

## **Inner Peace Yoga Therapy Level 1 Course ~ Austin, TX 2017/2018**

**Daily Schedule:** Generally speaking, the program's daily schedule is as follows:

6:30 7:00 Morning Meditation

7:00 8:30 Morning Asana Practice

8:30 9:30 Breakfast

9:30 1:00 Morning Class

1:00 3:00 Lunch and Free Time

3:00 5:30 Afternoon Class

5:30 6:30 Daily wrap up, integration,  
meditation and closing

6:30 on Dinner and free time

*Arrive on September 17 anytime in the afternoon to get settled. No formal program on 9/17.*

**Monday, September 18, 2017**

**Intro to Yoga Therapy**

**Instructor: Michele Lawrence**

On our first day together, we will overview the expectations and outline of the course, get to know each other through group exercises and ice-breakers and discuss the pancamaya kosha model and well as other frameworks for understanding and assessing individuals. We will also outline and work in groups to understand the four basic guiding principles of yoga therapy.

**Tuesday, September 19 - Saturday, September 23, 2017**

**Functional Yoga Therapy™: Preparatory Skills and Tools**

**Instructor: Maria Mendola**

This module explores advanced anatomy and its relationship to physical movement; along with practical treatment applications. The human body will be studied as a sacred temple with all of its myriad complexities for both assessment and individualized therapeutic application. Participants will be guided in teachings pertaining to advanced postural assessment, range of motion, basic muscle strength & flexibility testing, practical Ayurvedic concepts related to the assessment and treatment process, understanding of the client's emotional anatomy and training in practitioner sensitivity & awareness. Participants will both experience and facilitate all assessment techniques taught, through this gaining a more thorough understanding of specific symptomatic presenting issues, while maintaining the greater focus of the client as a fully integrative whole human being.

**Sunday, September 24 - Wednesday, September 27, 2017**

**Ayurvedic Yoga Therapy**

**Instructor: Marisa Laursen**

This course is designed for yoga teachers to advance their knowledge and training in both yoga and ayurveda. Participants will learn how to adapt yoga classes toward the specific needs of each individual. Graduates will be able to provide deeper instruction in the use of asana, pranayama, chanting, and meditation for healing based upon ayurvedic principles. Participants will also take a deep journey of healing inside themselves, exploring their own ayurvedic constitution and how to create a lifestyle that leads to inner peace and healing.

**Thursday, September 28-Friday, September 29, 2017**

**Intro to Yoga of Recovery**

**Instructor: Durga**

This is the first comprehensive course to combine Ayurveda and Yoga with traditional recovery tools to offer a more holistic mind, body, spirit approach to addiction and self-destructive behaviors. This course is for therapists, social workers, addiction counselors, sponsors, yoga teachers, Ayurvedic practitioners etc. Anyone interested in a more holistic and

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complete view of the problem and its solution. Bringing the west (12 Steps) and the East (Yoga and Ayurveda) together offers us a truly empowering approach to counseling those who embark on a program of recovery. It is the evolution of the solution. Upon completion of the course you will have the skills to introduce the healing potential of the holistic sciences of Ayurveda and Yoga into your own life and those around you.

**Saturday, September 30, 2017**

**Wrap up & preparation for home study (half day)**

**Instructor: Michele Lawrence**

During this half day, we will review key concepts from the training thus far and ensure that students have a solid footing to embark upon their home study assignments. We will close by noon so that students can travel home this day.

**October 2017- January 2018: 50 hour home study program**

### **Mentored Supervision**

There are 2 main components to this home study assignment:

1. Case assessments: Using the tools provided in session 1, conduct case assessments for 3 clients. For each client, interview them, assess their needs and situation, and provide a personalized yoga therapy plan to help them. Complete a yoga therapy plan form for each client and then complete a short write up about your experience of doing it, how it felt for you and what you have learned in the process. In addition to your 3 clients, assess yourself and develop a personalized yoga therapy program. Write up your personal assessment and your experience of following it.
  2. Write a research paper on the Yogic Treatment of Disease. The topic can be your choice (e.g. Cancer, Depression, etc.) Provided in your manual is a guideline for areas of consideration in your research paper.
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**Saturday, February 3-Monday, February 5, 2018**

