

**Insight Yoga Teacher Training  
with Margi Clifford and Margo Sorum  
August 2016 - April 2017**

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## **Mission Statement**

*At Spirit Path we serve with open hearts, promoting compassion and understanding towards every person. We care for the earth and honor the individual connection to nature. We give back to our communities by empowering people with the understanding of how to maintain health of the body and peace of mind.*

## **Course Overview, Educational Philosophy and Objectives**

This is a professional program for aspiring yoga teachers. Instructors will share knowledge derived from advanced training and certification, and from personal and professional experience in order to guide students towards becoming sensitive, skillful, ethical, and well-rounded teachers themselves. Students will learn to integrate therapeutic intent and technical skills in the application of yogic principles in both personal and professional endeavors.

This program follows the guidelines, established by The Yoga Alliance, for yoga teacher training programs. It will provide a solid foundation upon which participants may continue to build and develop their professional skills. Instructors will provide encouragement, information, feedback and space for students to develop competence. Students will be asked to commit to home practice and to collaborate with other yoga practitioners by participating in group teaching sessions. Individual consultation and supervision will be available to support personal and professional development as needed. Upon completion, students will receive certification which will allow them to register with the Yoga Alliance as RYT, Registered Yoga Teacher.

## **Facilities Location and Description**

Classes are held at:

Spirit Path Yoga Studio and Wellness Center

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Spirit Path Yoga is located at the intersection of 40<sup>th</sup> and Old Seward in the Gallerie North Center. Our main yoga classroom can accommodate a large group in size and has sufficient props. Our secondary room is used as a classroom and doubles as a second yoga room. The store carries books, herbal products, and yoga supplies for convenience. There is a complementary health clinic on site.

## Instructors and Staff

The program is facilitated by Margo Sorum and Margi Clifford, both Experienced - Registered Yoga Teachers who have decades of teaching experience and personal practice between them.

Margi Clifford is a licensed professional counselor who integrates yoga, insight meditation and psychotherapeutic techniques to promote well-being in individuals and communities. She founded Yoga for Mental Health in 2006 and has since offered training opportunities to students and professionals and direct therapeutic care to individuals and groups.

As the Adjunct Instructor of Yoga at the University of Alaska Anchorage, and with fifteen years of teaching experience, Margo Sorum has developed and shared her unique approach to yoga with thousands of students. She has been established as an Experienced Registered Yoga Teacher (E-RYT) with the Yoga Alliance since 2002, and is the creator of *Spinal Floss*™, a therapeutic approach to yoga.

Cassandra Lidin LAC, CAP is the director of Spirit Path Yoga and Wellness and Spirit Path Ayurveda Education. She received her Masters in Acupuncture in 2004 from TAI Sophia Institute. She is also an Ayurvedic Practitioner and RYT. She maintains a full time practice at Spirit Path.

## Course Description

This nine month, 200 Hour Professional Yoga Teacher Training Program is designed to inspire students as they incorporate yoga philosophy, physiology, anatomy, asana (posture), pranayama (breathwork), and meditation into their personal and professional yoga practice. Students will learn the art of observation, adaptation, safe sequencing, and conscious communication. They will develop the ability to assist, and, to address the specific needs of others in a class setting. Students will be guided towards becoming sensitive, skillful, ethical, and well-rounded teachers. Upon successful completion, students will earn certification that will allow them to register with the Yoga Alliance as a Registered Yoga Teacher, RYT.

## Academic Calendar

August 17, 2016 - April 30, 2017  
See full calendar and detail below.

DATE	DAY	TIME	TOPIC
August 17	Wednesday	6-9pm	Self Regulation/ Savasana
August 20	Saturday	9-5pm (with lunch break)	Meditation/ 8 Limbs of Yoga

