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# TEACHER TRAINING

with Master Teacher Nicky Knoff  
CAIRNS, Queensland

## Level 7 – Intermediate

Thursday 27th December 2018 to Friday

18th January 2019

8:15 am – 5:30 pm

Non-residential

### VENUE

Ashtanga Yoga Centre of Melbourne

Level 1, 110-112 Argyle St., Fitzroy VIC 3065

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### THE COURSE

It is important to continue learning in yoga (as in life), especially once you are actively teaching and caught up in the world of yoga business – trying to make a living out of what we love doing. The levels in the Knoff Yoga System are designed for professional yoga teachers. Studying intensively is the most efficient way to utilise your limited and precious time.

The Knoff Yoga Asana Teacher Training program consist of 5 levels:

- Discovery
- Foundation
- Intermediate
- Advanced
- Master
- Foundation

Each of these levels has its own separate syllabus and each higher level is based on the one before. To attend Intermediate you need to have completed Discovery and Foundation so you are physically and mentally prepared for the task.

All of the programs are based on the unique Knoff Yoga Principles of:

- Sequencing
- Teaching
- Adjusting
- Observation
- Demonstration
- Practice
  1. Foundation
  2. Cardinal Directions
  3. Centering
  4. Earth/Heaven Extension
  5. Scissoring
  6. Bandhas
  7. Co-Contraction
  8. Spiralic Action
  9. Reciprocal Inhibition
  10. Body Proportions
  11. Alignment
  12. Timing
  13. Creating Space
  14. Coiling
  15. Balancing Ha/Tha
  16. Synchronising Breath & Movement
  17. Micro-Movements
  18. Vinyasa
  19. Balancing Strength & Flexibility
  20. Progression
  21. Mindfulness
  22. Effortless Effort
  23. Five Elements
  24. Enjoyment

The Intermediate Asana, Pranayama & Meditation syllabus consists of:

- Earth & Sun Salutations
- 8 Inverted Poses (heating)
- 14 Standing Poses
- 4 Arm Balancings
- 9 Forward Bends
- 5 Sitting Poses
- 2 Abdominals
- 2 Twists
- 7 Backbends
- 8 Inverted Poses (cooling)
- Relaxation
- 9 Pranayama
- Breath focused Meditation



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The Anatomy covers the basics of movement, muscles and bones and is taught with direct application to the yoga postures. The philosophy looks at: historical and theoretical principles of hatha yoga; the eight limbs of yoga; emphasis on how theory of yoga translates to practice of life, with particular focus on yamas and niyamas; eastern and western philosophies underlying principles of yoga, and introduces Yoga Sutras Chanting.

You will not necessarily master all of the postures and techniques in four weeks, and will need to maintain the discipline and focus gained during the Course, in your self-practice after the Course. You will learn how to create a graduated, multi-level practice, so that you can continue to progress without burning out.

Combined with the Discovery and Foundation syllabus, you will have enough information, knowledge and skills to teach yoga competently and successfully for many years to come.

The postures and techniques learned at this level are not suitable for beginners. In other words, do not return to your yoga studio and inflict the Intermediate syllabus on unprepared students – you will harm them!

With the Knoff Yoga System you will learn how to teach appropriate levels for a wide range of students. Beginners are taught the Discovery syllabus. When they are comfortable with this, they can progress to Foundation. Only when they are reasonably proficient with Foundation would you introduce them to the Intermediate syllabus.

We offer a further 2 Levels of study, Advanced & Master to assist in your professional development. Before thinking about attending these higher levels, you must be competent with the Intermediate program, as each new level is a big step up in effort and capability.

Students who do not wish to teach may also attend the course to intensively deepen their practice and grow their yoga knowledge.

You will receive a **Teacher Training Handbook** and **Intermediate Asana and Pranayama Manual and an Intermediate Teaching Certificate** (if you pass the course).

### Course Pre-requisites

To join the Intermediate course, you are required to have completed the Level 1 – Discovery and Level 3 – Foundation courses, or an equivalent 200-hour certification. Please see HOW TO APPLY in this brochure for full details of the application process.

### Professional Credentials

When you satisfactorily complete the Course requirements, you will be awarded with the professional credential of a '**Teaching Certificate**' **Level 7 – Intermediate**. Otherwise, you will be awarded with a 'Statement of Attendance', providing you attend all classes and complete all assignments. When you obtain professional indemnity insurance it will relate to the course content and you will only be insured/covered for what you have been certificated for.