**Intro to Yoga for Chronic Pain**

**Instructor: Neil Pearson**

Yoga therapists require an understanding of the pathophysiology of common disease processes in order to provide individualized yoga instructions and ensure the safety of students and clients. Equally important is a clear understanding of tissue healing and the neurophysiology of pain. Over three days, you will explore common injuries, diseases and pain from a bio psychosocial perspective. This knowledge will be integrated with the wisdom of yoga, enhancing and broadening your perspective of yoga as a preventative and rehabilitative modality.

**Tuesday, February 6-Thursday, February 8, 2018**

**Yoga for Depression & Anxiety**

**Instructor: Amy Weintraub**

For thousands of years, yogis have understood what current research in neurobiology and clinical observations are demonstrating that, working with a body and breath-based practice, we can manage our moods. [LifeForce Yoga](#) interweaves the power of an ancient discipline with current scientific findings to help you release what's no longer serving you without a story attached! In this two-day training, you will learn and practice breathing exercises, easy postures, guided meditations, and other experiential yogic tools for mood management that are not often taught in regular yoga classes but are useful in working therapeutically with individuals and groups.

**Friday, February 9-Sunday, February 11, 2018**

**Yoga for Cancer**

**Instructor: Laura Kupperman**

One out of two men, and one out of three women will receive a cancer diagnosis in their lifetime; virtually all of us have been touched by cancer in some fashion. The good news is that research increasingly demonstrates the benefits of yoga to help ease many of the symptoms associated with cancer treatment, and there is a growing need for yoga teachers skilled in this area. Using the Pancha Maya model we will learn to skillfully work with survivors of any type of cancer, at any stage of recovery. We will explore how yoga can positively impact the physical effects of cancer and its treatment, and also how to address the energetic, mental, emotional, and spiritual components of a cancer diagnosis.

**Monday, February 12-Wednesday, February 14, 2018**

**Yoga for Grief**

**Instructor: Antonio Sausys**

Grief is the body's response to loss, any loss. When going through any given condition, we not only lose the 'dream of a healthy life' but we also experience the loss related to the restrictive nature of the condition's symptoms. It is then important to identify some symptoms related to grief and to learn ways to address them. In this workshop participants will learn about the physical symptoms of grief, its psycho-neuro-immunological bases and a set of simple Yoga exercises to address them while aiding the psychological transformation of grief into a resource of personal growth. A comparative analysis is made of the Western and Eastern models of the Psyche stating the importance of the psychic centers' involvement both physically and emotionally and specially in regards to the yogic theory of Attachment. The methodology alternates theoretical lectures with experiential work.

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**Thursday, February 15-Saturday, February 17, 2018**

**Healing with the Chakras**

**Instructor: Nischala Joy Devi**

In Healing with the Chakras, Nischala Devi, weaves compassionate knowledge of the physical to the intuitive wisdom of the mystical for a complete understanding of who we really are. Within us there are whirling vortices of energy, chakras. These chakras contain valuable information about the mundane as well as the subtle aspects of our every action and thought. Connected through channels that flow up and down our spines, the Chakras infuse vitality and knowledge to every facet of our being. With the stresses of everyday life, the energetic flow is often hindered. The result is lethargy, anxiety, depression or even disease. Observing and adjusting images of ourselves, we are able to release old paradigms from the subtle bodies and gain control of our very life force. As these pathways are unlocked, the pent up energy effortlessly flows, we are able to heal everything from simple ailments to the life threatening diseases.

**Sunday, February 18, 2018**

**How the Practice Heals & Putting it All Together**

**Instructor: Michele Lawrence**

On our final day of this Level 1 training, students we will review how the practice heals through asana, pranayama, mudra, mantra and meditation. We will also do a final wrap up together and prepare students as they embark upon the rest of their studies in the 800 hour certification course. A certificate ceremony will be held to recognize and congratulate students for completing this portion of the training.