



350 HR ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENTS - 2024

Dear lovely Teacher Trainees

Your yoga teacher training journey has begun! Naturally, this can be an overwhelming time for you and can be hard to understand all of the assessment requirements. I have simplified the assessments below. Please take your time to have a read of the below and contact me should you have any questions.

Practical Assessments

Teaching Rounds Sessions – outside of lecture times

Outside of lecture time, you need to attend 10 sessions outside of lecture time. You must attend five sessions as a participant and five sessions where you nominate yourself to teach a 10-15 min section of a class. I recommend that you begin by attending as a participant and then schedule yourself in to teach later in your course.

Record your attendance on the sheet provided. If it is a Zoom attendance, then simply write down the date you attended and the lecturer who observed you.

You will be directed to the booking system. You do not need to book a section when you plan on participating. You ONLY book a place if you are actually teaching.

Rules:

- Book one teaching section only per date
- Do not book more than 10 teaching spots over the year (if there are places available, you will be advised). If you would like to teach more than 10 times, please discuss availability with Melanie Mackintosh.
- Do not move or change another person's booking without discussing it with them first.
- You cannot graduate unless you fulfil this requirement.

Written Assessments

Over the year, you will have a number of written assessments to complete. The due date for these assessments is located on the lecture timetable. Please review the dates and place them in your diary now and try to stay on top of your assessment due dates so you do not cause undue stress for yourself at the end of your course.

You cannot graduate unless you fulfil this requirement.

Written assessments need to be emailed to me at melanie@australianyogaaacademy.com for marking.

Please contact me if you need an extension.

Class Plans

During your training, you will be asked to write and submit class plans based on lectures that you attend. You are given a template as a guide and a number of example class plans to help you understand the different styles that you



can choose as well as the quality and quantity of information required. You may choose any style that you like to write your class plans. It is important that you choose a style that will be most helpful for you when it comes to teaching.

The class planning lectures that you will attend are:

- Forward bending
- Back bending
- Inversions
- Lateral Flexion & Twisting
- Prenatal
- Yin

Meditation & Pranayama Scripts

There are 3 assessments to complete here:

1. Following the completion of both Pranayama lectures, you will need to write 2 x pranayama scripts as follows:
 - Write a script for nadi sodhana, explaining how to perform the practice that goes for 5 minutes. Also include a short description of the benefits of the practice, appropriate for sharing in a general class setting.
 - Write a short script for Box Breathing (4:4:4:4 breathing, Sama Vritti) that goes for 5 minutes. Also include a short description of the benefits of the practice, appropriate for sharing in a general class setting.
2. At the end of the meditation, please write a 5-10 minute Yoga Nidra script that you can use in a general class setting.
3. At the end of the mindfulness lecture, please complete a 2 week-long mindfulness diary. Aim to complete a daily mindfulness practice that may be seated, standing or with movement and track your observances. How does this practice make you feel? What benefits do you notice? How do you plan on continuing your practice after the 2 weeks is over?

Additional tasks to be completed outside of lecture times

Class Observations

During your studies, you are required to complete a summary of 20 classes that you attend, noting your observations around a range of topics. This is designed to check your understanding and awareness of how an experienced teacher arranges their classes to cover certain themes and topics.

Please see the template in the Assessment folder and use this to complete this task.

Ethics of Yoga Teaching – Extra Lecture

To complete the Ethics of Teaching Yoga component, you are invited to attend one of several lectures planned on this topic throughout the year. You must attend one lecture to pass the course. This will be a two-hour Zoom lecture.



I really hope that this helps with understanding your assessment requirements, but please let me know if you need any assistance or clarification.

Namaste, Mel

A handwritten signature in black ink, written in a cursive style, that reads "Melanie". The signature is fluid and elegant, with the first letter 'M' being particularly large and stylized.

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