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Yoga & Meditation Teacher Training 18 June 2022 - 17 June 2023 Prospectus & Curriculum

Introduction

The Haṭha Yoga Method is a potent integration of yoga, meditation, mindfulness and yogic living. It is the synthesis of a combined 65 years yogic study, practice and teaching experience developed by Kookaburra Yoga founders and directors Mandy BeckerKnox and Robert Becker who have enduring links with modern yogic masters and mystics.

The Hatha Yoga Method combines the best of the wisdom traditions of yoga with modern mindfulness, neuroscience, yogic psychology, Ayurveda, connection to nature, and traditional and modern approaches to asana biomechanics and movement. Combined, this is powerfully transformative and healing on every level, and translates into accessible and uplifting classes you'll be empowered to teach and share.

This 12 month program is registered with Yoga Australia at 500 hours, and is designed to take you on an educational and experiential journey through the yogic traditions from ancient to modern-day. The training takes place at Kookaburra Creek Yoga Centre in the Perth hills, Western Australia and is led by Mandy BeckerKnox and Robert Becker. The centre is beautiful and spacious in the heart of nature. Surrounded by trees and extensive food gardens you'll be introduced to a yogic way of life, living and learning harmoniously, close to nature.

There is the option to attend all or part of the program online as all sessions are live-streamed, recorded and available online for the duration of the course. You'll connect with your peers and community through our integrated zoom sessions and in our online community forum. For those who live outside of Perth there is the option to stay with us onsite during any/all of the modules for a small additional fee.

Over 12 months there are 11 weekend workshops, a 5 day retreat, weekly online studio/zoom classes (led by lead trainers & students), a 30 hour online course in yoga anatomy; 5 live-streamed yoga anatomy workshops, self-study comprised of reading and written assignments to complete at home; a private mentoring sessions prior to your teaching practicum to ensure you are empowered and equipped to teach and a mentoring session for your personal and professional development. There are 500+ hours of training and study, including 360 contact hours and 180 non-contact hours comprised of self-study, assignments and home practice.

By incorporating traditional, esoteric and practical, modern approaches you'll learn to become a well-rounded, joyful practitioner of yoga and meditation, a master of your mind and emotions, and to teach and share with a diverse audience with integrity, intelligence and ease. Regardless of the 'style' of yoga you come to teach, your classes will be grounded in an ancient, enduring and embodied wisdom.

On completion of this course you'll be well versed in the wisdom traditions of yoga, and an adept practitioner of asana, meditation, mantra and pranayama. You'll graduate from this training an assured, confident teacher capable of supporting and inspiring others, with a supportive community



of like-minded students and teachers who share the journey with you. You'll graduate with the knowledge, confidence, resources, practical skills and authorisation to teach the Hatha Yoga Method beginners programs **Absolute Beginners Yoga Course** and the **Introduction to Meditation Course**, and develop your own unique style of delivery to teach classes to students in your own community.

The training is led by Mandy and Robert who have a lifetime of lived and teaching yogic experience. Mandy is registered with Yoga Australia as a Senior Teacher which is significant as only teachers recognised as having 1,000+ hours of training and 10,000+ teaching hours are eligible to provide Teacher Training Programs accredited with Yoga Australia.

The Hatha Yoga Method teacher training is registered with Yoga Australia and you'll meet the requirement to register as a Level 1 Teacher (350 hours training, 1 year experience) immediately upon graduation. If you are currently teaching and already have 4 years experience then you can register as a Level 2 teacher (500 hours training, 5 years experience). This helps you gain insurance, industry credibility, eligibility for a higher wage, and employability. You also receive ongoing professional development opportunities and professional and peer support. You can be confident this training meets the educational and ethical standards of Yoga Australia and will position you as a well rounded industry professional.

Who this training for

Anyone with an interest in developing their yogic knowledge and deepening their practice, and then applying this knowledge as a professional yoga and meditation teacher, or within any area or field of work. You will need to have a minimum of 12 months yoga experience to join this training.

What you gain

- Real skills Practical skills and knowledge for your own personal development to positively transform your inner and outer world and to draw upon throughout your life.
- Wisdom An embodied and applied understanding of the full spectrum of yoga practices: asana, pranayama, meditation, mantras and more.
- Confidence Firm foundation of knowledge and skills to confidently teach and share yoga and meditation to people of all ages, abilities and fitness levels.
- **Leadership** The natural authority and leadership which comes from an in-depth education and applied experience.
- **Support** The resources and support to immediately teach the Hatha Yoga Method Beginners Courses which include Absolute Beginners Yoga and An Introduction to Meditation.
- Community You'll make new friends and a caring, supportive network to support your yoga journey forwards.
- Qualification You will receive a teaching certificate enabling you to teach yoga and meditation anywhere in the world, and gain industry standard insurance.
- Credibility On graduation you will be eligible to register as a Level 1 Teacher with Yoga Australia. After 4 years of teaching experience you can progress to Level 2 without any additional training.





Hatha Yoga Method founders and teachers

Robert Becker

Robert was initiated into yoga in Cape Town, South Africa by his Guru Swami Venkatesananda of the Sivananda lineage at the age of 20. He has dedicated his life to teaching and sharing traditional yoga and built and founded Kookaburra Creek Yoga Centre in 1998. Robert has a Masters degree in Social Work and works professionally in the field. He is known for the depth of his yogic and vedantic knowledge, his astute wisdom, gentle guidance and sense of fun.

Robert has been practising and teaching yoga for over 40 years in South Africa, Mauritius, India and Australia. Robert was initiated into yoga and meditation at the age of 20 by his Diksha Guru HH Sri Swami Venkatesanandaji Maharaj of the Sivananda tradition, Rishikesh and was given the spiritual name Narayan. Robert spent many years practising intensively living in ashrams and travelling in India before settling into family life.



In the 1990s Robert built the magnificent Kookaburra Creek Yoga Centre in honour of his Guru which he co-directs with Mandy, with whom he shares the spiritual journey. The centre has been blessed by some great souls (Mahatmas) over the past twenty years. Sri Swami Ramakrishna of the Amritanandamayi Mission has visited a number of times, Sri Somanatha Maharishi of Hyderabad introduced the centre to Mano Yoga.

