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## SYLLABUS

# Yoga Wellness Instructor

# Syllabus for Yoga Wellness Instructor (YWI)

1. **Name of the Certification:** Yoga Wellness Instructor (YWI)
2. **Requirement/ Eligibility:**
  - a. For open candidates there is no eligibility criteria
  - b. For admission in the course it is suggested/desired that the candidate should have passed 12th standard/Higher Secondary School Certificate from a recognized board or equivalent. However, the Yoga Institutions can define their own eligibility.
3. **Brief Role Description:** Certified Yoga Professionals (Yoga Wellness Instructor) to teach Yoga for prevention of illness and promotion of wellness in schools, Yoga studios, work places, Yoga wellness centres/Primary Health care centres, etc.
4. **Minimum age:** No age limit
5. **Personal Attributes:** The job requires individual to have good communication skills, time management skills and ability to understand the body language of the trainees. The job requires individual to possess key qualities such as self discipline, confidence, maturity, patience, compassion, active listening, time management, empathy, language proficiency.
6. **Credit points for certificate :** 24 credits
7. **Duration of course:** Not less than 400 hours or not less than 6 months as part time or not less than 3 months as full time course.
8. **Mark Distribution:**  
Total Marks: 200 (Theory: 60+Practical: 140)

## Theory

Unit No.	Unit Name	Marks
1.	Introduction to Yoga and Yogic Practices	20
2.	Introduction to Yoga Texts	20
3.	Yoga for wellness	20
	Total	60

## Practical

Unit No.	Practical Work	Marks
1.	Demonstration Skills	80
2.	Teaching Skills	40
3.	Application of knowledge	10
4.	Field Experience	10
	Total	140

## Theory Syllabus

### Unit 1- Introduction to Yoga and Yogic Practices

- 1.1 Yoga: Etymology, Definitions (Patanjala Yoga Sutra, Bhagavad Gita & Kathopanishad), Aim, Objectives and Misconceptions.
- 1.2 Yoga: Its origin, history and development.
- 1.3 Brief Introduction to Samkhya and Yoga Darshana.
- 1.4 Life sketches and teachings of Yoga masters (Maharishi Ramana, Shri Aurobindo Swami Vivekananda, Swami Dayananda Saraswati).
- 1.5 Principles of Yoga and practices of healthy living.
- 1.6 Principles and Practices of Jnana Yoga.
- 1.7 Principles and Practices of Bhakti Yoga.
- 1.8 Principles and Practices of Karma Yoga.
- 1.9 Concept and principles of Sukshma Vyayama, Sthula Vyayama, Surya Namaskara and their significance in Yoga Sadhana.
- 1.10 Concept and principles of Shatkarma: Meaning, Types, Principles and their significance in Yoga Sadhana.
- 1.11 Concept and principles of Yogasana: Meaning, Definition, Types and their significance in Yoga Sadhana.
- 1.12 Concept and principles of Pranayama: Meaning, Definition, Types and their significance in Yoga Sadhana.
- 1.13 Introduction to Tri Bandha and their health benefits.
- 1.14 Dhyana and its significance in health and well being.
- 1.15 Introduction to Yogic relaxation techniques with special reference to Yoga Nidra.

### Unit 2- Introduction to Yoga Texts

- 2.1 Introduction to Prasthanatrayi, Purushartha Chatushtaya and goal of human life.
- 2.2 Yoga in Kathopanishad, Prashanopanishad, Tattiriyopanishad with special emphasis on Panchakosha Vivek and Ananda Mimamsa.
- 2.3 Concept of Sthitaprajna, Bhakti, Karma and Dhyana in Bhagavad Gita.
- 2.4 Significance of Bhagavad Gita in day to day life.
- 2.5 Concept of healthy living in Bhagavad Gita (Ahara, Vihara, Achara, Vichara).
- 2.6 Study of Patanjala Yoga Sutra including selected sutras from following chapters (I-1 to 12, II- 46 to 51, III-1 to 4).
- 2.7 Concept of Chitta, Chitta Bhumi, Chitta Vritti, Chitta Vikshepa, Chittaprasadanam and their relationship with wellness.
- 2.8 Bahiranga Yoga of Maharishi Patanjali (Yama, Niyama, Asana, Pranayama, Pratyahara).
- 2.9 Antaranga Yoga of Maharisi Patanjali (Dharana, Dhyana, Samadhi).
- 2.10 Concept of mental well being according to Patanjala Yoga.
- 2.11 Hatha Yoga: Its parampara, knowledge of basic Yoga texts (Hatha Pradipika and Gherand Samhita). Relationship between Hatha Yoga and Raja Yoga.
- 2.12 Concept of Sadhaka and Badhaka Tattva, principles to be followed by Hatha Yoga practitioner.

2.13 Concept of Yoga Matha, Mitahara, Pathya & Apathya.

- 2.14 Concept of Nadis, Prana and Pranayama for subjective experiences.
- 2.15 Knowledge of Hatha Yoga practices for wellness (Shatkarma, Asana, Pranayama, Mudra, Nadanusandhana).

