

A health education branch of the Intl. Sivananda Yoga Vedanta Centers

Student Information Guide

Admissions Requirements and Procedures

The Sivananda Yoga Health Educator program is based in experiential learning and practice. Students must be physically and mentally fit for the rigorous nature of the program.

To begin the program students must have completed the pre-requisite 200-hour Sivananda Yoga Teacher Training Course, or another approved 200-hour teacher training course.

In addition to the minimum yoga teacher training prerequisite, students must have completed the following, which can be accomplished concurrently:

- One year of teaching experience
- One year of personal practice.

Upon completion of the pre-requisite 200-hour Yoga Teacher Training certification and completion of one year of teaching and one year of personal practice, the student may embark on the Program Path to certification as a Sivananda Yoga Health Educator.

Policies for transferring credit

Transfer credit will not be accepted at this time.

Tuition, fees and refund policies

Refund policy

For payment of tuition and accommodation and other miscellaneous expenses, we accept cash, traveler's checks, personal checks, Visa and Master Card. Please note that tuition and accommodations payments are non-refundable; credit notes will be issued for unused payments and are honored for one year from the day the credit note was issued. The SIHY student application fee is non-refundable; no credit is issued for these fees.

When owed, a refund will be provided within 30 days of termination.

Refunds are prorated according to time enrolled in the program. Note that the \$1,000 deposit is non-refundable. This amount may be used as credit within one year of issuance.

The official date of termination or withdrawal of a student shall be determined by one of the following criteria:

- a. The date which the school receive notice of the student's intention to discontinue the training program.
- b. The date on which the student violates published school policy, which provides for termination.
- c. The date of the last recorded attendance. The refund will be pro-rated, based on contact hours attended.

The policy of granting of credit for previous training shall not impact the refund policy.

Postponement and/or Cancellation of the SYHET Program: The SYHET Program may be canceled if minimum enrollment is not received two weeks prior to the SYHET start date.

If the SYHET Program is cancelled by the school, refunds will be given in full within thirty (30) days the cancellation date. If a student cancels participation in the SYHET Program, the refund will be determined by the refund policy above.

Fees

Application Fee: \$100. The application fee is a one-time administrative fee that is non-refundable.

Tuition

Full tuition for the Sivananda Yoga Health Educator program is \$10,000.

The following tuition payment schedule is for all SIHY students:

\$1,000 Deposit (non-refundable; credit only)

 1st payment: \$3,000
 Due January 12, 2024

 2nd payment: \$2,000
 Due April 16, 2024

 3rd payment: \$2,000
 Due October 2, 2024

 4th payment: \$2,000
 Due June 1, 2025

Tuition paid in full at beginning of SYHET program start date receives 10% discount.

Note that tuition costs are subject to change without notice.

ACCOMMODATIONS (Yoga Farm Ashram only)

Accommodation costs are not included in the program Tuition.

Accommodations include two meals per day.

Accommodation rate (per person) for each 17-day module is \$600 (shared Dorm). Upgraded accommodations are available, please inquire with the program coordinator for rates.

Financial Aid

Inquiries for Financial Aid or Scholarship are heard on a case-by-case basis, and fall to the discretion of the Director and/or Faculty. Inquiries into financial assistance are directed to sihyyogafarm@gmail.com

Academic performance requirements

Competencies must be met per the Program requirements; full participation in the daily Ashram schedule is required along with attendance of all classes, completion of required course work, written assignments, final exam and practicum work, etc.

Code of Conduct

The International Sivananda Yoga Vedanta Centers ("ISYVC") and the Sivananda Institute of Health and Yoga ("SIHY") and their board members, faculty, and staff are dedicated to creating a conscious and compassionate world by helping people build a living relationship to their spirit. We accomplish our mission by developing a safe and sacred environment in which our faculty, staff and students can deeply relax and explore a wide variety of transformative practices and programs. The SIHY advocate for respect, trust, loyalty, commitment and honesty, and shares a responsibility for maintaining a safe and sacred space for which Sivananda is known.

As such, the International Sivananda Yoga Vedanta Centers and the Sivananda Institute of Health and Yoga welcome all people from all faiths, cultural backgrounds, and traditions.