Robert teaches a dynamic style of Integral Hatha Yoga based on the tradition of Patanjali's Raja Yoga. Asanas and Pranayama are used to guide aspirants seeking a deeper experience of meditation.

Robert has a Masters degree in Psychiatric Social Work and is a skilful life coach and group facilitator. He worked professionally in the field before integrating his professional expertise with yogic life, and strives to integrate a working life in the world with a love of yoga and meditation and the responsibilities of being a householder, husband and father. This is the challenge many face today, spiritualising day to day life.



Mandy BeckerKnox

Mandy is a Senior Yoga teacher registered with Yoga Australia (accredited at 1000+ hours education; 10,000+ hours teaching). She was initiated into yoga at the age of 20 and has practiced and taught since then. She has studied with renowned masters, and spent a lifetime learning, integrating and sharing. She is a natural leader and

in her professional life was an Editor, Designer and recently CEO of a healthcare not-for-profit organisation. Mandy is deeply committed to creating safe and sacred spaces for participants to experience the wonders of yoga - both at Kookaburra Yoga, through online programs, and on retreats around the world.

Mandy has studied and practiced yoga since 1990 when she was twenty years old in both India and Australia. She has taught yoga for over twenty five years in Perth, India, and on international retreats.

Over this time she has had the great privilege of travelling to India many times for extended periods studying directly with teachers and masters of yoga. Mandy's primary influences and long-term mentors are A.G. Mohan and Indra Mohan of the Svastha Yoga and Ayurveda, Chennai. Mandy continues to study closely with the Mohans. In addition to this Mandy has studied yoga with:

- Senior teachers of the Krishnamacharya Yoga Mandiram, Chennai
- Swami Maharshi Somanatha of Somanatha Kshetram, Hyderabad
- Swami Krishnananda of the Sivananda tradition, Divine Life Society, Rishikesh



Mandy has been a resident in the following ashrams and spiritual centres:

- Ananda Marga, Bihar
- · Divine Life Society (Sivananda Yoga), Rishikesh
- Anandamayi Ma Ashram, Haridwar

Mandy is certified (by Svastha Yoga) to teach Hatha Yoga and has an ongoing relationship with her teachers AG Mohan and Indra Mohan, founders of Svastha Yoga. She has studied Ayurveda at the Australian Institute of Holistic Medicine, and has undertaken additional teacher training in Yin Yoga and is certified by Jo Phee (assistant to Paul Grilley, a founder of Yin Yoga) to teach Yin Yoga.

Mandy considers being still in nature to be the greatest of all spiritual teachers, and seeks out inspiration through immersions in the sublime landscapes of this wondrous planet. Her yoga journey has been an integration of these teachings over time and deep personal experience. Her teaching style is practical, relevant and spiritual - with an emphasis on a safe and meaningful practice which leads students towards health of the body and peace of mind.

Mandy has developed comprehensive courses, programs, manuals and teacher trainings for all levels of students and is particularly focussed on nurturing absolute beginners - ensuring those new to yoga receive a comprehensive introduction to the teachings of yoga.

Professionally, Mandy has a BA in English, is a qualified Graphic Designer with a career spanning decades in evolving roles which included working as a writer, editor, graphic designer, publishing and mass communications specialist, communications manager, and most recently as Chief Executive Officer of a health organisation for 5 years. Mandy is an inspiring, highly regarded leader. She brings together her creativity, research, love of organising, and passion for yoga to create and deliver Kookaburra's yoga, retreat and teacher training programs.

Mandy's personal practice and the integration of the wisdom teachings of yoga inform every aspect of her life, and have been a guiding influence through the challenges and joys of raising a family and professional life.

Kookaburra Creek Yoga Centre

The training and retreat takes place at Kookaburra Creek Yoga Centre which is a purpose-built yoga studio located in Bedfordale, in the hills of Perth, 40 minutes from the CBD and Fremantle on 10 acres of natural bushland. The building is made from natural wood and glass according to Vastu Shastra design principles and is a space dedicated to yoga, meditation and healing. Robert and Mandy own and direct the centre. On the property there is also a residence with an extensive and beautiful kitchen garden where we enjoy meals and time together during the training; accommodation options including a railway carriage apartment, studios for meditation and sleeping; tranquil places for walking, meditation and camping. It is truly a place of peace and sanctuary for the many people who have visited and stayed over the decades.



Kookaburra Yoga

Kookaburra Yoga's integrative approach brings together Hatha, Raja and Tantra Yogas in a way which is respectful of the traditions and mindful of the objectives of modern practitioners and is beneficial on every level of being. The approach has been systemised as is now known as 'the Hatha Yoga Method'. Hatha Yoga classes are often the starting point for many people who may eventually enquire into the more meaningful and spiritual paths of yoga. For this reason Kookaburra Yoga classes always incorporate the key components of the Hatha Yoga Method: Bhava, Mudra, Pranayama, Asana, Vichara (enquiry), Vidya (knowledge), Dharana (meditation) and consideration of mindfulness in everyday living.

Our teachers A.G. Mohan, Indra Mohan and Svastha Yoga

Both Mandy and Robert are certified by Svastha Yoga to teach the Hatha Yoga of Krishnamacharya and have special permission from A.G. Mohan and Indra Mohan to teach and share what they have learnt from their study with their revered master teachers of over fifteen years. The greatest influence on yoga in modern times was undoubtedly the legendary 20th century yogi, Sri T. Krishnamacharya – a master of yoga, scholar of all Indian philosophies and a healer of repute. Krishnamacharya is widely considered the 'father' of modern yoga, having taught the world's most influential teachers and shaping yoga as we know it today.

Mohan was a personal student of Sri T. Krishnamacharya 18 years from 1971 to 1989 and is one of the most senior and highly regarded yoga masters alive today, and a direct link to the most authentic, enduring yoga traditions. A. G. Mohan continues to study, practice, and teach.