**Unit 3- Yoga for Wellness**

- 3.1 General introduction to human body and nine major systems of human body.
- 3.2 Introduction to sensory organs (Eyes, Nose, Ears, Tongue and Skin).
- 3.3 Basic functions of nine major systems of human body and homeostasis.
- 3.4 Yogic concept of health and wellness.
- 3.5 Concept of Tridoshas, Sapta Dhatu, Agni, Vayu and Mala; their role in wellness.
- 3.6 Concept of Dinacharya and Ritucharya and their importance in well being.
- 3.7 Importance of Ahara, Nidra and Brahmacharya in well being.
- 3.8 Yogic concept of mental hygiene: Maître, Karuna, Mudita & Upeksha).
- 3.9 Importance of psychosocial environment for health and wellness.
- 3.10 Yogic concept and principles of Ahara (Mitahara, Yuktahara).
- 3.11 Health benefits of Suryanamaskara, Shatkarma, Asana, Pranayama and practices leading to Dhyana (as per the practical syllabus of the course).
- 3.12 Salient features and contra-indications of Yoga practices for well being (as per the practical syllabus of the course).
- 3.13 Knowledge of common diseases; their prevention and management by Yoga.
- 3.14 Knowledge of role of Yoga in the management of non communicable diseases.
- 3.15 Concept of stress and Yogic management of stress and its consequences.



## Practical Syllabus

### A. Demonstration Skills

#### 1. Prayer

- 1.1 Concept and Recitation of Pranava
- 1.2 Concept and Recitation of Hymns
- 1.3 Selected universal prayers, invocations and Nishpatti Bhava.

#### 2. Yogic Shat Karma

- 2.1 Neti: Sutra Neti and Jala Neti
- 2.2 Dhauti: Vamana Dhauti (Kunjala)
- 2.3 Kapalabhati (Vatakrama)

#### 3. Yogic Sukshma Vyayama and Sthula Vyayama

##### a. Yogic Sukshma Vyayama (Micro circulation practices)

- Neck Movement  
Griva Shakti Vikasaka ( I,II,III,IV)
- Shoulder Movement  
Bhuja Balli Shakti Vikasaka  
Purna Bhuja Shakti Vikasaka
- Trunk Movement  
Kati Shakti Vikasaka (I, II, III, IV, V)
- Knee Movement  
Jangha Shakti Vikasaka (II-A&B)  
Janu Shakti Vikasaka
- Ankle movement  
Pada mula Shakti Vikasaka–A&B  
Gulpha-Pada Prishtha pada tala Shakti Vikasaka

##### b. Yogic Sthula Vyayama (Macro circulation practices)

- Sarvanga Pushti
- Hrid Gati (Engine daud)

#### 4. Yogic Surya Namaskara with Mantra

#### 5. Yogasana

- 5.1 Tadasana, Hastottanasana, Vrikshasana
- 5.2 Ardha Chakrasana, Padahastana
- 5.3 Trikonasana, Parshva Konasana, Katichakrasana
- 5.4 Dandasana, Padmasana, Vajrasana,
- 5.5 Yogamudrasana, Parvatasana
- 5.6 Bhadrasana, Mandukasana, Ushtrasana, Shashankasana, Uttana Mandukasana,
- 5.7 Pashchimottanasana, Purvottanasana
- 5.8 Vakrasana, Ardha Matsyendrasana, Gomukhasana
- 5.9 Makarasana, Bhujangasana, Shalabhasana, Dhanurasana
- 5.10 Pavanamuktasana and its variations
- 5.11 Uttanapadasana, Ardha Halasana, Setubandhasana, Saral-Matsyasana
- 5.12 Shavasana

6. Preparatory Breathing Practices
  - 6.1 Sectional Breathing (Abdominal, Thoracic and Clavicular Breathing)
  - 6.2 Yogic Deep Breathing
  - 6.3 Anuloma Viloma/Nadi Shodhana
7. Pranayama
  - 7.1 Concept of Puraka, Rechaka and Kumbhaka
  - 7.2 Ujjayi Pranayama (Without Kumbhaka)
  - 7.3 Shitali Pranayama (Without Kumbhaka)
  - 7.4 Sitkari Pranayama (Without Kumbhaka)
  - 7.5 Bhramari Pranayama (Without Kumbhaka)
8. Concept and Demonstration of Bandha
  - 8.1 Jalandhara Bandha
  - 8.2 Uddiyana Bandha
  - 8.3 Mula Bandha
9. Concept and Demonstration of Mudra
  - 9.1 Yoga Mudra
  - 9.2 Maha Mudra
  - 9.3 Viparitarani Mudra
10. Practices leading to Dhyana Sadhana
  - 10.1 Body awareness and Breath awareness
  - 10.2 Yoga Nidra
  - 10.3 Antarmauna
  - 10.4 Recitation of Pranava and Soham
  - 10.5 Recitation of Hymns
  - 10.6 Practice of Dhyana
- B. Teaching Skills
11. Methods of Teaching Yoga
  - 11.1 Teaching methods with special reference to Yoga
  - 11.2 Factors influencing Yoga teaching
  - 11.3 Need of teaching practice and its use in Yogic practice.
  - 11.4 Teaching Aids : Meaning and Need, Role of Language, Voice, Fluency, Clarity and Body language in an ideal presentation
  - 11.5 Methods of teaching Yoga to an individual, small group and large group
  - 11.6 Lecture cum demonstration in Yoga: Its meaning, importance and method of its Presentation
  - 11.7 Lesson plan: Its meaning and need
  - 11.8 Preparation of lesson plan in Yoga, Preparation of lesson plan for an individual and for a group
  - 11.9 Presentation of lessons in specific Yogic practices: Kriya, Asana, Pranayama, and Dhyana.
  - 11.10 Assessment of a Yoga class (detection and correction of mistakes).

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