August 21	Sunday	9-5pm (with lunch break)	Spinal Directions of Movement & Forward Bends
August 24	Wednesday	6-9pm	Yoga Basics
August 31	Wednesday	6-9pm	Yoga Basics
September 7	Wednesday	6-9pm	Yoga Basics
Saturday 10	Saturday	9-5pm (with lunch break)	Extension, Thoracic Breath, Backbends
September 21	Wednesday	6-9pm	Yoga Basics
September 28	Wednesday	6-9pm	Yoga Basics
October 1	Saturday	9-5pm (with lunch break)	Lateral Bends and Twists
October 5	Wednesday	6-9pm	Yoga Basics
October 8	Saturday	9-5pm (with lunch break)	The Pancamaya Model
October 12	Wednesday	6-9pm	Yoga Basics
October 19	Wednesday	6-9pm	Yoga Basics
October 26	Wednesday	6-9pm	Yoga Basics
November 2	Wednesday	6-9pm	Yoga Basics
November 5	Saturday	9-5pm (with lunch break)	The Pancamaya Model
November 6	Sunday	9-5pm (with lunch break)	The Pancamaya Model
November 9	Wednesday	6-9pm	Yoga Basics
November 30	Wednesday	6-9pm	Yoga Basics
December 7	Wednesday	6-9pm	Yoga Basics
December 21	Wednesday	6-9pm	Yoga Basics
January 4	Wednesday	6-9pm	Yoga Basics
January 11	Wednesday	6-9pm	Yoga Basics
January 14	Saturday	9-5pm (with lunch break)	The Pancamaya Model
January 15	Sunday	9-5pm (with lunch break)	The Pancamaya Model
January 18	Wednesday	6-9pm	Yoga Basics
January 25	Wednesday	6-9pm	Yoga Basics

February 1	Wednesday	6-9pm	Yoga Basics
February 4	Saturday	9-5pm (with lunch break)	Healthy Movement Patterns
February 5	Sunday	9-5pm (with lunch break)	Focus on Hips
February 8	Wednesday	6-9pm	Yoga Basics
February 22	Wednesday	6-9pm	Yoga Basics
March 1	Wednesday	6-9pm	Yoga Basics
March 4	Saturday	9-5pm (with lunch break)	Focus on Back and Abdominals
March 5	Sunday	9-5pm (with lunch break)	Focus on the Feet and Knees
March 8	Wednesday	6-9pm	Yoga Basics
March 22	Wednesday	6-9pm	Yoga Basics
March 29	Wednesday	6-9pm	Yoga Basics
April 1	Saturday	9-5pm (with lunch break)	Focus on Shoulders and Neck
April 2	Sunday	9-5pm (with lunch break)	Trigger Point Release
April 5	Wednesday	6-9pm	Yoga Basics
April 12	Wednesday	6-9pm	Yoga Basics
April 19	Wednesday	6-9pm	Yoga Basics
April 26	Wednesday	6-9pm	Yoga Basics
April 29	Saturday	9-5pm (with lunch break)	Practicum
April 30	Sunday	9-5pm (with lunch break)	Practicum

### **Program Hours**

#### **Fall 2016 - Spring 2017 Wednesday evenings from 6-9 PM: Yoga Basics**

August 17, 23, 31     3 weeks  
 September 7, 21, 28     3 weeks  
 October 5, 12, 19, 26     4 weeks  
 November 2, 9, 30     3 weeks  
 December 7, 21     2 weeks

January 4, 11, 18, 25 4 weeks  
February 1, 8, 22 3 weeks  
March 1, 8, 22, 29 4 weeks  
April 5, 12, 19, 26 4 weeks  
**Total Wednesdays:** 30 weeks @ 3 hours per week = **90 Hours**

**Weekend Workshops:**

Saturday, August 20  
Sunday, August 21  
Saturday, September 10  
Saturday, October 1  
Saturday, October 8  
Saturday, November 5  
Saturday, November 6  
Saturday, January 14  
Sunday, January 15  
Saturday, February 4  
Sunday, February 5  
Saturday, March 4  
Sunday, March 5  
Saturday, April 1  
Sunday, April 2  
Saturday, April 29  
Sunday, April 30  
**Total Workshop Hours = 17 days @ 6.5 hours per day = 110.5 Hours**

Yoga Basics will be focused on teaching, techniques and practices. The first hour of each class will be taught by the lead instructors. Specific postures and adjustment will be reviewed and then taught by the students during the next two hours. This class functions as a practicum for students and allows them to practice their communication skills, how to demonstrate postures and give verbal cues, how to adjust and modify postures and how to make correct anatomical references to muscles and bones while teaching. In addition, final projects will be presented during this class time in May.

**Total Program Hours with Teacher Trainers 200 Hours**

**Additional Homework Hours Required 20 Hours**

Students will be required to document their personal study time spent reading the required texts, listening to the required audio recordings and watching the required videos. A final self-reflective project will be completed by each student to illustrate their depth of understanding of the required material. This self-reflective project will be presented by each student to the class during the Yoga Basics Wednesday evening classes at the end of April.

**Total Contact Hours with Lead Teachers = 200.5 Hours**

**Total Program Hours = 200 Hours**

### **Admissions Policies and Regulations**

#### **Prerequisites**

Students are required to have a minimum of one year of yoga practice to be admitted into the program. Accommodations for injuries and special learning needs will be addressed by the instructors to the best of their abilities. Thoughtful reflection on your application will help the instructors to understand your needs.