Statement of Purpose

The Code of Conduct defines acceptable action and behavior on the part of all board members, faculty, staff, students, and all stakeholders who may be involved in the operations and activities of the SIHY and the Sivananda Yoga Health Educator Training

program. All Sivananda Institute of Health and Yoga board members, staff, faculty, and students are required to follow the spiritual discipline of the ISYVC: regular meditation, asana and pranayama practice; vegetarian diet; as well as no tobacco, alcohol, or drugs.

All board members, faculty, staff and students agree to daily practice of the ethical disciplines of Raja Yoga, the Yamas and Niyamas. The Yamas consist of: *Ahimsa* (Non-violence); *Satya* (Truthfulness); *Brahmacharya* (Continence); *Asteya* (Non-stealing); and *Aparigraha* (Non-covetousness). The *Niyamas* consist of: *Saucha* (Internal/external cleanliness and purity); *Santosha* (Contentment); *Tapas* (Austerity of mind and body); *Swadhyaya* (Study of scriptures, Self-study); and *Ishvara-pranidhana* (Worship of God and self-surrender).

By entering the Sivananda Yoga Health Educator Training program the student agrees to follow all rules and conditions of the ISYVC contained herein; and to devote him or herself to the rigorous discipline of the Yoga Health Educator Training for the duration of the program.

Sivananda Institute of Health and Yoga: Code of Ethics

Classical Yoga practices and techniques lead to the integrated and harmonious function of body, mind and spirit—and to the ultimate Knowledge of the Self. Sivananda Yoga Health Educators are leaders who endeavor to nurture the physical, mental/emotional, and spiritual well-being of those they serve, empowering individuals to become self-reliant in their own health and well-being through Yoga practices and techniques.

SIHY board members, staff, faculty, and students recognize the inherent responsibility and privilege to support the physical, mental/emotional, and spiritual well-being of those they serve.

SIHY board members, staff, faculty, and students agree to:

- Recognize the special nature of the teacher-student relationship and to hold its purpose to be supporting and facilitating healing and personal development.
- Show only the highest regard for each person's personal beliefs, values and privacy.
- Avoid any action that will conflict with the highest interests of all board members, staff, faculty and students.
- Avoid taking unfair advantage of all board members, staff, faculty and students financially, sexually, romantically, or otherwise. Serve all persons, regardless of sex, race, color, ancestry, religious creed, national origin, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, age, marital status, sexual orientation, or political affiliation.
- Show sensitive regard for the moral, social and religious standards of all.

- Avoid imposing any personal belief on others, although expressing one's belief when appropriate in the class setting.
- Recognize the trust placed by the student in the board members, staff, faculty, and students and the power that gives to them. While acknowledging the complexity of relationships, avoid exploiting the trust and dependency of students.
- Avoid dual relationships (e.g., business, close personal or sexual relationships) acknowledging that they can easily impair professional judgment, compromise the integrity of instruction and/or become a means for one's own gain.
- Refrain from initiating a romantic or sexual relationship with a current board member, staff, faculty or student, even if invited by the board member, staff, faculty or student.
- Not abandon or neglect students. If one is unable, or unwilling, for appropriate reasons, to provide professional help or continue a professional relationship with the student, every reasonable effort will be made to arrange for continuation of instruction with another SIHY faculty.

Student disciplinary procedures

All disciplinary actions fall under the supervision of the Ashram Director and SIHY Faculty. The Director and/or Faculty adhere to the ethical principles of the Yamas and Niyamas in protecting ALL students, Faculty and supporting staff associated with the program.

Student grievance procedures

Student complaints should be brought to the attention of the program Director and/or senior Faculty-instructor. Complaints are addressed verbally or in writing. The outcome of the discussion will be documented in the student's folder and signed by both the Director and/or Faculty-instructor and the student. The Faculty-instructor is required to inform the Director of the discussion and its results. If the student feels he/she has not found resolution, the student may write and document his/her complaint, including any supportive information. The written document will be given to the Faculty-member and the Director.