Together with his wife Indra, he originated the Svastha organisation in Chennai, India which has an international presence with programs around the world, online, and is an authoritative and accessible source of authentic yoga and Ayurveda. They offer training on yoga, yoga therapy, mindfulness and related areas, combining the best of ancient wisdom and modern science.



Indra Mohan has been practicing and teaching yoga for more than three decades. She is one of the few people who received a post-graduate diploma in yoga from Krishnamacharya. Known for her serene demeanour, she is a source of support and wisdom to her many personal students. A.G. Mohan is the lead author of several books by the Mohan family, some of which are used as text books on this yoga teaching training program.



Program Outline, Dates and Costs

Dates

Weekend Modules

Saturdays 10am-6pm & Sundays 9am-5pm

Module 1: 18-19 June Module 2 16-17 July Module 3 13-14 August Module 4: 10-11 September Module 5: 8-9 October

Module 6: 12-13 November

Mid-Year Review: 10-11 December

Module 7: 14-15 January Module 8: 18-19 February Module 9: 18-19 March Module 10 & 11: 6-10 April Module 12: 19-20 May

Anatomy Workshops (Zoom)

Saturdays 8am-10am. 7 Aug, 2 Oct, 4 Dec, 5 Feb, 2 April.

5 Day Retreat (Easter weekend)

Modules 10 & 11: 6-10 April. Thurs 5pm-Mon 2pm. Other days 6.30am-9pm.

Weekly classes led by trainers, trainees

Wednesdays 7pm-8pm. 2 times a month.

2 private Mentoring Sessions

in-studio or online. 1st session is week prior to your teaching practicum. 2nd during May 2023.

Graduation

17 June 2023 Saturday 2pm-8pm

Hours

12 x 2 Day Weekend Workshops Modules 1-9, Mid-Year Review, Module 12

200 contact hours

120 non-contact study/practice hours

5 Day Residential Immersion Modules 10, 11

70 contact hours 30 non-contact hours

Dynamic Anatomy (online & zoom)

30 contact hours 10 non-contact hours

Weekly class led by trainers or trainees

50 contact hours
10 non-contact hours

Mentoring

4 contact hours; 8 non-contact hours

Graduation Day

6 contact hours; 2 non-contact hours

360 Contact hours 180 Non-contact hours 540 TOTAL HOURS

Study groups also offered throughout training. In addition to above hours.

Costs

- \$5400 total tuition fee
- \$450 non-refundable deposit
- earlybird: pay full amount when booking for \$200 discount (total price \$5,200).
- **upfront:** \$450 deposit and balance by course commencement date (total price \$5,400)
- payment plan: choose term of 6, 9, 12 or 18 months (additional \$100 fee for payment plans. Total price \$5,500).
- Note: graduation certificates issued after full payment received.

5 Day Retreat - additional costs Accommodation

- +\$200 venue fee stay onsite shared room
- +\$100 venue fee camp in own tent
- +\$0 stay offsite in your own accommodation **Meals**
- + \$320 All meals mentioned below
- +\$30pm **Dinner** Thurs, Fri, Sat, Sun 7.30pm
- +\$20pm Breakfast Fri, Sat, Sun, Mon 9.30am
- +\$30pm Lunch Fri, Sat, Sun, Mon 2.30pm
- +\$0 provide your own meals

Scholarship

2 scholarships offered valued at \$4400 each. (\$1000 tuition fee + retreat costs payable). \$450 deposit on application. If successful there is another \$550 to pay. If not successful, your deposit will be refunded in full if you choose not to proceed.



Program Structure

Instudio and/or online

The Hatha Yoga Method Teacher Training is comprised of 11 weekend workshops, which are delivered monthly, a 5 day residential retreat over the Easter long weekend, Wednesday evening classes, private mentoring and Saturday morning anatomy sessions. There is the option of attending inperson at the studio in the Perth hills, or by joining the live-stream via Zoom from your home. Attending all modules and classes (either in-studio or by Zoom) is required to graduate. All modules are recorded and if you miss a session you can catch up online. The course is hosted on our professional online learning platform and includes a private community forum to connect with your fellow teacher trainees, much like social media, but without the distraction!

Weekend Workshops

Each weekend module includes 3-4 lectures (see Learning Areas), facilitated discussion, guided practice, and practical workshops to apply the knowledge. There are workshops and sessions to practice and teach asana, pranayama, various forms of meditation, mantra, bandha, yoga nidra, guided relaxations, kriyas, chanting and other yogic practices in a sequential way building on knowledge and skill as the course progresses. The practices shared are linked to the topics and theoretical material presented as outlined in the Learning Areas.

Easter Residential Retreat

Modules 10 and 11 are part of a residential teacher training immersion to be held at Kookaburra Creek over the Easter long weekend (Thursday evening - Monday afternoon). In-person attendance at the residential retreat is strongly encouraged even if you have opted to do the course online. You have the option of staying onsite in shared accommodation (limited to 12 places) or camping onsite, or if you prefer you can attend the retreat daily staying offsite in your own accommodation. The retreat is from 5pm on Thursday and ends 2pm on Monday. Other days are 6.30am-9.30pm with a rest period and breaks during the day. Meals are catered and vegan, gluten-free (or you can choose to bring your own). This retreat replicates an ashram experience, and is an incredible opportunity to immerse yourself in all you have learnt without everyday responsibilities and distractions

Graduation & Dinner

Graduation Ceremony with certificates issued, sharing, gift-giving, Havan Fire Ceremony and Dinner. We have a professional photographer onsite to take a lovely group photo and individual portrait which you may use to promote yourself as a teacher going forward.

