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TEACHER TRAINING

with Master Teacher Nicky Knoff
CAIRNS, Queensland

Level 5 – Yoga Therapy A

Monday 4th – Friday 8th August 2025

6:45 am – 3:30 pm

Non-residential

VENUE

The Yoga School
Suite 14, 159-161 Pease St (Piccones Village)
Edge Hill, CAIRNS
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Yoga Therapy

Yoga therapy is the all inclusive approach to physical and mental well-being that treats acute or chronic ailments, injuries or misalignments by bringing the whole body into symmetry and balance through yoga:

- Postures
- Breath Work
- Meditation

Yoga techniques are adapted to meet the needs and capabilities of the student in personalised one-on-one programs that are designed specifically for each situation and should be practiced at home after the class.

Yoga therapy is distinct from other forms of conventional therapy in that it works to alleviate localised symptoms as well as addressing the causal and peripheral imbalances that would otherwise allow the problems to re-occur.

Yoga therapy recognises that the body and mind are interconnected through the agency of the breath and that there is a direct connection between mental and physical states and the condition of the breath. Long slow, steady yoga breathing activates the parasympathetic nervous system, which creates a feeling of peace and calm and allows the body to heal.

A Knoff Yoga teacher treats you with care and consideration and only starts working with you after reading your health questionnaire and listening to everything you have to say.

The goal of yoga therapy is for the student to take control of his or her health, not only to cure a short-term discomfort, but also to stay healthy.

THE COURSE

In Yoga Therapy A, you will learn how to work with people suffering mainly from structural misalignments and problems, e.g. back pain, bad posture, herniated discs, knee pain, neck pain, sacroiliac pain, sciatica, scoliosis, weak joints, etc.

There will be yoga therapy classes with volunteer students from the public, so you get to experience working with real people. Learn how to put the theory into practice safely and confidently.

In the morning Asana, Pranayama and Meditations sessions, Teacher Trainees will practice actual yoga therapy programs in order to feel and understand their application.

In the afternoon Teaching Methodology sessions Teacher Trainees assist, provide props, and take photos and notes, while Nicky teaches. You will get feed-back direct from the volunteer students on how they feel after doing the specially designed programs. We invite people with a range of health issues. Students are welcome to return for future courses to learn more and keep up with the latest information.

The theory and preparation will cover some of the more typical physical misalignments and look at how yoga techniques can bring about an improvement. In addition we will look at the 'bigger picture' of how we are more than just a body, and how healing occurs on many different levels.

You will receive a **Yoga Therapy A Manual** and a **Yoga Therapy A Certificate** (if you pass the course).



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Course Pre-requisites

To join the **Yoga Therapy A** Course, you are required to have attended regular yoga classes (any style of yoga) for a minimum of 12 months. The Course is open to yoga teachers, carers, health workers, teachers or anyone interested in sharing yoga. 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' Yoga Therapy A**. 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.

Timetable

TIMES	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI
6:45 - 9:45	Asana, Pranayama, Meditation				
9:45 - 11:45	Brunch				
11:45 -12:30	Theory and Preparation				
12:30 - 2:00	Public Class				Overview
2:00 - 2:15	Tea Break				
2:15 - 3:30	Practicum				Graduation

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 Graduation Ceremony on the last afternoon of the course to receive your Teaching Certificate.



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Required Reading

- **Knoff Yoga Teacher Training Book (Provided in Level 1 - Discovery Course)** Available to purchase for \$70.

Recommended Reading

- **A Physiological Handbook for Teachers of Yogasana**, Mel Robin ISBN 1587360330
- **Yoga – The Path to Holistic Health**, B.K.S. Iyengar ISBN 0751321672
- **Light on Yoga**, B.K.S. Iyengar
- **Take Control of Your Health**, Elaine Hollingsworth ISBN-13: 978-1490359793
- **The Woman's Book of Yoga & Health**, Linda Sparrowe ISBN 1570624704
- **A Matter Of Health**, Dr. Krishna Raman ISBN 8186852107
- **Back Care Basics**, Mary Pullig Schatz, M.D ISBN 0962713821
- **Health Through Yoga**, Mira Mehta (*may be out of print*) ISBN 9780007116 01
- **Knoff Yoga Teacher Training Handbook**

How to Apply

Complete the online Application Form under the 'Apply for Teacher Training' tab on our website www.knoffyoga.com.

You can also download the print version and send to:

The Program Director, email james@knoffyoga.com.

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

Deposit

Once your application has been approved a non-refundable **deposit of \$200** is required to secure your place.

Course Fee

An early-bird discount is offered if the full discounted fee of **\$1299** is paid six weeks before the course **23rd June 2025** (see refund policy over page).

Otherwise the Full Fee is **AUD \$1499** **The fee covers all tuition, Teacher Training Handbook, Discovery Asana and Pranayama Manual and your Teaching Certificate.

Method of Payment

Once your application has been approved by Nicky Knoff, a non-refundable **deposit of \$200** is required to secure your place.

Any outstanding balance of the Course Fee is to be paid 30 days before the course, by **5th July 2025**.

For **national** Internet banking, make payment to: Knoff Yoga, BSB 034-168, Account Number 557510 (with your **Surname, Cairns L5 T/T** as ID).



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For **international** money transfers, make payment to: Knoff Yoga: Westpac Bank, 41 Bulcock St, Caloundra, Queensland, Australia 4551. Australia Branch Number 034-168, Account Number 557510, 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

Special Offers for Certificated Teachers

See our website www.knoffyoga.com

Register to become a Knoff Yoga System Teacher

For less than \$2.12 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

- 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

The Knoff Yoga School supplies all yoga equipment, including top quality mats for your use at the school. You will need to bring a yoga mat for any home practice.

Be sure to bring a sarong or shawl to cover you during relaxation and to wear during meditation and pranayama. Please also bring 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. Leave jewellery and valuables including earrings, naval rings and other piercings at home.

Please no perfumes or deodorants. There is a shower at The Yoga School for your use. It is essential to have short fingernails.

Accommodation

The course is held at The Yoga School, located at Suite 14, 159-161 Pease Street, Cairns. Type our address into www.airbnb.com.au to help you find accommodation close by. Cairns is a relatively flat city surrounded by beautiful hills and a bicycle is great for getting around.



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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 70 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.

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.



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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

- Level 1 – Discovery
- Level 2 – Chair Yoga
- Level 3 – Foundation
- Level 4 – Pregnancy Yoga
- Level 5 – **Yoga Therapy A**
- Level 6 – Yoga Therapy 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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Testimonials

"I have been practicing and teaching Yoga myself for many years and was seeking to attend a 200 hour training to commit deeper to my practice. I travelled half way around the world (Dresden, Germany) to study Knoff Yoga because the moment I met Nicky many months before, it was obvious to me that she is a person who has dedicated her life very wisely and effectively to the teachings. Nicky is a true Master in the art of Yoga. She is honest, precise and has many great stories to share from over 40 years' experience on the Yoga mat. Her knowledge of the body and asanas along with her keen eye provided our group with incredible adjustments that ensured each and every one of us understood – at the cellular level – how wonderful and transformative a solid Yoga practice can be. I am ever grateful for how generously Nicky passed on her wisdom and would recommend Knoff Yoga to anyone. Thank you!"

Amber Spear, Yoga Teacher & Student, Perth, AUSTRALIA

For more testimonials from previous trainees please visit www.knoffyoga.com

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.



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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.

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



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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 now runs teacher training courses, teaches workshops, intensives, private classes, and holistic healing nationally and internationally. Through Nicky's passion for yoga, **The Knoff Yoga System** has evolved over 50 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.

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