

2024-2025 240-Hour Yoga Teacher Training Program Catalog 9-Month Format Green Lotus Yoga – Lakeville, MN

MISSION

Green Lotus Group, LLC d/b/a Green Lotus Yoga & Healing Center is committed to the success of every student in its training program, encouraging self-reflection, self-inquiry and self-discovery culminating in personal transformation and the ability to express that transformation.

OVERVIEW

Green Lotus has been conducting teacher training classes, utilizing a "*life-friendly" modular advanced yoga studies and teacher training model* since 2008. This program, in the form of three independent, complementary study modules, fulfills the requirements of the Yoga Alliance 200-Hour RYT certification and allows students to complete their training at their own pace. This approach enhances student learning by dividing teacher training into distinct and manageable sections and allowing each student to create a program that fits best with the commitments of their personal lifestyle.

Green Lotus acknowledges both students whose motivation is to further their personal study and deepen their yoga practice, and the student whose ultimate goal lies in yoga teacher certification. It is for this reason that Green Lotus has developed training options for both advanced yoga studies and the yoga teacher program. Take one, two, or all three modules - you choose what serves your objective and when it best fits your busy schedule.

Green Lotus' teacher training guarantees that you will receive personalized attention in a small group setting where you will get to know the faculty well and form deep bonds with instructors and classmates alike. Our faculty includes both Green Lotus and visiting teachers, and also integrates the knowledge of experienced healers who practice at our facility and elsewhere. Our curriculum includes study of the asanas as well as anatomy, yoga philosophy and history, ethics, and business practices. When you complete this program, you will be equipped to teach an all-levels Hatha class, a Gentle Hatha class, and a Vinyasa 1 class.

Green Lotus is committed to the success of every student, encouraging self-reflection, self-inquiry and self-discovery culminating in personal transformation. We look forward to taking the journey with you. Complete the Application online or print the application in this catalog and either mail or email the Application Form with your \$300 deposit to Wellness@greenlotusyogactr.com to take that first step.

Created to fit each student's personal schedule, Green Lotus offers convenient, modular teacher training and advanced yoga study options:

- Students motivated to deepen their personal study and practice may register for one, two
 or three modules
- Students seeking to meet the requirements for Yoga Alliance 200-Hour RYT Certification
 will complete the full series of three modules within a two-year period. Students whose
 previous coursework is more than 2 years old, may apply to the Director of Training for
 credit, but it is not guaranteed.

Upon completion of all three modules, students will have completed **240 hours of study** -- this includes 180 hours of in-classroom training (contact hours) and 60 hours of out-of-class study (non-contact hours).

GREEN LOTUS TEACHER TRAINING AND ADVANCED YOGA STUDIES MODULES

Module One - The Beginning Foundation (80 Hours – 60 Contact | 20 Non-Contact)

- Basic evolution, history, and philosophy of yoga
- Pranayama & the use of breath as a transformative tool
- Yoga lifestyle
- Art of meditation developing deeper levels of awareness

Module Two - The Asanas (80 Hours - 60 Contact | 20 Non-Contact)

- Knowledge of basic & advanced asanas (postures)
- Basic human physical and energy-based anatomy & physiology
- The asanas: alignment, healthy and safe movement patterns, benefits, contraindications
- How to read bodies physically & energetically
- Verbal & physical adjustments

Module Three - The Teacher (80 Hours – 60 Contact | 20 Non-Contact)

- Development of a safe and respectful community in your class
- Teaching techniques and learning styles
- Verbal & physical adjustments
- Development & communication of a balanced and well-sequenced class that teaches and inspires
- Ethics of the yoga teacher
- The business of yoga:
 - What does it mean to earn a living as a yoga teacher? Open your own studio? Invest in a studio? Marketing tools and models to assist you?
- Practice teaching:
 - Apprenticeship learn by watching and assisting certified teachers
 - Peer Teaching intensive teaching practice in a supportive environment