The Level 7 – Intermediate Teacher Training certificate is valid for 5 years. For renewal information see [www.knoffyoga.com](http://www.knoffyoga.com) under 'Teacher Training – Tell Me More' and then scroll down to 'How to renew your Teaching Certificate'.

On completion of this four-week intensive course, students/teacher trainees have the opportunity to study other Knoff Yoga courses.



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## Timetable

TIMES	27-Dec	28-Dec	29-Dec	30-Dec	31-Dec
8:15 - 12:15	Asana, Pranayama, Meditation				
12:15 - 1:15	Brunch				
1:15 - 2:45	Philosophy, Ethics & Lifestyle	Anatomy	Philosophy, Ethics & Lifestyle	Anatomy	Knoff Overview Test
2:45 - 3:00	Tea Break				
3:00 - 4:00	Practicum Principles of Practice				Yoga Sutras & Chanting
4:00 - 5:30	Teaching Methodology				

TIMES	2-Jan	3-Jan	4-Jan	5-Jan	6-Jan
8:15 - 12:15	Asana, Pranayama, Meditation				
12:15 - 1:15	Brunch				
1:15 - 2:45	Philosophy, Ethics & Lifestyle	Anatomy	Philosophy, Ethics & Lifestyle	Anatomy	Asana Name Test
2:45 - 3:00	Tea Break				
3:00 - 4:00	Practicum Principles of Demonstration	Practicum Principles of Observation	Practicum Principles of Adjusting	Practicum Principles of Sequencing	Yoga Sutras & Chanting
4:00 - 5:30	Teaching Methodology				



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TIMES	7-Jan	8-Jan	9-Jan	10-Jan	11-Jan
8:15 - 12:15	Asana, Pranayama, Meditation				
12:15 - 1:15	Brunch				
1:15 - 2:45	Philosophy, Ethics & Lifestyle	Anatomy	Philosophy, Ethics & Lifestyle	Anatomy	Handbook Test
2:45 - 3:00	Tea Break				
3:00 - 4:00	Practicum Principles of Practice	Practicum - What Science Can Teach us About Flexibility	Practicum Playing the Edge	Practicum - 12 Good Reasons for Sun Salutations	Yoga Sutras & Chanting
4:00 - 5:30	Teaching Methodology				

TIMES	14-Jan	15-Jan	16-Jan	17-Jan	18-Jan
8:15 - 12:15	Asana, Pranayama, Meditation (Blindfold Friday)				
12:15 - 1:15	Brunch				
1:15 - 2:45	Philosophy, Ethics & Lifestyle	Anatomy	Philosophy, Ethics & Lifestyle	Anatomy	Anatomy Test
2:45 - 3:00	Tea Break				
3:00 - 4:00	Practicum Principles of Practice			Yoga Business	Yoga Sutras & Chanting 3:00 - 4:30
4:00 - 5:30	Teaching Methodology				Graduation 4:30 - 5:30



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Please note:

- Preparation reading of your Teacher Training Handbook is required for some of the practicum components. This Handbook is provided to you during the Discovery Teacher Training course. If you do not have a copy please order one at the time of submitting your application form. A charge of \$70 (which includes postage and handling within Australia) will be added to your course fee.
- You must attend the entire course and successfully pass all the exams in order to graduate.
- You must attend the Graduation Ceremony on the last afternoon of the course to receive your Teaching Certificate.
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### Required & Recommended Reading & Anatomy Apps.

Please visit the home page of our website [knoffyoga.com](http://knoffyoga.com) and scroll down to the 'Teacher Training Required and Recommended Reading' tab.

### How to Apply

Complete the online Application Form under the '*Teacher Training Apply Now*' tab on our website [www.knoffyoga.com](http://www.knoffyoga.com).

You can also download the print version and send to:

**The Program Director, email [james@knoffyoga.com](mailto:james@knoffyoga.com).**

We will send you an email that your application has been approved.

### Course Fee

**An early-bird** discount of **\$500** is offered if the full discounted fee of **\$3,999** is paid six weeks before the course, by **15th November 2018** (see refund policy over-page).

Otherwise the Full Fee is **AUD \$4,499** \*\*The fee covers all tuition, Teacher Training Handbook, Intermediate Asana and Pranayama Manual and your Teaching Certificate.

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### Method of Payment

Once Nicky Knoff has approved your application, a non-refundable **deposit of \$500** is required to secure your place.

Any outstanding balance of the Course Fee is to be paid 30 days before the course, by **27th November 2018**.

For **national** Internet banking, make payment to: Knoff Yoga, BSB 034-664, Account Number 16-8549 (with your **Surname, Melbourne L7 T/T** as ID).