Dynamic Anatomy

Our anatomy expert **Jean Campbell** has developed a practical and simplified approach to anatomy developed over 25 years of study, practice and teaching. Jean will provide a thorough and engaging education in anatomy and physiology as it applies to yoga through her online learning platform www.dynamicanatomycourses.com combined with five 2 hour interactive live-streamed Zoom sessions. Jean is based in Sydney and is a dedicated yoga and anatomy educator and has also been associated with Svastha Yoga and the Mohans for many years. There is an emphasis on the practical application of anatomy as it relates to our practice of yoga, and to our teaching of yoga asana to ensure our instruction is appropriate, safe



and relevant. The course complements the overall training, helping you integrate and comprehend the most practical aspects of anatomy study. There are 16 modules focussing on a different part of the body, discussing bones, joints, ranges of motion, muscles and possible reasons for muscular imbalance, restrictions and pain. Principles of injury prevention are presented in a concise and practical manner - meaning that you will be able to apply this knowledge immediately into your own yoga practice and teaching. At the commencement of the training you will be given access to www.dynamicanatomycourses.com where you will complete the 30 hour level 1 course. You'll have a year to complete the program and will be assigned units to complete each month. In addition to this you will have five 2 hour sessions with Jean which are live-streamed over Zoom.

Supervised Teaching

7pm-8pm Wednesday evenings. You'll gain live teaching experience! Attend in studio or online from home. Each teacher trainee will design and teach a supervised class at the studio and online via zoom for fellow teacher trainees. Prior to teaching your class you will have a one-to-one mentoring session to receive guidance and advice, learn to market and promote your class online and gain studio experience teaching to students in person and online. There will be some weeks where the facilitators and guest teachers lead the Wednesday classes to ensure you have plenty of practical guidance and opportunities for integration of practices and concepts learnt during the weekend modules. The Wednesday evening calendar will be established once the training commences. It is likely to be a commitment of 2-3 Wednesdays per month. If you can't attend live you can watch the replay.

Self-study & Assignments

Every month there is reading to do at home and assignments to complete. Assignments are set each month and explore the themes and source texts more deeply and are designed to be completed sequentially. These vary each month and may include short essays, writing a story/parable, designing classes and yoga sequences, recording meditations, drawing infographics, designing your daily routine, writing a business plan and more. Support and guidance is given to help structure and craft these. We also organise optional Study Groups during the training generally on a Monday or Saturday morning instudio (and live-streamed). No need to worry if you don't consider yourself a writer or an artist, support is given to help develop these skills which is an important part of becoming a discerning, critical thinker and articulate, confident communicator across varying mediums. There are also monthly online quizzes following each Module which are a blend of multiple choice and short answer questions to complete - to ensure integration of theoretical material.

The time commitment is significant. To really get the most from the course you will need to dedicate at least 4 hours a week to self-study and completing course work. No need to worry if you don't quite get everything done on time - you will have access to all the course materials online including video lectures and the anatomy program for an extra year following the training, and if needed you have this extra 12 months to complete the coursework and graduate. There is also the option to graduate with a lesser qualification (300 Hour Certificate - see criteria below).

Practice & Reflect

Following each Module students are expected to practice what was learnt at home over the month. Practices will include asanas, mudras, pranayama, meditation, mantra, chanting. Each month students will complete and submit a 'Monthly Reflection' which is essentially a chronicle of your practices and study completed, obstacles faced, and any insights gained along the way.



Learning Areas

Module	Lecture Topics	Reading	Assignments & Home Practice
Module 1 June An Introduction to the World of Yoga; Opening the door to a new way of being	 Session 1: Welcome & Introduction Session 2: The World of Yoga Session 3: The Hatha Yoga Method - foundations of an holistic practice Session 4: Patanjali's Yoga Sutras and the 8 Limbs of Yoga 	Required The Heart of Yoga by Desikachar Yoga for Body, Breath and Mind by A.G. Mohan Suggested Yoga Reminder by A.G. Mohan	 Write short essay: 8 Limbs of Yoga. Describe each limb; why each are relevant and important; and how you can integrate them in to your daily life and yoga practice. (assignments up to 1000 words) Draw short vinyasa kramas which include 20 foundation poses. Practice assigned asana, pranayama, mantra, meditation, chant. Module 1 Quiz - complete online Complete Yoga Anatomy Unit 1 Submit Module 1 Reflections
Module 2 July The story of yoga: from ancient to modern; east to west.	 Session 1: A History of Yoga: from ancient to modern, east to west. Session 2: Yoga masters, mystics, their lineages and methods Session 3: An ethical foundation: Yamas and Niyamas Session 4: Yoga of the sun, moon and harnessing the innate energies within 	Required Enlightened Living by Swami Venkatesananda Suggested Roots of Yoga by James Mallinson and Mark Singleton	 Write short essay in 3 parts: What are the 5 Yamas and 5 Niyamas? Why are they considered a foundation for Yoga? How are they relevant to your own life? Infographic: draw by hand the 'Tree of Yoga' including 8 limbs of yoga & descriptions of each. Practice assigned asana, pranayama, mantra, meditation, chant. Module 2 Quiz - complete online Complete Yoga Anatomy Units 2, 3 Submit Module 2 Reflections



Module 3 August Finding your own true north	 Session 1: Kriya Yoga: tapas, svadhyaya, and devotion. Session 2: Ishta Devata - finding your inner guide, choosing a mantra and cultivating a practice Session 3: Mystery and Science of the Breath. Pranayama and Prana Vayus. Session 4: Sounds of Sanskrit - language of the mystics, sages and universe 	Required Enlightened Living by Swami Venkatesananda The Heart of Yoga by Desikachar Suggested Breath by James Nester	 Write short essay - how are the 3 components of Kriya Yoga a support for your practice of yoga and life? Practice spoken Sanskrit sounds and words Design your own 'ideal' daily yoga practice Practice assigned asana, pranayama, mantra, meditation, chant. Module 3 Quiz - complete online Complete Yoga Anatomy Units 4,5 Submit Module 3 Reflections
Module 4 September The yoga of Krishnamacharya. Personalising and Teaching Yoga	 Session 1: The Hatha Yoga Pradipika, and modern yoga asana. Session 2: Yoga for everybody: teaching yoga as appropriate to the individual. Session 3: The class arc: how to structure a yoga class. Cues, props and adjustments to help, support, heal, and not cause harm. Session 4: Trauma Informed Yoga & Communication 	Required Yoga Therapy by A.G. Mohan The Hatha Yoga Pradipika by A.G. Mohan Suggested The Body Keeps The Score by Bessel Van Der Kolk	 Design a yoga class for beginners based on 20 foundation poses using class arc template (include modifications for poses) Design: 3 x 30 minute personalised yoga, pranayama, meditation sessions for a private student - see Brief. Write a supporting statement. Record a trauma-informed relaxation script. Practice assigned asana, pranayama, mantra, meditation, chant. Module 4 Quiz - complete online Complete Yoga Anatomy Units 6,7 Submit Module 4 Reflections



