# **Advanced Yoga Teacher Training 500 Hour Certification**

We offer a flexible, comprehensive program designed to strengthen, expand and refine your teaching and sequencing skills. Study yoga philosophy and energetics in-depth and develop expertise in adaptation and therapeutic yoga. Those who pursue the full 500 hour certification become specialized and highly skilled yoga teachers who can make a living teaching private lessons, specialized classes and focused workshops to a wide variety of students.

Prerequisite: 200 hour yoga teacher training

The primary coursework is presented in 4 modules that can be taken in any order. Yoga Alliance Registered Yoga School since 2006

All courses may be taken as continuing education without pursuing certification.

#### Teaching Skills, Sequencing and The Teacher/Student Relationship 45 hours



- Refine your understanding of alignment in intermediate asana.
- Train your eyes to see and your body to feel unhealthy habitual patterns and then learn how to guide yourself and your students into healthy movements.
- Develop your art of sequencing with intention and intelligence. Create class themes and establish energetic intentions. Refine your ability to link a yogic concept throughout a class and learn how to teach with deeper intentions
- Clarify your teaching skills and become more effective in your visual demonstrations, verbal instruction and hands-on adjustments.



GREAT TEACHERS NEVER STOP LEARNING

- Provide an opportunity for supportive feedback on your teaching skills.
- Develop healthy teacher-student relationships and uphold the ethics of teaching yoga.

#### **Schedule Options:**

Weekends with Marinda Stopforth (4) Weekends in Winter 2018: Saturday - Sunday, 12:00 - 5:35 pm Jan 13-14 / Feb 10-11 / Mar 10-11 / Apr 14-15, 2018

**Tuesdays with Marinda Stopforth** (10) Tuesdays in Spring/Summer 2018, 11:00 am - 3:30 pm April 17 - June 26, 2018 (no class May 15)

#### Energetics, Pranayama and Ayurveda 45 hours



- Enhance your understanding of the energetic, psychological and subtle bodies, with a special focus on the prana vayus, primary nadis, chakras, and earth elements so that your teaching penetrates deeper layers of being.
- Experience and learn how to teach deep relaxation and yoga nidra. This includes the use of props to support the body and facilitate deep relaxation.
- Expand your knowledge, deepen your personal practice and refine your teaching of pranayama.
- Establish a daily and seasonal routine based upon the principles of Ayurveda.

#### **Schedule Options:**

Tuesdays with Lori Gaspar and Alison Larkin (10) Tuesdays in Spring 2017, 11:00 am - 3:30 pm April 4 - June 6, 2017

Weekends with Tricia Fiske and Alison Larkin (4) Weekends in Summer 2018: Saturday - Sunday, 12:00 - 5:35 pm May 12-13 / June 9-10/ July 14-15 / Aug 11-12, 2018

Tuesdays with Tricia Fiske and Alison Larkin (10) Tuesdays in Fall 2018, 11:00 am - 3:30 pm September 11 - November 20, 2018 (no class November 6)

#### Yoga Philosophy, Yoga History and Meditation 36 hours



- Plunge deep into key concepts and readings in classical yoga philosophy, including Patanjali's Yoga Sutras, The Bhagavad Gita, The Hatha Yoga Pradipika and the primary Upanishads.
- Understand the principles of yoga psychology, koshas and Samkhya philosophy.
- Learn the history of yoga and how it relates to modern teaching.
- Explore a variety of meditation techniques and learn how to teach meditation effectively in a yoga class.
- This module includes extensive reading homework with study guides - please allow extra time in your schedule.

#### **Schedule Options:**

Weekends with Marinda Stopforth (4) Weekends in Spring/Summer 2017 Saturday - Sunday, 12:00 - 4:30 pm May 6-7 / June 3-4 / July 8-9 / Aug 5-6, 2017

Tuesdays with Lori Gaspar (8) Tuesdays in Fall 2017, 11:00 am - 3:30 pm Sept 19 - Nov 14, 2017 (no class Oct 24)

Weekends with Marinda Stopforth (4) Weekends in Fall 2018: Saturday - Sunday, 12:00 - 4:30 pm Sept 15-16 / Oct 13-14 / Nov 10-11 / Dec 8-9, 2018

# Adaptation: Common Conditions and Special Populations



- Learn how to adapt and modify the practice for a wide variety of students and different health conditions such as low back and hip issues, seniors, cancer, scoliosis, depression, anxiety, pregnancy and more.
- Build a private practice, become a specialized workshop presenter and expand your teaching career.
- If you did not take your 200 hour training with Prairie Yoga, it is highly recommended (but not required) to take the Teaching Skills module prior to taking the Adaptation module.