For **international** money transfers, make payment to: Knoff Yoga: Westpac Bank, Cairns Central Shop 117, Cairns Central Shopping Centre, Cairns, Queensland, Australia 4870. Australia Branch Number 034-664, Account Number 16-8549, SWIFT Code **WPACAU2S**.

### Refund Policy

\*\* Payment of the Early-Bird discounted Course Fees are non-refundable but may be transferred to another Course providing it is attended within 12 months.

In all other cases:

- A non-refundable deposit for each course is required 30 days prior to start of the Course.
- Up to 31 days prior to the start of the course – full refund of your payment less non-refundable deposit.
- Within 30 days prior to the start of the course – no refund, but you may transfer your full payment (including deposit) to another Knoff Yoga Teacher Training course, providing it is attended within 12 months.
- Once the course has started – no refund or credits on any payment, partial or full.
- If the course does not proceed – 100% refund including deposit.

**Note: To obtain a refund, all course materials must be returned to Knoff Yoga.**

### Travel Insurance

If attending from interstate or overseas, we advise you to obtain Travel Insurance to cover any unforeseen circumstances.





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### Additional Opportunities

#### Yoga Alliance Registration

**Knoff Yoga** is an officially Registered Yoga School 200 & 300 Hours, with the **Yoga Alliance** ([www.yogaalliance.org](http://www.yogaalliance.org)).

This Level 7 – Intermediate course, **combined** with Level 1 – Discovery, Level 2 – Chair Yoga, Level 3 – Foundation, Level 4 – Pregnancy Yoga, Level 5 – Holistic Healing A, and Level 6 – Holistic Healing B courses, is registered with the Yoga Alliance ([www.yogaalliance.org](http://www.yogaalliance.org)) for 500-hour Yoga Teacher registration. With this international registration you are able to use the letters RYT500 (Registered Yoga Teacher) after your name for professional purposes.

#### Register to become a Knoff Yoga System Teacher

For less than \$2 per week, this membership allows you to get straight into teaching using the fully set-up **Knoff Yoga System**. We provide you with the copyrighted syllabus, teaching materials, forms, weekly themes & use of our logo for advertising media. In addition, you will have access to continuing online support & updates via our online Member Sign-In and a free listing with your logo and website link on our 'Knoff Yoga System Teachers' page on our website.

#### On-going Support

See our website [www.knoffyoga.com](http://www.knoffyoga.com)

- We publish a monthly e-newsletter to help with your on-going education.
- Apply to become a **Knoff Yoga System** Teacher.
- Upgrade your Teacher Certification through our 9 Levels of Teacher Training.
- Join our workshops and retreats at our Cairns HQ, throughout Australia & overseas.
- Obtain Yoga Alliance international registration.

### What to Bring & Wear

Be sure to bring a mat with a clearly visible line drawn down the middle. Please also bring a sarong or shawl to cover you during relaxation and to wear during meditation and pranayama and your own towel.

Wear shorts or tights and a close fitting t-shirt or singlet. Loose or baggy clothing interferes with your teacher's (and your) ability to see your body and its movements. Jewellery and valuables should not be brought to class. This includes navel rings, nipple rings and other piercings.

Please no perfumes or deodorants. It is essential to have short fingernails.

### Accommodation & Venue

The venue is Ashtanga Yoga Centre of Melbourne, Level 1, 110-112 Argyle St., Fitzroy VIC 3065. Type this address into [www.airbnb.com.au](http://www.airbnb.com.au) to help you find accommodation close by.



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### About Knoff Yoga

At **Knoff Yoga** we believe that the rationale or purpose of practicing yoga is to experience freedom in the body/mind through the creation of strong, flexible, healthy, and disciplined individuals.

Master Teachers Nicky Knoff and James E. Bryan have refined the **Knoff Yoga System** drawing on over 80 years of combined experience and through direct study with the Masters of Iyengar Yoga, Ashtanga Vinyasa Yoga and Bikram Yoga.

Today the **Knoff Yoga System** is taught to teacher trainees and students across the globe, in countries as diverse as Australia, New Zealand, Malaysia, Taiwan, the Czech Republic, Germany and Austria.

### About the Knoff Yoga System

The **Knoff Yoga System** is an intelligent and dynamic program that focuses on practical detail and simplicity. It offers all students a clear understanding of every facet of yoga and caters for every level of yoga practice and teaching.

The **Knoff Yoga System** incorporates the most up to date and thoroughly researched teaching programs available today. The key focus of the **Knoff Yoga System** is to ensure correct anatomical alignment of the human body, structural balance and energetic application of yoga techniques.