The application for admission is included in the back of the catalog. The application must be turned in with a \$75 non-refundable application fee. The student may set up a time to speak with the Center Director to answer questions, and upon acceptance into the program, the enrollment document must be submitted at least 30 days before the first day of classes.

### **Academic Policy, Grading, and Graduation**

#### **Minimum requirements for successful completion of the program:**

Students must complete 200 contact hours with the primary instructors. Make up hours can be arranged with the instructors at the rate of \$100/hour. Completion of additional contact hours and self study project hours will be recorded by the student and approved by the instructors. Successful completion of the Practicum Workshop will reflect the students ability to:

1. communicate clearly
2. sequence a series of asanas
3. give verbal cues and demonstrations for asana alignment
4. show basic knowledge of anatomy through correct reference to muscles and bones

This program is pass/fail.

### **Attendance and Class Participation**

#### Attendance

- 1) Students are expected to arrive 10 minutes early to class and be ready to begin promptly at the scheduled starting time. Attendance at all scheduled classes is expected. Students that arrive late more than four times will be put on probational status. If lateness continues, student may be subject to dismissal.
- 2) Students may not miss a total of more than 4 modules (equal to 24 hours), and will be expected to make up course content with home study, make up classes, and private tutoring. If there is a failure to make arrangements to complete missed course work, student may be subject to dismissal.

- 3) Arrangements may need to be made (see tutoring below) to assure adequate understanding of any missed material to meet program requirements for successful completion.

#### Class Participation

- 1) Students must bring completed homework assignments, textbooks, and supplemental materials with them to class.
- 2) Students must be prepared to discuss the required reading material during class.
- 3) Arriving late to class or leaving early must be excused by the instructor. Additional assignments may be given for the student to receive a passing grade at the discretion of the instructor.

#### **Academic Assistance, Tutoring, and Support**

- 1) Students are welcome to contact the instructor at any time via email with questions about homework, class concepts, etc. Please do not hesitate to ask for help when it is needed.
- 2) Instructors are available for make-up and tutoring sessions at the rate of \$100/hour.

#### **Probation, Dismissal and Re-admittance**

A student who fails to meet the Attendance and Class Participation requirements or who violates the Student Conduct Policy will be put on probationary status for a time period of up to 2 months. If the student has failed to meet academic requirements or if the student continues to violate the Attendance and Class Participation requirements when the probationary period expires, the student may be informed of their dismissal from the school in writing. Re-admittance will only be considered in extreme circumstances at the discretion of the faculty.

#### **Student Conduct Policy**

Spirit Path students are expected to accept and adhere to high standards of personal conduct.

Students shall:

1. Conduct yourself as a representative of Spirit Path and the Yoga profession while you are a student or intern at Spirit Path Yoga and Wellness.
2. Treat all members of the Spirit Path community with courtesy, respect and dignity.
3. Treat the Spirit Path facilities with respect, including buildings, grounds and furnishings.
4. Respect the rights and property of other members of the Spirit Path community.
5. Accept responsibility for and the consequences of their actions and encourage responsible conduct in others.
6. Use of drugs or alcohol at Spirit Path or coming to class under the influence of drugs or alcohol is prohibited and are cause for immediate academic dismissal.



7. Have no firearms, weapons or any other item designed to inflict harm or damage at Spirit Path. Possession of these items at Spirit Path is cause for immediate academic dismissal.

#### Class Conduct:

Students are expected to conduct themselves at Spirit Path and in class so others are not distracted from the pursuit of learning. Discourteous or unseemly conduct may result in a student being asked to leave the classroom. Persistent misconduct on the part of a student is subject to academic dismissal. Some examples of classroom misconduct that will not be tolerated include, but are not limited to the following: Disorderly conduct; Harassment; Verbal abuse; Assault; Interference with the educational opportunity of other students

#### Personal Conduct:

Students may be disciplined for conduct, which constitutes a hazard to the health, safety, or well being of members of the Spirit Path or which is deemed detrimental to the interests of Spirit Path. Disciplinary action may be taken regardless of the existence of any criminal proceedings that may be pending.

### **Tuition and Fees**

Tuition:

Total cost = \$3500.00

Registration: There is a \$75 non-refundable registration fee due with the application. In addition, a \$200 enrollment deposit which is deducted from the student's tuition is required upon acceptance to reserve a space.

Monthly payment plan includes \$10/month processing fee.