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Module 5 October Journey of the self to the Self	 Session 1: Samkhya: Story of Creation, the Universe and the Self Session 2: The Taittitreya Upanishad - Koshas: the multi-dimensional self. Session 3: Concept of the Subtle Body - from body, mind to soul. The 'self' from the perspectives of Bhagavad Gita and The Yoga Sutras. Session 4: The Yoga Body - yogic, tantric and Ayurvedic perspectives of the body 	Required The Taittitreya Upanishad Yoga and Ayurveda by David Frawley Suggested Yoga of the Subtle Body by Tias Little The Subtle Body by Cyndi Dale	 Write: short essay describing the Koshas, the five key areas of yoga practice, and how linking this framework of the Self and this model of yoga might be useful in understanding yourself/students needs/imbalances and in tailoring a yoga practice. Draw by hand: the Samkhya map of the Self Practice assigned asana, pranayama, mantra, meditation, chant. Module 5 Quiz - complete online Complete Yoga Anatomy Units 8,9 Submit Module 5 Reflections
Module 6 November Yogic Meditation - Yoga and the Mind	 Session 1: Yogic meditation. Yoga and the Brain. Session 2: The higher limbs of yoga. Unlocking the wisdom of the Yoga Sutras through chanting and meditation. Session 3: Vrittis, Samskara, Vasana and Sankalpa Session 4: The kleshas, and overcoming obstacles on the path to happiness - applying kriya yoga. Session 5: Yoga Nidra and Brain waves 	Required The Yoga Sutras of Patanjali by Swami Venkatesananda Suggested Raja Yoga by Swami Vivekananada	 Write: Write a short essay on one or more of the Yoga Sutras referenced related to the Kleshas. Link to your own life, ie how they manifest in your life, and how applying yoga (ie Kriya Yoga, Yamas/Niyamas, Dharana/Dhyana) could be helpful in bringing about an inner and outer transformation of your life. Write a 10 minute Yoga Nidra or Relaxation script, and make a recording of yourself delivering it. Practice assigned asana, pranayama, mantra, meditation, chant. Module 6 Quiz - complete online Complete Yoga Anatomy Units 10,11 Submit Module 6 Reflections
Mid Year Review December	Review and Revision		Catch up on any outstanding work.Submit half year review notes



Module 7 January The Subtle Self and Yoga of Sound.	 Session 1: Mantra Yoga Session 2: Nada Yoga - the yoga of sound Session 3: Sanskrit and the Subtle Body, Chakras, Nadis, Life Force and Bija Mantras Session 4: Laya Yoga: chakras, mantra, and the yoga of subtle sound 	Suggested The Subtle Body by Cyndi Dale Laya Yoga by Swami Venkatesananda	 Draw infographic of the subtle body with chakras, major nadis, koshas. Write: a guided meditation script incorporating knowledge of subtle body, ie chakras Practice: Laya Yoga, Asana with Mantra, Pranayama with mantra. Practice assigned asana, pranayama, mantra, meditation, chant. Module 7 Quiz - complete online Complete Yoga Anatomy Units 12,13 Submit Module 7 Reflections
Module 8 February Buddhi Mind. Wisdom, Creativity and Flow.	 Session 1: Western and yogic psychology. The concept of consciousness in the east and west. The mysticism of Carl Jung. Session 2: Who Am I? The yoga of self enquiry. Ramana Maharshi the great sage of Advaita Vedanta. Session 3: The Mandukya Upanishad: states of consciousness and the meditation journey. Session 2: The Bhagavad Gita and the Hero's Journey. Accessing creative inspiration. 	Required Who Am I by Ramana Maharshi Mandukya Upanishad Suggested Tripura Rahasya: the mystery beyond the trinity by Ramana Maharshi The Alchemist by Paulo Coelho The Hero with a Thousand Faces by Joseph Campbell The Complete Life of Krishna by Vanamali	Write: short story/parable using the Hero's Journey template. It can be autobiographical with yourself as the hero; or fictional. Practice: Chant Mandukya Upanishad • Practice assigned asana, pranayama, mantra, meditation, chant. • Module 8 Quiz - complete online • Complete Yoga Anatomy Units 14,15 • Submit Module 8 Reflections



Module 9 March Modern Yoga Asana. Pranayama Workshop	 Session 1: Early Modern Yoga Session 2: Evolution of Modern Yoga Session 3: Modern Yoga Styles Session 4: Pranayama Workshop 		 Practice assigned asana, pranayama, mantra, meditation, chant. Module 9 Quiz - complete online Complete Yoga Anatomy Unit 16 Submit Module 9 Reflections
Module 10 April Residential Retreat Yogic Living	 Session 1: the authentic teacher: living what you teach Session 2: yogic sadhana: your personal practice Session 3: yogic living, food and the yogic diet Session 4: dinacharya: designing your daily routine to support your life, health and wellbeing Evening story telling, fire ceremonies, yoga nidra. Early morning meditations. 	Suggested Yoga and Ayurveda by Dr David Frawley	 Participate Vedic Rituals: Agni Hotra, Havan, Puja (during retreat) Design: dinacharya daily routine Design: weekly food plan to incorporate sattvic foods. Practice assigned asana, pranayama, mantra, meditation, chant. Module 10 Quiz - complete online Submit Module 10 Reflections Complete Yoga Anatomy Units 10,11. Submit worksheets.