#### **Schedule Options:**

54 hours

Weekends with Linda Troutman

(5) Weekends in Fall 2017: Saturday - Sunday, 12:00 - 5:25 pm Sept 9-10 / Oct 7-8 / Oct 21-22 / Nov 11-12 / Dec 2-3, 2017

**Tuesdays with Linda Troutman** (12) Tuesdays in Winter 2018, 11:00 am - 3:30 pm Jan 16 - April 10, 2018 (no class March 27)

### Weekends with Linda Troutman

(5) Weekends in Winter 2019, Saturday - Sunday, 12:00 - 5:25 pm Jan 12-13 / Feb 9-10 / Mar 9-10 / Apr 13-14 / May 11-12, 2019

# Advanced Yoga Teacher Training/500 Hour Certification

#### **PROGRAM STRUCTURE**

The core courses of the training are offered in modules which can be taken in any order. Additional required and elective courses are outlined below. *All courses may be taken without pursuing a certificate.* 

#### **PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**

4 Core Course Modules Elective Courses

### **Additional Requirements for Certification**

#### PREREQUISITE

Participants may register for their first course at any time after completing a 200 hour yoga teacher training

### Not a 200 Hour Prairie Yoga graduate?

Fundamentals of Yoga Anatomy with Marinda Stopforth is highly recommended to improve your understanding of alignment. See our website for schedule options.

#### **500 HOUR CERTIFICATION**

- All certification requirements must be completed within a maximum of 3 years. Time begins with the first module you enroll in.
- Submit the Advanced Training application at <u>prairieyoga.org</u> for approval to follow the full coursework toward 500 hour certification.
- You are required to review and sign the trainee agreement provided.
- We will provide you with a checklist to keep track of your courses and requirements as you go through the program. The teacher of each course must confirm that you "passed" with 90% and above attendance and your full and active participation in the course.
- You will be assigned an advisor for guidance on your requirements.

#### **ELECTIVE COURSES**

#### Choose any combination totaling 48 contact hours:

- Tantric Hatha Yoga Advanced Training with Tricia Fiske (24 hours) \$475
- Therapeutics Apprenticeship with Linda Troutman (24 hours) free
- Elective Workshops at Prairie Yoga (totaling 24 hours) cost varies. You may begin taking Elective courses upon your acceptance into the Advanced Training.

#### **ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS**

**Complete all homework assignments and pass any quizzes** provided in each core course module.

The Art of Teaching Therapeutics with Linda Troutman (12 contact hours) \$275

Advanced Anatomy Training events at Prairie by Julie Gudmestad, Gill Solberg, Tias Little, Baxter Bell, Jules Mitchell Judith Lasater and others as approved by Lori Gaspar (24 contact hours) \$550 estimated

3 hours of community service donating your time to a cause you support.

#### Certification Bundle of 3 items below: \$275

- Video Review: Teach with a group of your peers and receive feedback (6 contact hours)
- Final Culmination Teaching Project: Research, develop, market and teach 9 hours of a specialty yoga topic of your own interest as approved by the Director (40 non-contact hours)
- Teach 5 private lessons and write 1-2 page overview of each (10 non-contact hours)

You have the option to pay for each item separately as you go or prepay for all 4 core courses + certification bundle = \$3700\* (save \$355).

# Teaching Skills, Sequencing and The Teacher/Student Relationship

#### 45 hours / \$945 early price 4 weeks prior, \$1040 thereafter

#### Required Book: (purchase on your own)

- Theme Weaver by Michelle Berman Marchildon
- The yoga teacher training manual is included in your tuition

## Energetics, Pranayama and Ayurveda

#### 45 hours / \$945 early price 4 weeks prior, \$1040 thereafter

Required Books: (purchase on your own)

- Light on Pranayama by B.K.S. Iyengar
- Hatha Yoga Pradipika by Swami Muktibodhananda
- The Hidden Secret of Ayurveda by Dr. Robert E. Svoboda
- The yoga teacher training manual is included in your tuition

# Yoga Philosophy, Yoga History and Meditation

#### 36 hours / \$755 early price 4 weeks prior, \$830 thereafter

Required Books: (purchase on your own)

- Light on Life by B.K.S lyengar
- Hatha Yoga Pradipika by Swami Muktibodhananda
- *The Yoga Sutras of Patanjali,* any translation you prefer Edwin Bryant is recommended.
- The Bhagavad Gita translated by Eknath Easwaran
- The Upanishads translated by Eknath Easwaran
- The yoga teacher training manual is included in your tuition

# Adaptation: Common Conditions and Special Populations

#### 54 hours / \$1135 early price 4 weeks prior, \$1250 thereafter Required Books:

• The yoga teacher training manual is included in your tuition

### Pre-payment option is due 4 weeks prior to first core course module.

Prices stated are for cash or check only.

Credit card and online payments subject to 4.5% transaction fee. Payment plans are available on the website within the description of each module.

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## REFUNDS

**Refunds are limited.** Per core course module: \$100 administrative fee for refunds one month before first class. \$200 fee for refunds less than one month before first class. \$300 fee for refund requests on first day of class. No refunds after first class. See trainee agreement for more details.

## FACULTY

Lori Gaspar, BFA, MA, 500 E-RYT / Marinda Stopforth, OTR, 500 E-RYT Tricia Fiske, BA, 500 E-RYT / Linda Troutman, BS, 500 E-RYT, RCYT Alison Larkin, BSN, Certified Ayurvedic Practitioner, 500 CYT

Schedule, faculty and requirements subject to change.

