



**Qi Academy of Hatha Yoga**

## **2021 Yoga Studies & Hatha Yoga Teacher-Training Diploma**

**Pursue your passion & take your Yoga to the world**



**12 months that will transform your yoga practice and prepare you to  
share the gift of hatha yoga with your own students**

**Save up to \$590 with Early Bird Discount**





Qi Health & Yoga



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Grasp a unique opportunity to explore the Yoga Path on the beautiful Northern Beaches. Develop your personal practice and understanding of Yoga whilst learning how to teach Yoga with passionate teachers in a safe, supportive environment.

Our Teacher-Training course is registered with the **Yoga Australia** (formerly *Yoga Teachers' Association of Australia*) and will qualify you to become a nationally recognised **YA Level 1 Yoga Teacher**. It's also recognized by the International Yoga Teachers' Association (IYTA)

*"In an era of short-form teacher trainings Qi Yoga has been holding their ground, offering one of the few 12 month part time Hatha Yoga Teacher Training Courses in Australasia. While there are a plethora of 200 hour courses, many of these trainings leave teachers woefully unprepared for the challenge of teaching and the highly competitive market that yoga has become.*

*Both lead trainers Mark O'Brien and Joan Miller are remarkable teachers and truly caring human beings who have been long time students of my approach. They both fully embrace a model for teaching that fosters self-inquiry, the student's own inner reference system, and an anatomically safe approach to body movement.*



*Both Mark and Joan are devoted practitioners not only of the physical aspects of Yoga, but of the deeper teachings of Yoga which can best be learned from one who is living this path. I highly recommend this training."*

**Donna Farhi**, author of *Yoga, Mind, Body & Spirit, Bringing Yoga to Life, and Teaching Yoga*.

### Some comments from recent Yoga Studies Students:

*"When I started I was looking forward to learn how to do a better down dog! Instead I really began to discover what Yoga is about and how it can help me live a more fulfilling life...I remember a great Yogi saying that we know we are doing the right yoga when our relationships change. My family has grown so much over the course of the year, so the teacher training was very right indeed! Thank you." Lisa*

*"It has been a life changing journey; the valuable journey guided by you and Qi teachers cannot be measured by \$\$\$. I believe that I have invested very wisely in 2014....this is the end of the beginning!" Vincci*



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## OVERVIEW

### Yoga Studies & Teacher Training Diploma: 2021

*“There abides deep within our hearts an inextinguishable flame of Divine light, love and life that never goes out...this spiritual flame of the heart is struggling to emerge...seeking the light from which it has come. Its development is the very purpose of our existence.” David Frawley*

At the deepest level we want to be happy and to feel connected. This connection gives meaning to everything, and Yoga is one of the most effective tools to achieve this. Grasp a unique opportunity to explore your yoga path with one of Sydney’s most-respected and longest-established teacher-training schools to find happiness and connection in your life. We take in only one small enrolment each year to give you the full attention and nurture you deserve to flourish.

#### What makes this course unique:

##### Experience:

It’s still one of the most comprehensive courses available in NSW, led by the same 2 (main) teachers who’ve led it for 16 years alongside many other highly-experienced teaching specialists. You’ll get over 100 years of Yoga experience and skill put at your disposal.

##### You:

The first part of this course will be all about you: discovering who you are and what makes you tick physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually.

The second half of the year is all about how to share these insights and techniques with others as a teacher.

##### Apprenticeship:

We offer you a supervised apprenticeship to hone your teaching skills in real classes to real students (this is not available in almost any other course) so you can flourish as a teacher at your own pace.

Develop your personal practice and understanding of yoga while learning how to teach yoga with our passionate teachers in a safe, supportive environment. This course has been our passion for over 15 years.

Our 12 month Yoga Teacher-Training Course will deliver three practical outcomes for you.

- 1. INTENSIFY AND CLARIFY YOUR PERSONAL YOGA PRACTICE:** You cannot teach without an established personal practice. We will help you broaden and define your own practice, incorporating many practical “tools” from the yoga tradition  
Yoga is a practical life-skill that can benefit every aspect of your life. A one year format allows you to integrate this practice into many aspects of your daily life.
- 2. RECOGNISED QUALIFICATION:** You will exceed all requirements to qualify as a Level 1 Yoga Teacher by the **Yoga Australia**. This is a nationally recognised, independent association of yoga teachers who set internationally recognised standards for reputable teachers. Membership is now usually a requirement to gain insurance cover.
- 3. INDEMNITY INSURANCE:** You will be eligible to gain indemnity insurance cover to teach. (This is essential for all teachers these days!)