All **Knoff Yoga System** techniques honour and recognise the individuality of every student and are adjusted for individual body shapes and proportions.





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### Core Values of the Knoff Yoga System

The **Knoff Yoga System** is built on the following values:

- **The Individual** – we practice and teach in step-by-step progression. We honour and respect the individuality of every student and adjust our practice and teaching for body proportions and capability.
- **Ongoing Education** – we understand that for the long-term well-being of yourself and your students, education is as important as exercise.
- **Positive Communication** – we understand that for a yoga teacher to cultivate the right environment for learning, they must use positive communication with constructive encouragement.
- **Strong Ethics** – we adhere to a strong ethical framework, which is enshrined in the Knoff Yoga Code of Conduct.

### Our Courses

Knoff Yoga proudly delivers **9 Levels** of Teacher Training, from Discovery to Master. More information is available on our website [www.knoffyoga.com](http://www.knoffyoga.com)

Level 1 – Discovery

Level 2 – Chair Yoga

Level 3 – Foundation

Level 4 – Pregnancy Yoga

Level 5 – Holistic Healing A

Level 6 – Holistic Healing B

Level 7 – **Intermediate**

Level 8 – Advanced

Level 9 – Master

All our course levels cover a comprehensive syllabus including:

- Asana
- Pranayama
- Meditation
- Teaching Methodology
- Philosophy, Ethics & Yogic Lifestyle
- Anatomy



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### Teacher Trainers

**Nicky Knoff** (Founder & Master Yoga Teacher) teaches this course. Nicky has over 40 years of yoga experience and 21 years of running Teacher Training courses. She has studied directly with the Masters of the Iyengar, Ashtanga Vinyasa and Bikram traditions of yoga. Nicky's full biography is attached at the end of this brochure.

### Testimonials

*"Nicky and James are wonderful teachers and they live and breathe Yoga in their daily life. Yoga is a lifelong path as well as a path of transformation. Having a genuine teacher is a key ingredient. I feel very fortunate to have had James and Nicky as my teachers. Since my training I have referred many people to their teacher training courses and have always received great feedback. At Knoff Yoga students receive hands on input from two of Australia's leading Master teachers. Both Nicky and James are with the students from the beginning of the course to the end and are always available for on-going support and interaction. I highly recommend them."*

**Mark Togni, Gold Coast Yoga Centre**

*"Nicky Knoff, together with program director and master teacher, James Bryan, represent the highest quality training and deliver a teacher training program that only underscores their vast wealth of knowledge."*

**Scott Terrill, The Yogi Practice, Melbourne**

*"Knoff Yoga offers an exceptional teacher training program that guides students to an authentic yoga practice of the highest calibre. Master teachers Nicky Knoff and James E. Bryan are the 'real deal' when it comes to yogis and generously impart their combined 70+ years of knowledge as taught to them by BKS Iyengar and Pattabhi Jois. The Knoff Yoga System provides an excellent framework through which to learn, progress and teach yoga and gives clarity to this ancient art for a modern day practice, without compromising the authenticity of the work. I found every aspect of the course delivered exactly what I needed to be a strong, confident and happy yoga practitioner and teacher. Expect to work hard but you will be greatly rewarded, in more ways than you can imagine!"*

**Erica Knight Teacher Training Student – 2017**

For more testimonials from previous trainees please visit [www.knoffyoga.com](http://www.knoffyoga.com)



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### The Knoff Yoga Teaching & Practice Methodology

The **Knoff Yoga System** teacher training will give you the opportunity to share the life-enhancing benefits of yoga with others and to join a rapidly growing profession that has the potential to change your life and those around you. As part of the **Knoff Yoga System** you will learn how to teach **5 Essential Components** in every class in order to give your students a comprehensive lesson:

- **Meditation** – non-religious mind centering techniques
- **Pranayama** – breathing exercises for mental clarity and physical vitality
- **Asana** – anatomically aligned, structurally balanced yoga poses to enhance functionality of the body
- **Relaxation** – how to effectively relax the nervous system and reduce stress
- **Philosophy** – positive, uplifting and life affirming.

You will be taught how to incorporate these 5 components to create a well-structured and balanced class to leave your students feeling great and wanting more. The **Knoff Yoga System** uses an **11 Asana Group Sequence** in all levels:

- Earth & Sun Salutations
- Inverted Poses (heating)
- Standing Poses
- Arm Balancings
- Forward Bends
- Sitting Poses
- Abdominals
- Twists
- Backbends
- Inverted Poses (cooling)
- Relaxation.