SCHEDULE - Lakeville, MN Weekend Program

2024 - 2025

Orientation: August 22, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

*Available via Zoom as well as in person

Module One - The Beginning Foundation

- September 20 22
- October 18 20
- November 15 17

Module Two - The Asanas

- January 17 19
- February 21 23
- March 21 23

Module Three - The Teacher

- April 11 13*
- May 16 18
- June 20 22

Scheduled Meeting Times for Each Module

- 1. Friday: 6:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m.
- 2. Saturday: 8:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. (includes break for lunch)
- 3. Sunday: 8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. (includes break for lunch)

Note: Saturday and Sunday hours may vary slightly due to room availability.

Location and Equipment

This program will be held at Green Lotus's Lakeville facility, located at 18480 Kenyon Avenue, Lakeville, MN 55044. Students will check in at the front desk upon arrival and be directed to the appropriate studio. All necessary equipment related to the course, such as blocks, blankets, straps, bolsters, and other props will be provided. Students should bring their own yoga mat.

^{*2}nd weekend of the month due to Easter

GREEN LOTUS TEACHER TRAINING AND ADVANCED YOGA STUDIES SENIOR FACULTY



Marcia Appel, E-RYT-500, has been practicing and studying yoga since 2000, and teaching since 2006. Yoga deepens her connection to herself, to others and the world around her. In May 2012, Marcia finished a 300-hour program –Mindfulness Yoga and Meditation Training – at Spirit Rock Meditation Center in California. Marcia co-founded Green Lotus, and teaches meditation, ethics, and the asanas in the 240-hour program.



Merry Beth Freienmuth, E-RYT-500, YACEP, has been practicing yoga since 2000 and teaching since 2002. Prior to finding yoga, she taught classical ballet for over 15 years. A retired corporate marketing executive, Merry Beth devotes herself full time to Green Lotus, is a partner, the Director of Training, and teaches the asanas, sequencing, and the business of yoga in the 240-hour program.



Jen Phillips, E-RYT 500, RCYT, RPYT, YACEP

Jen found strength in the body through physical practice, strength in her breath through pranayama, and strength in her mind through meditation and yoga's teachings. She teaches a comprehensive list of yoga formats and meditation. Jen has been lecturing and leading 200- and 300-hour teacher trainings and continuing education in Chicago, Minneapolis, Orange County, and globally via Zoom since 2010.



Elizabeth Heffernan, RYT-500, Elizabeth, a former ballet dancer, has been teaching yogis since 2012. A graduate of Green Lotus's 200-hour and 300-hour trainings, she found yoga provided the ideal transition from rigorous training to a gentle and desirable style of physical movement. Elizabeth teaches asana, and more in the 240-hour program.



Amy Dirksen, RYT-500, has combined her passion for wellness by opening Green Lotus in Eden Prairie, MN in 2015. A former marketing executive for a national banking company, she has taught fitness for the YMCA since 2002. A graduate of Green Lotus's 200-hour and 300-hour teacher training programs, Amy teaches the asanas, and focuses on adapting for a gentler practice.



Dawn Schaefer Stumpf, BS, MS, E-RYT 200, RYT 500, YACEP, IAYT
Dawn (she/her) began practicing yoga more than 30 years ago at Saint Olaf
College. She earned her 200- and first 500-hour certifications at Green Lotus.
Her advanced training includes Yoga Therapy (under mentorship), and she is
a certified LifeForce Yoga for Anxiety and Depression instructor and Yoga
Calm for Children instructor. Dawn teaches yoga history, philosophy, and

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pranayama in Green Lotus's 240-hour teacher-training program.

PRICING & PAYMENT OPTIONS* **

The complete series for weekend programs consist of one weekend per month for nine months. These weekends are grouped into three modules, with each module covering three weekends of training. A \$300 deposit is required with your application.