Module 11 April Residential Retreat Blue Ocean visioning for Personal & Professional Transformation

- Session 1: becoming wise: applying yogic knowledge to transform your mind, body, heart.
- Session 2: ishvara pranidhana: awakening devotion in a material world
- Session 3: sharing your light: finding, communicating and presenting your passion
- Session 4: the yogic visionary: dreaming your life purpose into being. Workshop a business/life plan using our Blue Ocean template

Required Vijnana Bhairava Tantra. Whatever version you like. We suggest The Radiance Sutras by Lorin Roche

Suggested Blue Ocean Strategy by W. Chan Kim, Renée Mauborgne

- Write: business (or general life) plan during retreat using Blue Ocean template.
- Design a full meditation class interweaving concepts, themes and storytelling from Vijnana Bhairava Tantra
- Submit: Blue Ocean business plan draft
- Submit: outline of a workshop, retreat or masterclass
- Practice assigned asana, pranayama, mantra, meditation, chant.
- Module11 Quiz complete online
- · Submit Module 11 Reflections
- During April and May you will have your 2nd mentoring session. You'll need to submit a questionnaire in advance of this.
- Study for exam in Module 12 questions are from previous 11 quizzes so use them as a study guide.



Module 12 May Into the World	Session 1: Exam. Session 2: the four paths of Yoga in the Bhagavad Gita: Karma Yoga: path of the peaceful warrior. Karma, Dharma and making a difference. Jnana Yoga: embodying wisdom, becoming wise. Raja Yoga: taking the high road to peace. The Bhakti Yoga: Mantra, Music, Love for the Divine. Session 3: The business of yoga. Accountability, Continuing Education and Conduct. Processes, procedures, finance, accountability. Session 4: Blue Sky Mind. Marketing methods, ethics and influence. Being you in a crowded world. How to be a success in any field. Session 5: Teaching Methods: HYM Absolute Beginners Yoga Course & Intro to Meditation Course.	Required The Bhagavad Gita (whatever version you like. We suggest My Gita by Devdutt Patanik). Suggested Bhakti Yoga Jnana Yoga Karma Yoga All by Swami Vivekananda	Complete: bring all assignments, reflections and quizzes to completion and submit. Ensure all anatomy units completed and do the final assessment online. Write: a short piece (poem, story, song, meditation etc) about your Teacher training journey to present and share at Graduation (maximum 10 minutes) Recommended: ensure you have your Senior First Aid certificate to register with Yoga Australia and before you begin teaching.
Dynamic Anatomy - Online	16 units to complete online. There are 5 live-streamed 2 hour workshops with our anatomy trainer Jean Campbell. Final assessment.	Suggested Your Body Your Yoga by Bernie Clark Yoga of the Subtle Body by Tias Little	Complete units sequentially as assigned above. Complete final assessment.



Practicum - Supervised Class & Mentoring Session	Design and teach a class at Kookaburra Yoga studio and online via zoom for fellow teacher trainees. Remote learning students can teach from home via Zoom. You'll need to ensure you have a microphone and webcam/phone etc you can use to film your class.	Suggested Teaching Yoga by Donna Farhi The Professional Yoga Teacher's Handbook by Sage Rountree	 Submit in advance of mentoring session: draft of class plan, meditation script, class notes, marketing flyer to post in forum. Following class you will receive written feedback. Return this with your own reflections on the experience to complete the assessment.
Mentoring Session - Your personal & professional development	Attend a 60 minute mentoring session either on zoom or instudio with Mandy or Robert. The purpose is to assist and support you in your personal and profressional development.		 Submit Questionnaire in advance of attending. Bring Blue Ocean Thinking Business Visioning/Planning document; Dinacharya Design Your Life document or anything else you would like us to review and focus on during the session.
Graduation June Celebration & Dinner	Session 1: Final Words & Reflections Session 2: Graduation Ceremony Havan Fire Ceremony & Dinner		 Bring: a gift and beautiful message for a fellow trainee (Keep to below \$40) a piece of your own writing/poetry/music etc to share (this should be a maximum of 10 minutes)
Study Groups			



Learning Outcomes

Through the above mentioned Modules, you will acquire a firm foundation of knowledge in the following areas. Comprehension and competency is demonstrated through participation and contribution in workshops, monthly assignments, online quizzes, teaching practicum and assessments.

Areas of Learning	Content Covered	Hours (contact & non-contact home study)	Delivery
1. Structural Anatomy, Functional Physiology	 Overview of the internal body systems (respiratory, circulatory, immune, reproductive, digestive, endocrine and nervous systems) in relation to yoga Building Blocks: Sthira & Sukha / Connective Tissue / Bones / Muscles Breath: Prana & Apana / Diaphragm / Ujjayi / Bandhas Muscle Physiology: Strength / Flexibility / Movement / Joints The Spine: Curves / Disks / Back-pain The Lower Limbs: Foot / Knee / Hips / Pelvis / Walking / Alignment in Standing Postures The Upper Limbs: Hands & Wrists / Forearm / Elbow / Shoulder / Alignment in Inversions 	50 hours	20 hours online lectures and workshops. 10 hours instudio. Partnership with Jean Campbell
2. Applied Anatomy and Physiology	 Approaching Asana: Philosophy on Asana Analysis (introduction to the Asana Library - 20 Key Poses) Pain & Sensation: A Body-Mind Perspective Breath & Movement: Asana & Vinyasa Asana Workshop: Breath-Centred Approach Joint & Muscle Actions: examining how different traditions approach each pose, strategies for different body types, etc. 	20 hours	



3. Yoga Physiology; Yogic Framework and Subtle Systems	 Prana vayus Major nadis Chakras Pancha koshas 3 Gunas 	30 hours	In person. Supplemented with home reading and assignments.
4. Yoga Philosophies and History	 History of yoga Indian darshanas Paths of Yoga Yogic cosmological concepts as described in Samkhya Philosophical Principles of Yoga Sutras Philosophical Principles of Bhagavad Gita Philosophical Principles of Upanishads Hatha Yoga Pradapika Other esoteric texts 	80 hours	In person. Supplemented with home reading and assignments.
5. Principles of yoga practices and techniques	 textual history of yoga practices benefits and contraindications of common yoga practices such as: asana, pranayama, dhyana (meditation), bandha, mudra, kriya, mantra, relaxation and other practices safe, effective and appropriate practice of common yoga practices such as: asana, pranayama, dhyana (meditation), bandha, mudra, kriya, mantra, relaxation and other practices yama and niyama Anatomy and Physiology in relation to common yoga practices such as: asana, pranayama, dhyana (meditation), bandha, mudra, kriya, mantra, relaxation 	200 hours	In person. Supplemented with home reading and assignments.



