoga teacher, is paramount to her life and continues to fuel her teaching. Her contact with Peter involves workshops, teacher development sessions and retreats.

Vivienne has combined her extensive yoga experience with creativity and passion to bring you an inspiring Teacher Training Program. It is designed to guide you progressively along a life-changing path towards teaching and to enrich your life-long journey of yoga practice.

Prerequisite

Students who have a love for yoga and have been practising Iyengar Yoga regularly for a minimum of three years are eligible to apply. You are also required to become a member of the BKS Iyengar Yoga Association of Australia.

Application

To apply or to seek more information about your eligibility, please email Vivienne to arrange a meeting at Luna Yoga Studio.

In the meeting, you will have the opportunity to discuss the motivation behind your desire to undertake the Teaching Training Program, any concerns you have in regard to your practice, and to ask any questions relating to the course format and fees. We will discuss your previous yoga experience if you are not currently a Luna Yoga student, home practice and whether you are working with any injuries or medical conditions.

Please note there will be limited number of places available in the program.

To confirm your commitment to the two-year program a deposit of \$403 is required.

Introductory Certification Assessment

To become a certified Iyengar Yoga teacher trainees are required to sit the introductory assessment where they will need to meet the following requirements:

- endorsement from their training teacher;
- completion of a minimum of 300 hours of teacher training with their training teacher;
- completion of 100 hours of assisting and practical training under the supervision of their training teacher;

(The following will require additional fees)

- completion of an anatomy and physiology course (36 hours)
- present a current cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) certificate and
- present professional liability insurance certificates.

Levels of Certification

The certification process maintains the rigour, integrity and vitality of the Iyengar Yoga community and offers teachers a clear professional pathway. It is a developmental process consisting of four levels of certification, which reflect the teacher's understanding, commitment and responsibilities. The five levels are:

Each of these levels has a specific syllabus of asanas and pranayamas. To be successful at assessment, the teacher must meet the standard of practice and teaching appropriate for the level, as well as completing a theory assignment prior to assessment.

"Yoga is an art, a science and a philosophy. It touches the life of man at every level, physical, mental, and spiritual. It is a practical method for making one's life purposeful, useful and noble." BKS Iyengar