- **Complete Series Investment** \$3,300 Enroll early and save \$200! (\$3,100 payment in full must be made by August 15th). This price includes:
 - o Modules One, Two, and Three
 - CPR Certification
 - Training Manual (400+ pages)
 - Access to Training Videos for duration of program
 - o 20% discount on retail (during weekend training sessions only, 10% on books)
 - 10% off discount on continuing education credit classes
 - o 16 free classes, 20% off class packages and \$70/mo. unlimited membership
- Pay by Module \$300 deposit plus \$1000 per module, total: \$3,300
- Automatic Monthly Payments \$300 deposit plus \$300 per month for 10 months, total:
 \$3,300
- Single Module \$1,200
 - Students who take one or two modules and not the entire series will pay \$1,200 for each module. A \$300 deposit is required at application with balance due the first day of the month training begins. This price includes:
 - One Module (60 Contact, 20 Non-contact Hours)
 - Training Manual (Applicable Sections)
 - Access to Training Videos for duration of program
 - 20% discount on retail (during training sessions only, 10% on books)
 - 5 free classes outside of training hours

- Yoga and the Quest for the True Self by Stephen Cope
- The Best Guide to Meditation by Victor N. Davich
- The Yoga Anatomy Coloring Book by Kelly Solloway and Samantha Stutzman
- Devotion by Dani Shapiro

^{*}The prices do not include required books.

POLICIES

Notice of Disclaimer

Green Lotus Group, LLC, d/b/a Green Lotus Yoga and Healing Center, reserves the right to amend, add, or delete classes, programs, policies, tuition and /or facilities without prior notice. Green Lotus Group, LLC also reserves the right to cancel classes due to insufficient numbers of students. Catalogs of this school are prepared for the purpose of furnishing prospective students and other interested persons with information about the school. Material contained within this catalog is subject to change without notice and may not be regarded in the same nature of binding obligations. Material in this catalog shall be made available in electronic or written formats to students and prospective students. Revisions made to this catalog shall be provided to the Office of Higher Education within 10 days of implementation.

Disclosure Statement

Green Lotus Yoga and Healing Center is licensed as a private career school with the Minnesota Office of Higher Education pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 136A.821 to 136A.832. Licensure is not an endorsement of the institution. Credits earned at the institution may not transfer to all other institutions.

Statement of Non-Discrimination

No person shall be excluded participation, denied any benefits, or subjected to any form of discrimination based on sex, race, age, creed, religion, national origin, or physical disability.

Admissions Requirements

Green Lotus Group, LLC considers an applicant to be enrolled as a student when the following criteria are met:

- 1. Complete an initial interview (either by phone, email, or in person), and receive a confirmation email that student has been accepted into the program.
- 2. Submit a signed application with a \$300 deposit
- 3. If requested, provide proof of High School Diploma or GED (year and school of graduation)
- 4. Make satisfactory arrangements for payment of tuition and other fees

Dress Code

Students are to be properly attired to practice yoga at all times.

Attendance Policy

All participants are required to complete all three modules of study to graduate from the program, including completing the 200 hours required of 200 hours by Yoga Alliance (out of our 240-hour program). If a participant needs to miss all or part of a weekend, he/she can make up a weekend upon the next offering of the module weekend missed, within the next year. Students are checked-in at the beginning of each session to the school's registration and attendance tracking software.

Tardiness

Tardiness and leaving class early is subtracted from the total time of the program and counts against the minimum-required attendance of 200 hours as required by Yoga Alliance (out of this 240 hour program).

Makeup Policy

Green Lotus and its instructors realize that students may face unexpected work or family issues that require them to miss a portion of their training. Students who miss a component may pick it up during the next module cycle at no additional cost. In certain circumstances, teachers may be able to conduct a makeup session at their hourly rate.

Grading System

Our program is based on a pass/fail system. At the end of each module, students will be notified if they did not pass, and given a detailed list of what they need to do to officially complete that module, including a timeline, to move on to the next module of study. Once all of the monthly homework assignments are successfully completed and turned in, the final class presentation is graded a 3 or higher (out of 5), and all three modules of training are completed, a participant is considered to be a graduate of the program. Successful completion of the homework means: Monthly practice log and overview of readings and experiences, any assigned worksheets handed in to the program director or assigning faculty.