The Teacher Training consists of over **415 contact hours of study** in required subjects:

- Three 10 or 11 week study terms on **Sundays** (during school term times)
- A 5.5 day retreat as an intensive part of the course
- An informal apprenticeship with one of the core teachers on your course
- Student-teaching experience at Qi and in the community
- Minimum 9 individual sessions with the teaching faculty
- 7 “special needs” workshops
- Additional reading, assignments, class attendance and student-teaching opportunities in your own time make the total course content closer to 600 hours of specialised training.

Like our Yoga timetable at Qi, this is a “non-denominational” course, training you in the broad tradition of Classical Hath Yoga, and will expose you to elements of several popular styles of asana practice without favouring any style over another. We value safety and an individualised approach over dogma, and encourage you to explore your own practice and experience of Yoga.

**LOCATION:** All group sessions are held at Qi Freshwater, (Corner Moore Rd/Albert Street)  
The retreat is held just outside Sydney, less than 2 hours from Manly.

## Term Dates for 2021

	<b>SUNDAYS 10am – 4.30pm</b>
<b>Term 1:</b>	Sat Jan 30 and Sundays 31 - Mar 28 (10 sessions)
<b>Term 2:</b>	April 11 – June 27 (11 weeks. No session Apr 25)
<b>Term 3:</b>	July 11 – Sept 12 (10 weeks)
<b>Retreat:</b>	September 14 – 19 Residential Retreat (5 ½ days)
<b>Term 4:</b>	October 10 – November 21 (7 special needs workshops)
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Aid</b>	November 28 (optional)
<b>Graduation:</b>	Sunday December 5

Sunday schedule is the default schedule. We will also run the condensed weekday option as an alternative if we have sufficient interest.

## Yoga Teacher Training Course: What’s involved?

**Term 1:** The Yoga Studies Course (term 1) primarily enables you to further develop your personal practice and understanding of Yoga philosophy and principles underlying asanas.

**Terms 2 - 4:** The next 3 terms of Teacher Training and the Retreat focus on teaching you how to teach others as well as further develop your own practice. The technical content on Asana study (with some Anatomy & Physiology) forms the major component of these terms. But we will revisit all the concepts introduced in the Yoga Studies term in greater depth along the way as you apply them to your own practice and understanding of Yoga.

**Mentoring:** Part of the study allows you to apprentice with one of the core teachers or other aligned teachers during their regular classes during terms 3 & 4. This will mean attending their regular classes to observe and question what they do, to assist with adjustments, present sections of the class and provides supervised teaching opportunities for you when you are ready.

**Teaching Experience:** you will teach student-teacher classes at Qi or teach karma yoga classes in the community.



**Retreat:** our 5.5 day retreat allows you to live a yoga life in a concentrated period of study, practice and contemplation, with healthy yogic food, and time for fun and relaxation in beautiful bush surroundings.

**Regular Yoga Classes:** we ask you to participate in at least 3 yoga classes/week (health permitting). Costs are not included in the course fees. Should you take classes at Qi, we allow generous discounts on passes and class rates for teacher-training students.

## **Our Values at Qi**

- We believe there is no “one Path” in Yoga, and respect all traditions and practices falling under the collective description of “Yoga”. This is therefore a “non-denominational” Yoga course, which will expose you to elements of the most popular styles of Yoga in the West (Hatha, Ashtanga, Iyengar and Ki) as well as explore meditation, philosophy and health aspects of the Yoga tradition.
- We respect the needs of each individual and their situation.
- We believe in integrity and safety whatever you do in Yoga.
- We will explore Principles, Philosophy and the Practical experience of Yoga
- The core teacher group is composed of three senior teachers at Qi, with a combined teaching experience of over 60 years in Yoga.
- We will cover topics at a general or basic level in the Term 1, and return to explore these in greater depth over the rest of the Teacher-Training course.
- A dynamic and varied class timetable at the 3 Qi centres provides you with ample opportunity to explore the physical practice and experience of Yoga as you develop a personal yoga practice of your own.

### **Total Course Fees Summary**

Early Bird option:	\$6,225 (paid in advance for whole course by Dec 31)
Full Payment option:	\$6,575 (part-payment start of each term)
Instalment Plan option:	\$6,815 (instalments paid during each term)

See payment details on Page 9





**Term 1: “Yoga Studies”**  
**Sat Jan 30 (2 – 5.30pm)**  
**10am – 4.30pm Sundays Jan 31 – Mar 28.**

**Minimum criteria to join the Course**

- Minimum 2 years regular Yoga practice (preferably at least twice/week)
- There is no requirement for fitness or ability in Asana
- This course is open to all serious Yoga practitioners, regardless of Yoga style or background

**What you will Learn**

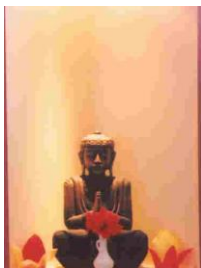
- A confident foundation in the principles and safe practice of Yoga, and a consolidation of your own personal practice.
- An understanding of basic principles of Asanas, (effect, sequencing and safety.)
- The tools and knowledge to develop your own personal and spiritual development, and your ability to manage your physical well-being.