### **Required Texts**

*The Key Muscles of Yoga* by Ray Long \$34.95

*Yoga Dipka (Light on Yoga)* by BKS Iyengar \$13

*Yoga for Transformation* by Gary Kraftsow \$18

*Light on the Yoga Sutras of Patanjali* by B.K.S Iyengar \$21.95 (or equivalent yoga sutra book)

*DVD Anatomy for Yoga* with Paul Grilley \$36

*Yoga Teachers' Toolbox* by Joseph and Lilian Le Page \$61.97

### **Recommended Texts**

*The Tree of Yoga* by B.K.S. Iyengar \$13.95  
*Yoga for Wellness* by Gary Kraftsow \$24.95  
*The Heart of Yoga: Developing a Personal Practice* by T. K. V. Desikachar \$12  
*Yoga Posture Adjustments and Assisting* by Stephanie Pappas \$23  
*8 Steps to a Pain-Free Back* by Esther Gokhale \$17.39  
*My Stroke of Insight* by Jill Bolte Taylor \$8.75  
*Mindset: The New Psychology of Success* by Carol Dweck \$9.50  
*The Concise Book of Muscles* by Chris Jarmey \$29.95  
*Yogabody* by Judith Hanson Lasater \$29.95  
Audio Recordings:  
Meditation by Eknath Easwaran \$15  
Lovingkindness Meditation by Sharon Salzberg \$24.95  
DVD Anatomy for Yoga with Paul Grilley \$36  
CD Series: *The Yoga Sutras* with Nicolai Bachman \$109

### **Payment Plans**

**1: Payment in Full: \$ 3500.00** (less enrollment fee) due no later than August 1, 2016.

**2: Payment Plan:**

**Option A** - 50% (\$1750) on August 1, 2016, 50% (\$1750) by February 1, 2017.

**Option B** - 9 monthly installments from August 2016 - April 2017 (\$10 processing fee/month)

### **Refund Policy**

A student has the right to cancel the Enrollment Agreement and obtain a refund of one hundred percent (100%) of the amount paid for institutional charges, less the application fee of \$75, upon submitting written notice to Spirit Path by the close of business on the first day of a student's scheduled attendance. The written notice of cancellation need not take any particular form and, however expressed, is effective if it shows that the student no longer wishes to be bound by the Enrollment Agreement.

#### **STUDENT'S RIGHT TO CANCEL**

A student has the right to cancel the Payment Agreement and obtain a refund or withdraw from a course after instruction has started and receive a pro-rata refund for the unused portion of the tuition and other refundable charges. A student who withdraws or is dismissed after attending at least one class, but before completing 50% of the instruction in the current enrollment period, is entitled to a pro-rata refund. Students will receive a refund within 30 days of the termination date as follows:

- a) Prior to completion of the first day of class, but before the second day of class, 100% refund will be given
- b) After completion of the first day of class but prior to the completion of 10% of the program, the refund will be 90% of tuition after deducting the registration fee.
- c) After completion of 10%, but prior to completion of 20% of the program, the refund will be 80% of tuition after deducting the registration fee.
- d) After completion of 20%, but prior to completion of 25% of the program, the refund will be 55% of tuition after deducting the registration fee.
- e) After completion of 25%, but prior to completion of 50% of the program, the refund will be 30% of tuition after deducting the registration fee.
- f) After completion of 50% of the course no refund will be given, and the student is required to remain committed to the entire amount of tuition.

Refunds will be computed from the last day of physical attendance. As part of this policy, the school may retain a one-time application fee of no more than \$75. The school will make every effort to refund prepaid amounts for books, supplies, and other charges. A student will receive the refund within 30 days of the termination date. The school will make a 'good faith' effort to make a refund, if necessary, by sending certified mail to student's and parent's permanent address.

If the school cancels or discontinues a course or educational program, the school will make a full refund of all charges. Refunds will be paid within 30 day of cancellation.

### **Grievance Policy**

If a student has an academic complaint, the student is first encouraged to discuss any concerns with the instructor. If not satisfied with the outcome of these discussions, the student may then speak with the Center Director. If not satisfied with the outcome, the student may seek appeal through the State of Alaska Commission on Post-secondary Education.

### **Student Records**

Student records will be maintained by Spirit Path Yoga and Wellness. At any time, students may request a copy of academic records. Such requests must be submitted in writing to the Center Director. Records will be given to the student within 5 business days of the written request.

### **Statement of Non-Transference**

Spirit Path Yoga and Wellness cannot guarantee that it's credits or programs are transferable, and the transfer of credits is always at the discretion of the receiving institution, depending on the comparability of curricula and accreditation.