6. Teaching methodologies appropriate to the teaching of yoga	 communication and learning styles effective observational skills when teaching groups of learners specific teaching methodologies interpersonal considerations such as: personal space and permission, cultural backgrounds principles of good teaching, demonstration and assisting, including verbal, visual and tactile methods communication and learning styles effective observational skills when teaching groups of learners specific teaching methodologies interpersonal considerations such as: personal space and permission, cultural backgrounds principles of good teaching, demonstration and assisting, including verbal, visual and tactile methods Code of professional conduct as a yoga teacher Accountability and continuing professional education & registration with Yoga Australia and peak bodies 	60 hours	In person. Supplemented with home reading and assignments. Weekly supervised classes instudio or zoom
7. Practicum; Plan and develop yoga classes and programs	 Undertake a student intake, including eliciting information regarding student needs and health conditions Plan and develop a yoga class or series of yoga classes, taking into consideration student needs and health conditions Plan and design an extended masterclass, workshop or retreat Manage teacher 'self-care' in the teaching of yoga How to receive and act upon student feedback The role of supervision or mentoring while undertaking practicum How to engage with a supervisor or mentor while undertaking practicum Regulatory requirements in the conducting of a small business Insurance options for yoga teachers Ethical marketing 	50 hours	In person. Supplemented with home reading and assignments. Weekly supervised classes instudio or zoom



8. Areas of special interest	 Laya Yoga, Chanting, Sound Vedic Rituals Traditional Tantra Trauma Informed Yoga Yoga Nidra 	50 Hours	In person. Supplemented with home reading and assignments.
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Competency

Trainees will graduate with confidence and competency in the following areas.

Yoga Theory

- 1. Philosophy and psychology of yoga based on pre-modern and contemporary texts
- 2. The History of Yoga, the traditions, teachers and paths of Yoga
- 3. Sanskrit terminology: key words and essential concepts
- 4. Comparative traditions & systems Hinduism, Tantra, Vedanta, Western Psychology

Asana

- 1. The Hatha yoga of Krishnamacharya, combining breath and movement.
- 2. Functional and safe movement in asana, applicable in everyday life
- 3. Foundation asanas, their counter poses and their variations
- 4. Modern approaches: Hatha, Vinyasa, Restorative, Yin yoga systems

Sequencing

- 1. Principles of sequencing and designing group classes
- 2. Develop sequences and home practices for different needs
- 3. Cueing, communicating and adjusting

Pranayama

- 1. Foundation pranayama practices and theory
- 2. Integrating pranayama and mantra
- 3. Applied pranayama for managing mind and emotions

Sound

- 1. Integrating sound and mantra in asanas.
- 2. Mantra and music for meditation
- 3. Nyasa embodying sound for healing
- 4. Sing kirtan, bhajans, sacred mantras

Meditation

- 1. Theory of meditation, mindfulness, the mind from pre-modern texts and traditions
- 2. Theories of the self, mind and consciousness from eastern mystical and western psychology perspectives



Anatomy & Physiology

- 1. Functional anatomy and physiology as applied to asanas and yoga practice
- 2. Knowledge of functional anatomy to help you practice yoga safely and effectively
- 3. Knowledge of the nervous system and internal systems and use of yoga for functionality and health

Japa and Mantras

- 1. Importance and theory of chanting.
- 2. Mantras for chanting and meditation
- 3. Therapeutic use of mantra for wellbeing and healing

Yogic Lifestyle

- 1. Yogic values and ethics in daily life
- 2. Ayurvedic doshas, prakriti, diet principles
- 3. The yogic diet incorporating 'sattvic', pranic and ethical concepts.

Yoga Energetics

- 1. Mudras and bandhas: how and why practice, how and when to teach
- 2. Theories of the subtle body: the koshas, nadis, prana vayus, chakras
- 3. Understanding concepts of consciousness from a yogic perspective

Personal Practice

1. Cultivate an intelligent, meaningful and sustainable personal practice of yoga to support you through life and as a foundation for being an authentic teacher and communicator.

Teaching Methods

- 1. Teaching with intelligence, respect and integrity in accordance with yogic ethics and values
- 2. Communicating yogic ethics and values verbally and non-verbally
- 3. Developing your 'style', leading by example

Business

- 1. Integrating yoga practice, principles and ethics into life and work
- 2. The practicalities and realities of becoming a teacher whether as an employee, sub-contractor, business owner or studio owner
- 3. Ethical management, marketing and communication.



Reading List

Texts listed in the **Required Reading List** are essential. We have some copies for loan if needed. Many of the source texts are provided to you as .pdfs. Books listed in the **Suggested Reading List** are referenced during the Training. We strongly recommend you read them. They have been selected to broaden your knowledge base, and to keep as a valuable reference for years to come.

Required Reading

- · Yoga for Body, Breath and Mind A.G. Mohan
- · Yoga Therapy A.G. Mohan
- · The Heart of Yoga: developing a personal practice TKV Desikachar
- · Yoga & Ayurveda: Self-Healing & Self-Realisation Dr David Frawley
- Enlightened Living. The Yoga Sutras of Patanjali Swami Venkatesananda. pdf provided.
- · Who Am I Ramana Maharshi. pdf provided.
- The Upanishads Various pdfs provided.
- * we suggest **The Upanishads** by Eknath Easwaran.
- · Vijnana Bhairava Tantra pdfs provided.
 - * we suggest **The Radiance Sutras** by Dr Lorin Roche.
- The Bhagavad Gita pdf provided.
- * we suggest My Gita Devdutt Patanik.
- The Hatha Yoga Pradipika pdf provided.
- * we suggest **The Hatha Yoga Pradipika** A.G. Mohan & Dr Ganesh Mohan.
- · Taittitriya Upanishad pdf provided.
- · Mandukya Upanishad pdf provided.