**Term 1 Contents: 65 hours training + 3 hours individual practice sessions.**

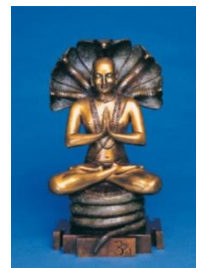
- 10 workshops 10am – 4.30pm (combining practice and theory)
- 2 written assignments
- Minimum 3 Personal Supervision sessions with a course teacher
- You will be required to have a daily personal practice, attending a minimum 3 classes per week (at Qi or elsewhere to suit you. Class costs not included in fees.)

**Main Topics in the Yoga Studies Course:**

- History and Philosophy of Yoga, and the range of “tools” covered by the term of “Yoga”
- Study of Yoga Sutras, Baghavat Gita and other classical Yoga texts
- Yoga anatomy and physiology (Nadis, Koshas, Gunas, Chakras, subtle energies)
- Principles of Asana practice: (effect, basic sequencing, contra-indications, modifications, breath, Brhmana/Langhana )
- Pranayama and Meditation
- Ayurveda, Health and Yoga: includes modifications for special needs students.
- Study of Mind, Consciousness and Perception
- Karma, non-dualism and Vedic philosophy
- Introduction to meditation, and Metta/compassion practices
- Different styles of Hatha Yoga (“forceful” or physical Yoga characterised by Asana practice.)
- **All sessions will include various aspects of Asana practice to illustrate and support the philosophy and principles introduced in that session.**



**Required Course Reading Book: (available from Qi)**  
“Heart of Yoga” by TKV Desikachar  
“Yoga and the path of the Urban Mystic” by Darren John Main



## Term 2: “Asana Study 1” and Anatomy & Physiology Sundays 10am – 4.30pm; April 11 – June 27 (No session Apr 25)

### a) Asana I: Introduction 10 – 1pm each day.

- 20 core postures, covering:
  - function
  - lines of energy
  - adaptation
  - preparation
  - counterpose
  - contra-indications
  - experience of the pose in practice
  - teaching the pose to others
- Review the principles underlying Asanas: (Ahimsa, Tapas, Swadhyaya, sthira/sukha)
- 3 one-on-ones to explore personal themes, problems and practice.



### b) Anatomy & Physiology: 1.30 – 4.30pm each day

- Overview of major systems of the body
- Detailed study of musculo-skeletal system, movement and execution of Yoga poses by bones/muscles/ligaments and breathing.

**Required Course Book:** The Muscles of Hatha Yoga

## Term 3: “Asana Study II”

### a) Sundays 10am – 4.30pm: July 11 – September 12

#### Asana Study II

- Further core postures, in same format as Term 2
- Sequencing principles (why, how, goals etc)
- Asana adjustments, when and how to offer this assistance appropriately
- Modifying practices/postures for individuals, including Ayurveda review
- Bandhas, and energy movement and containment in asana
- Practical adjusting skills
- Pranayama techniques and application
- 3 one-on-ones to explore personal themes, problems and practice.
- 10 classes to assist with adjustments under supervision

#### Practice and principles for teaching:

Ethics  
Integrity  
Personal preparation  
Teaching methodology, demonstration techniques, hand outs,  
presentation skills  
Student learning styles and how to connect with all of them.

- **Practice management**
  - Practicalities of running a Yoga school/teaching for yourself
  - Transitioning into teaching Yoga



## The Retreat: “Yoga as a Living Practice” (6 days) September 14 - 19

Run just out of Sydney in a residential setting this is a unique opportunity to “live” what you have been practicing as a group. A highlight of the course, this is a time for further study, for deep introspection, meditation and personal practice but also combined with social time together, enjoying a true Yoga Sangha (yoga community)

- Yoga diet
- Morning practices
- Mantra, chanting,
- Karma Yoga (help with communal retreat chores)
- Case-studies to design a sequence and teach it to the group
- Relaxations/Yoga Nidra training
- Meditations
- Sangha/community



## Term 4: Special needs Yoga Workshops a) Sundays 10am – 4.30pm: October 10 – November 21

These 7 special needs modules may be tailored to suit the needs of the course, and may change as issues or interests arise. We will focus on common “special needs” that often arise in class, so you are prepared to manage them safely in a class situation. Topics will include:

- Pre and post-natal Yoga
- CFS, ME, depression
- Knees, backs and necks
- Women’s health, menstrual sequences
- Asthma, bronchitis, respiratory problems
- Structuring stress management and corporate Yoga sessions

There are 2 one-on-ones to explore personal themes, problems and practice in this term.