Student Grievance Procedure

- 1) Complaints will be discussed with the individual staff member at a scheduled meeting involving both parties.
- 2) If satisfactory resolution is not attained as a result of the scheduled meeting, a written complaint will be submitted to the Program Director.
- 3) Program Director will schedule a meeting to discuss complaint and a written resolution will follow within 14 days.
- 4) If the Program Director cannot resolve the complaint to the student's satisfaction in writing within fourteen days, the student may file a complaint with the Minnesota Office of Higher Education, 1450 Energy Park Drive, #350, St. Paul, MN 55108-5227 or by phone at 651-259-3976

Student Records

A student's record consists of their application, a log of assignments completed, their attendance, and a copy of their final teaching evaluation. These are kept digitally in perpetuity regardless of whether a student completed the program. For students that drop out of the program and wish to re-enroll after a period of two years, a new application to re-enter the program would be required. Records are considered confidential and digital files are accessible only by the Director and program administrator.

Transcripts (Certificate of Completion)

Current or former students may request one free copy of their certificate of completion by submitting a written request to the school with the name and address where the certificate will be mailed. A \$10 fee will be charged for additional copies and must be paid in advance before they are processed. Certificates sent directly to the student will be marked to indicate that they are unofficial copies. Official certificates will not be released for students who may have a past due account with the school. Student certificates of completion are kept indefinitely. Mail request to

Green Lotus Yoga and Healing Center- 18480 Kenyon Avenue – Lakeville, MN 55044, Attn: RYS Certificate Request

Academic Advising

Students are assigned a member of the faculty as their advisor. The advisor is available during non-contact hours by phone and email to keep students abreast of their progress and answer any questions they may have regarding the program. A student's educational objectives, attendance and conduct are reviewed on an on-going basis. If academic standing or conduct is unacceptable, the student will be advised.

Satisfactory Academic Progress

Satisfactory progress is defined as actively participating in all levels of the training program, which includes required attendance, a grade of 3 (out of 5) or higher on classes taught, and completion of assignments. In the event that a student does not achieve the established criteria for determining satisfactory progress, the student will be allowed to present justification or evidence of extenuating circumstances as to why he or she should be allowed to continue training. If a student is not grasping the content in the course or satisfactorily completing the assignments or attendance criteria but wishes to remain in the training without expectation of receiving a completion certificate, the student will sign an agreement to that effect. If the student is on probation and has not achieved the criteria as set forth in this section at the end of the probationary period set forth between the student and their advisor, he/she will be terminated from the 200-Hour Yoga Teacher Training program and refunded per the refund policy. If a student must repeat a section of study, he/she may be charged a repeat fee to be determined at the discretion of the Director after an assessment of the individual's situation. The hourly rate is \$65 for the first hour, and \$50 for each additional hour. This repeat of the section of study may be due to academic failure or failure to meet attendance requirements. The maximum time allowed for repeats will be determined by the registration requirements of Yoga Alliance, or two years whichever is less.

Student Conduct

Students must adhere to the rules and regulations of Green Lotus Group, LLC, and the ethical behavior expectations as outlined in the attached commitment document. Any criminal activity associated with the training program such as theft of illegal drug possession will result in immediate dismissal from the program. Students whose conduct reflects discredit upon themselves, or the school may be subject to probation and/or termination. The Student must adhere to conduct that will not interfere with the learning process of any other students, the classroom presentation by the instructor, presentations by visitors, or the progress of the class or Green Lotus Group, LLC. The Administration reserves the right of judgment, to place on probation and/or terminate a student on any of the following grounds:

- Excessive absences or tardiness that compromises a student's ability to meet the 200-hour minimum requirements.
- 5. Non-conformity of rules, regulations, and ethical behavior expectations of Green Lotus Group.
- 6. Conduct that is unsatisfactory to Green Lotus Group, LLC, its staff, faculty, and its students as defined by signed commitment agreement.
- 7. Falsifying school records.
- 8. Failure to pay fees when due and/or to make available required documents.
- 9. Theft

Termination Procedure

Students to be terminated from the program are notified in writing and may appeal to the director of Green Lotus Yoga Teacher Training within three (3) days of "Notice of Termination".