Suggested Reading

- · Yoga Reminder A.G. Mohan
- · Raja Yoga Swami Vivekananada
- · Yoga Yajnavalkya A.G. Mohan & Dr Ganesh Mohan
- The Hatha Yoga Pradipika A.G. Mohan & Dr Ganesh Mohan
- The Body Keeps The Score Bessel Van Der Kolk
- The Subtle Body Cyndi Dale
- · Laya Yoga Swami Venkatesananda
- Tripura Rahasya: the mystery beyond the trinity Ramana Maharshi
- · The Radiance Sutras Dr Lorin Roche
- My Gita Devdutt Patanik
- · Blue Ocean Strategy W. Chan Kim, Renée Mauborgne
- · Teaching Yoga Donna Farhi
- The Professional Yoga Teacher's Handbook Sage Rountree
- Yoga of the Subtle Body Tias Little
- Altered Traits Daniel Goleman and Richard J. Davidson
- Breath James Nester
- Mantra Yoga and Primal Sound Dr David Frawley
- · Kundalini Yoga Sri Swami Sivananda
- · The Alchemist Paulo Coelho
- The Hero with a Thousand Faces Joseph Campbell
- The Complete Life of Krishna Vanamali
- Asana Pranayama Mudra Bandha Swami Satyananda Saraswati
- Yoga Nidra Swami Satyananda Saraswati
- · Roots of Yoga James Mallinson and Mark Singleton
- A History of Modern Yoga Elizabeth de Michelis
- Your Body, Your Yoga Bernie Clark
- · Somatics Thomas Hanna



Apply

Pre-requisites

12 months yoga experience is required to participate in this training program. This can be through attending classes in person or online, learning from a teacher or on your own and through books and other resources. You don't need to be 'good' at yoga asanas or an advanced practitioner to attend this training. It has been designed to be accessible to all genuine seekers willing to commit. On application you'll be asked for a letter of recommendation from a teacher you have studied with. If you have less than 12 months experience please be in touch to ensure this program is suitable for you.

This is an inclusive training program and we welcome applications from anyone who has a strong interest in furthering their yogic knowledge, applying this knowledge in their life and work, and/or becoming a yoga or meditation teacher. Kookaburra Creek Yoga Centre has wheelchair and disability access. There are two subsidised places offered on this training program. You can apply for these through the Scholarship Program as part of the application process. We also offer generous payment plans allowing you to pay for the course over 9-18 months.

Application Process

To apply for a position in the Hatha Yoga Method Teacher Training Program complete the application form at https://www.kookaburrayoga.com/yoga-meditation-teacher-training.html There is a \$450 non refundable application fee/deposit. Once accepted into the training you will be invoiced for the balance, and can choose to pay upfront by the 1st June to receive a \$200 discount, or will have the option of a Payment Plan over a 6, 9, 12 or 18 month period.

Scholarship

We believe yoga is relevant and should be accessible for all. We are offering two scholarships (to the value of \$4,400 of the course fee. The successful 2 recipients will pay the balance of \$1000 + any retreat costs. To apply there is a \$400 deposit/application fee). To qualify you will be a long term and sincere student of yoga and have genuine need of financial assistance. Scholarships awarded on 1st May. If you are not nominated as a scholarship recipient and choose not to proceed with training the application fee will be returned to you.





Terms & Conditions

Covid Policy

- Please see our Covid Information page which is updated with any restrictions and considerations: <a href="https://www.kookaburrayoga.com/kookabu
- At 1st March 2022, current rules include: proof of full vaccination or medical exemption required to attend instudio; masks required to be worn
 instudio unless exercising.

Payment Policy

- A non refundable \$450 deposit is required to book this training.
- If full payment is received by 1st May a \$200 discount applies.
- Payment plans are available at an additional cost of \$100. Terms are 6 months; 9 months; 12 months or 18 months.
- If any payments on a payment plan default then an administrative charge of \$40 per defaulted payment may apply.
- Easter Immersion: accommodation and food is an additional cost.

Refund Policy

- If you withdraw from this training before the training commencement date you will be refunded in full (minus non-refundable \$450 deposit)
- If you withdraw after the training commences you will be refunded a pro-rata amount (minus non-refundable deposit).

Graduation Policy

To graduate at 500 Hours you will need:

- 100% attendance at weekend modules and 5 day retreat. This can be in-person, attending online via zoom; a hybrid of both. If any modules are missed then you can watch them once they are uploaded, and mark as complete
- to pass all monthly online guizzes and final exam. (Pass mark is 90%)
- to complete the practicum and mentoring session (prepare and teach a 60 minute class)
- To attend all Wednesday evening practicum classes (instudio or zoom)
- to practice what you learn at home, submit monthly Reflections outlining your practice and insights
- to do all the required reading and submit all assignments
- to complete all the Yoga Anatomy worksheets and assessments, and 100% attendance at 5 anatomy workshops (Zoom)
- course fees to be paid in full

To graduate at 300 Hours you will need:

• 100% attendance. This can be in-person, attending online via zoom; a hybrid of both. If any modules are missed then you can watch them once they are uploaded, and mark as complete.



- To complete all the online quizzes and final exam
- to complete the practicum and mentoring session (prepare and teach a 60 minute class)
- to submit monthly Reflections outlining your practice and insights
- To complete all the Yoga Anatomy units online, and 100% attendance at 5 anatomy workshops (Zoom)
- course fees to be paid in full

This program is potentially incredibly empowering and transformational. We strongly encourage all students to strive for the 500 Hour qualification by completing all the assignments, self-study and home practices. If you need extra time to finish your assignments and required tasks then you have an additional 12 months after the graduation date to submit them. All students will have an additional 12 months access to all the course materials and videos on our online platform, the community forum and the online yoga anatomy platform.