## **1<sup>st</sup> Aid Certification: November 28**

## **Graduation/Celebration Session: December 5**





## Deposits, Fees and Payment Option

### **Enrolment Deposit: \$600**

Deposit will be deducted from your final term fees. We can refund your deposit if you withdraw more than 1 month from the start date less a \$75 admin fee.

A 50% refund may be possible up to 2 weeks prior to start date if we can fill your space.

- A) **EARLY BIRD OPTION: \$6,225** by December 31 and save \$590.  
or
- B) **FULL PAYMENT OPTION: TOTAL COST \$6,575**  
**Term 1, 2 and 3: \$1,540** due by start of each term. Includes all Sunday workshops, three one-on-one sessions per term, written assignments, and session notes.  
**Retreat: \$855** (may vary depending on venue hire rates for 2021)  
**Term 4: (7 weeks) \$500**  
 or
- C) **INSTALMENT PAYMENT OPTION: TOTAL COST \$6,815**  
**4 X \$405** instalments per term to make budgeting easier. (Term 1, 2, 3)  
**Retreat: \$855 Term 4: 2 x \$255**

**Retreat Fees: \$855** cost will depend on the final number of students and 2021 price of the venue, includes notes, food, lodging and tuition for the full 5.5 days.

**1<sup>st</sup> Aid Certificate (optional):** in December. Valid 1<sup>st</sup> Aid is a requirement to join the Yoga Australia, and is essential for all safe teachers! Cost approx.. \$145 not included in course fees.

### Total Course Requirement: Minimum 420 hours

#### **Philosophy & ethics and lifestyle:**

Term 1	45 hours	
Term 2	5 hours	
Total:		50 hours

#### **Anatomy & Physiology**

Term 2	30 hours	
Total		30 hours

#### **Yogic Physiology**

Term 1	6.5 hours	
Retreat	20 hours	
Total		26 hours

#### **Techniques of Yoga & Asanas**

Term 1	15 hours	
Term 2 & 3	78 hours	
Retreat	30 hours	
Total		123 hours

#### **Teaching methodology**

Mentoring/Supervised classes + supervised practice	15 hours (minimum requirement)	
Adjusting/presentation skills Term 3	20 hours	
Total		35 hours

#### **Integrative practice and teaching**

Supervised practice	100+ hours	
Student teacher classes	6 hours	
Total		106+ hours

#### **Specialised Yoga/Yoga as Therapy**

Special needs Workshops	45.5 hours	
Total		45.5 hours



## Your Teaching Faculty:



**Mark O'Brien** has practiced Yoga for 27 years, and been teaching since 1996. Born in England, he moved to Australia and left a successful career in advertising to follow his heart by opening Qi Health & Yoga in Sydney. He has since become one of Sydney's in-demand teachers. He holds Senior Membership status and is on the National Executive of "Yoga Australia." Mark designed this course and is looking forward to his 17th year of work on it!



Mark had a strong meditation practice before graduating from the "Heart of Yoga" teacher-training in 1999 with Karen Schaeffer and Mark Breadner, (based on the approach of TKV Desikachar.) He has since trained with many respected Yoga teachers including further in-depth study with both TKV Desikachar and his son Kausthub Desikachar. Mark continues to study elements of Tantra and Hatha yoga. His current teacher over several years is the inspiring Donna Farhi.

With a diploma in Remedial Massage and a background in meditation and somatic therapy, he remains in awe of the joyful way that skillful physical movement and attention to the breath can dramatically improve our moods, energy, health and outlook on the physical world. Flexibility –or lack of it- is of little importance in this approach which is open to anyone who can breathe and sincerely wants to improve their life.



**Joan Miller** brings a wealth of yoga experience and training to the course. She trained widely in the US, graduating from the 650 hour **Phoenix-Rising** yoga training and the **Kripalu** teacher training courses in 2000, and has assisted **Donna Farhi** on several of her training courses and retreats. She brings a warm, human empathy to her teaching, a deep knowledge of the human body and psyche and is passionate about working with her students. Joan is also a qualified Pilates teacher!



Joan is back for her 17th year on the Qi teacher training programme.



**Maurice Eberlein** is a free spirit, a passionate surfer and devoted yogi. He graduated from the prestigious Qi Hatha Yoga Diploma in 2005 and now teaches full-time as he continues his studies in Ashtanga Vinyasa Yoga with the legendary Eileen Hall.



**Tracy Gerza** is a highly qualified teacher in Yoga, Pilates and Yoga therapy and is the ultimate anatomy & physiology geek. She is a past graduate of this course and now leads the A&P modules sharing her passion for the mystery and magic which makes up the live human body.



**Other teachers:** We also draw on other specialized teachers to supplement the workshops in term 4 or on other topics as required.