Scholarships

There are no scholarships available at this time.

Credit for Previous Training

Green Lotus Group, LLC does not accept credit for previous education, training, work experience (experiential learning) or other yogic knowledge as credit for this training program.

Student Services

Green Lotus Group, LLC does not offer career planning assistance to graduates and does not guarantee job placement after completion of the Advanced Yoga Studies / Teacher Training program.

Necessary Technology and Texts needed for completion of studies

Green Lotus Group, LLC provides a study manual but does not provide books and/or textbooks for this program. Each participant is required to borrow, purchase, or share required texts for the program. A complete book list is as follows:

Book List

Required:

- Yoga and the Quest for the True Self by Stephen Cope
- The Best Guide to Meditation by Victor N. Davich
- The Yoga Anatomy Coloring Book by Kelly Solloway and Samantha Stutzman
- Devotion by Dani Shapiro

Optional:

• Journey into Power by Baron Baptiste

Class Sizes

The session will proceed with a minimum enrollment of 6 registered students. Class size is limited to 10 students.

Cancellation Policy (Buyer's Right to Cancel)

Each student will be notified of acceptance/rejection in writing. If your application is rejected, you will receive a full refund of all tuitions, fees, and other charges. You will be entitled to a full refund of tuition, fees, and other charges if you give notice that you are cancelling your enrollment within 5 days of being accepted into the program.

Refund Policy – State of Minnesota

- If a student gives a notice of cancellation after five business days from when the student has been accepted into the school or program, student will receive a refund of all tuition, fees, and other charges minus 15%, up to \$50, of the total cost of the program upon return of the program study manual. If the program study manual is not returned, the fee is \$300.
- If a student withdraws after the start of the program and it has been more than 5 days after student was accepted, student will receive a pro-rated refund of the entire cost of program based on last day of attendance. Student will be provided a prorated tuition, fees, and other charges refund minus initial application fees, up to \$50, and minus the less or 25% of the total tuition or \$100, upon return of the program study manual. If the program study manual is not returned, the cancellation fee is \$300.
 - This program is considered clock-hour based. The completion rate is the number of clock hours you actually attended divided by the number of clock hours in the program. The completion rate is calculated to the second decimal point (.XX)
- If a student withdraws from program after 75% has completed, student is not entitled to a refund of tuition, fees, and other charges.
- **38 USC §3676(A)** in the case of an institution (other than (i) a Federal, State, or local Government institution or (ii) an institution described in subparagraph (B)), such policy provides that the amount charged to the eligible person for tuition, fees, and other charges for a portion of the course shall not exceed the approximate pro rata portion of the total charges for tuition, fees, and other charges that the length of the completed portion of the course bears to its total length (applies to VA beneficiaries only).

Students will receive written notice or notice via email acknowledging withdraw request within 10 business days after receipt of the notice, and will receive a refund of any tuition, fees, and other charges within 30 business days of receipt of withdrawal. Any mailed notice is effective on the date of the postmark if sent by mail, or the day it has been hand-delivered. Notice to withdraw may also be given by email, verbally to a school official (not just an instructor), or with a voicemail to a school official.

Students who do not withdraw or contact Green Lotus about their absence and have not attended the program for 14 consecutive days will be considered to have withdrawn from the school as of their last date of attendance. Students will receive a notice of such withdrawal for failing to attend via email or mail to student's last known address. Notice will include a statement that student has been withdrawn, and if this action was not the student's intent, the student must contact the school.

Application

Application deadline is 14 days prior to start of program to allow sufficient time for student preparation. See Application.