This sequencing is based on the Knoff Yoga **Principles of Sequencing** and, together with the other essential components, has been designed to energise the body, elevate the mind and evolve the spirit.

You will also learn our **5 Week Rotational Sequence** for teaching yoga postures. Each week there is a specific theme in which you slow down the class and emphasise specific asana groups to enhance learning. The rest of the class is taught at a normal pace. We have found that students really appreciate this varied method of learning.

You will study and learn the unique **24 Principles of Practice**, which form the basis for all practice and teaching in the Knoff Yoga style.

In Knoff Yoga we teach **5 Bandhas**, or muscular and energetic locks, which transform internal energies creating heat and lightness in the body, while simultaneously providing internal support:

- **Mula Bandha** – Root Lock
- **Uddiyana Bandha (minor)** – Abdominal Lock
- **Jalandhara Bandha** – Chin Lock
- **Hasta Bandha** – Hand Lock
- **Pada Bandha** – Foot Lock

The **Knoff Yoga System** has pioneered the application of **Right and Left Days/Weeks** in asana practice and teaching to ensure symmetry of body, breath and mind. We are the only yoga school in the world to apply these methods.

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### About Nicky Knoff

**Nicky Knoff ERYT500** was born in 1938 to a Dutch father and an English mother. The family was living in Indonesia when the Japanese invaded at the start of WWII. Nicky was in a concentration camp from the age of three and a half years to nearly eight years old.

The harsh experiences of the war forced Nicky to confront, at a very early age, the basic realities of life - what was important and what was not. Nicky learned that we all have an inner essence, that when stripped of the veneer of social conditioning, we are all essentially the same, but with conditioning we are capable of doing the most horrific acts. Nicky's approach to teaching yoga is to help her students challenge their social conditioning, to guide them towards revealing their own inner essence, so they may reach their full potential as human beings.

Nicky Knoff was a student of Bikram Choudhury in Japan from 1970 to 1974, before Hot Yoga (an American invention), before he became famous, and before he started his bad behaviour. In those years, Bikram had a strong practice, was clear and competent in his teaching, and treated his students with respect. Nicky categorically condemns all sexual misconduct and abuse of students.

When travelling on holiday from Japan, Nicky discovered Iyengar Yoga and started studying with many Iyengar teachers all over the world, one of them being Martyn Jackson in Sydney, Australia. Nicky made many trips to Pune, India to study with B.K.S. Iyengar, Geeta and Prashant and in 1992 was certificated as a Senior Iyengar Yoga Teacher.

In 1989, Nicky went to Mysore, India to study with K. Pattabhi Jois, where she learned the first three series of Ashtanga Vinyasa Yoga. In 1991 she travelled to Maui, Hawaii to learn the 4th Series from Nancy Gilgoff and the other Ashtanga yogis there. In 1980, Nicky attended her first Vipassana Meditation Course with S.N. Goenka. Nicky attended many Vipassana 10-day silent retreats and also a 30-day retreat at Igatpuri, India in 1988.

From 1974 to 1984 Nicky taught yoga at the Crippled Children's Society in New Zealand, spending 4 years in Dunedin and 6 years in Auckland. This experience led Nicky to specialise in Yoga Therapy. In 1980, Nicky opened the first full-time yoga school in Auckland, the New Zealand School of Yoga.

In 1984 Nicky moved to Australia and opened the Queensland School of Yoga in Noosaville. In 1992 she moved to Cairns, and opened the Ashtanga Yoga Academy. In 2000, Nicky moved to Colorado, USA where she opened the Academy of Yoga. For the next 4 years, Nicky attended classes at many yoga schools throughout the United States and also the Yoga Journal Estes Park Convention for 4 consecutive years, where she studied with many very experienced yoga teachers.

Nicky returned to Australia in 2004 and is now based in Cairns, Far North Queensland where she runs teacher training courses, and teaches workshops, intensives, private classes, public classes and Holistic Healing At the Knoff Yoga Headquarters. Through Nicky's passion for yoga, **The Knoff Yoga System** has evolved over 40 years and provides a unique program for better yoga practice and teaching.





## Mission Statement

Our passion is to share the physical, mental, and spiritual benefits of yoga.

Our goal is to offer training that is transformational, and imparts the techniques and philosophy of yoga as well as the enthusiasm to make yoga a life-long choice.

We understand that Knoff Yoga will grow and prosper in direct relation to the positive impact it has upon the lives of our teachers and students.

***Nicky Knoff & James E. Bryan***

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