Applicant Name _	
Date of Submission	

240-Hour Yoga Teacher Training Application

☐ 9-Month Weekend Program – Lakeville MN

Apply online: https://www.greenlotusyogactr.com/200hour-teacher-training-application

Personal Information

Name			Age
Address			
City		State	Zip
Home/Mobile Phone	Work Ph	one	
Email			
Date of Birth		Gender	
<u>Work</u>			
Occupation & Employer			# of Years
Previous Occupation			# of Years
How did you learn about the G	Green Lotus Advanced Studies ar	nd Teacher	Training program?
☐ Internet Search			
☐ Advertisement	☐ Friend		
☐ Other			



Applicant Name _	
Date of Submission	

About You

1. How many years have you been practicing yoga?
2. How many times per week do you practice yoga?
3. What style(s) of yoga do you usually practice?
4. Do you have a home practice? ☐ Yes ☐ No
5. Who have been your primary teachers?
6. Do you practice meditation or pranayama?
7. Is this your first advanced yoga study or teacher training? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If no, please list prior trainings:
8. Are you currently teaching yoga? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, for how many years have you been teaching?
Where do you teach?
What styles(s) do you teach?



Applicant Name _	
Date of Submission	

9. Why are you interested in Green Lotus Advanced Studies or Teacher Training?	
10. What are your expectations for this training? What do you hope to achieve at the completic program?	
11. In what way has yoga most profoundly affected your life?	=
12. Upon completion of this program, do you plan to teach? If so, what are you most excited about sharing with your community?	



Applicant Name _	
Date of Submission	

Medical History

Please complete the medical history section below so that we can be sure to respond to any emergencies should they occur during your training. Please note that none of your responses will exclude you from being accepted into the program.

Hov	v would you evaluate your current health? ☐ Fair ☐ Good ☐ Excellent!
1. P	lease check all that apply:
	High blood pressure
	Low blood pressure
	Heart issues
	Lung issues
	Diabetes
	Cancer (if yes, when?)
	Allergies:
	Hypertension
	Headaches/migraines
	Insomnia
	Joint issues:
	Thyroid or other endocrine issues:
	Stress
	Anxiety
	Depression
	Recent surgeries
	Other (please list below)
Use	this space to list or explain any of the above



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2. Are you currently or during the health care professional? ☐ Yes	e last two years have you been und	der the care of a physician or m	nental
3. Please list any prescription med	dications you are taking:		
5. Is there any additional health-r	related information we should be	aware of?	
	ght to cancel as outlined in the ca his catalog upon request. Everythin nowledge.		
Signature	Date		

Green Lotus Yoga & Healing Center provides equal opportunity for all persons regardless of age, race, creed, disability, sex, religion, sexual preference, or political affiliation to participate in the 240-Hour Yoga Teacher Training Program.



Applicant Name _	
Date of Submission	

Payment Information

Deposit of \$300 is due with application. 9-Month 200-Hour Program - \$3,300* ☐ Pay in full by August 15th – \$3,100 (Includes Deposit - Save \$200) ☐ Pay by module - \$300 deposit plus \$1000.00 per module Payment schedule: September 1, January 1, April 1 ☐ Automatic monthly payments - \$300 deposit plus \$300/month for 10 months Payment schedule: Sep. 1, Oct. 1, Nov. 1, Dec. 1, Jan. 1, Feb. 1, Mar. 1, Apr. 1, May 1, Jun. 1 *Includes provided manual, access to online training videos, and CPR certification; other required books are not included. I am paying by: ☐ **Cash** – Do not mail cash – call 952.373.0055 to arrange payment. ☐ **Check** – Check #_____ ☐ Credit Card — Credit Card # Expiration Date / CCV# Green Lotus accepts Visa, Mastercard, Discover, and American Express I hereby authorized the payment plan selected above

Application can be mailed to 18480 Kenyon Ave. Lakeville, MN 55044 or scanned and emailed to wellness@greenlotusyogactr.com

(Note – if you prefer, you may call us with your credit card information Mon. – Fri. 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.)

_____ Date _____

Signature

Signature