A meeting will be arranged between the Faculty-instructor, the Director and the student. The Director reserves the right to inquire into the situation, including interviewing students, teacher assistants and, with permission of the student, family members. All meetings will be documented and signed by the people in attendance of the meetings. All documentation will remain in the student's file. When resolution is determined, the Director, Faculty-instructor and student will meet and document the outcome of the meeting. The filing of a complaint will not affect the student's fair evaluation in completing a program or course.

Grading and attendance policies

Students must maintain a passing status assessed through attendance, class participation, completion of homework assignments, ability to lead classes they are assigned to teach, and successful completion of examinations.

All programs and modules are experiential and full participation is required. Students are expected to arrive on time with proper materials and apparel. Students must ask permission from the Faculty for sessions to be missed without affecting completion of the program. All weekend sessions must be attended. If a weekend module or individual session is missed, a makeup session is required; this may include teaching a make-up session, completing homework assignments and/or taking an exam to show comprehension of the material.

Program completion requirements

The program and its curriculum must be completed within the allocated time unless arrangements are made with senior Faculty and the Director.

To receive a certificate of completion for the program, all classes must be attended per the attendance guidelines, homework assignments completed, examinations taken, and practice assignments completed.

Class participation and evaluation of Practicum experience will be used to appraise the Sivananda Yoga Health Educator's skills in the Intake, Assessment and development of Plan of Care protocol process. Further evaluation takes place to assess the Sivananda Yoga Health Educator's ability to meet the goals and needs of the individual and to adjust the Plan of Care protocols as needed.

A certificate will not be issued until all requirements are completed.

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Faculty – Sivananda Institute of Health and Yoga

Swami Sitaramananda, C-IAYT, E-RYT 500

A gifted speaker and teacher of Yoga and meditation, Swami Sitaramananda has served the International Sivananda Yoga Vedanta Ashrams & Centers (SYVC) for more than 30 years. She has been the director of the Sivananda Ashram Yoga Farm for over 20 years and is Acharya of the SYVC Ashrams and Centers of the west coast and Asia.

Swamiji personally instructs and coaches students while at the Ashram and is the main teacher of the Yoga Teacher Training Course (TTC) at the Yoga Farm, Vietnam and China. Swami Sitaramananda was ordained in 1985 as a sannyasin in the Saraswati order, one of the 10 classical monastic orders founded in India. She is a direct disciple of Swami Vishnudevananda, who is the disciple of Master Sivananda.

She is an internationally respected teacher who presents the intricate Yoga philosophy and practice in a simple, down-to-earth manner. Her lectures are based on the Four Classical Paths of Yoga as well as the 5 Points of Yoga for Perfect Health.

Swamiji has given guidance to individuals for over 25 years in how to apply the therapeutic benefits of Yoga, Ayurveda, and Jyotish to bring about healing and improved sense of wellbeing and health.

Swami Dharmananda, C-IAYT, E-RYT 500

Swami Dharmananda took sannyas vows in 2013 and is a senior instructor at the Sivananda Yoga Farm Ashram, teaching and guiding students in the therapeutic benefits of Hatha Yoga techniques, Meditation and Positive Thinking techniques to help manage and reduce stress and stress-related condition, and Raja Yoga psychology for emotional regulation.

Swami Jnaneswariananda, C- IAYT, E-RYT 500

Swami Jnaneswariananda joined the Sivananda Yoga Vedanta Centers in 1995 and has been director of Centers and Ashrams in Canada and Italy. She is a senior teacher of the Sivananda Yoga Teachers Training Course and Advanced Techers Training Course in Italy, India and North America; teaching Hatha Yoga, Yoga Philosophy, Meditation, and Anatomy and Physiology. Swami Jnaneswariananda took vows of Sannyas in 2001. She is currently a senior teacher at the Yoga Farm in Grass Valley.

Swami SivaSankariananda, C-IAYT, E-RYT 500

Swami Sivasankariananda is director of the Sivananda Yoga Vedanta Center in Los Angeles and took sannyas vows in 2017. She has been teaching Sivananda Yoga for 25 years, including courses on Meditation, Yantra Painting, Bhakti Yoga and chanting. She regularly works with seniors, those suffering from chronic pain and stress-related ailments and is trained in hospice care.

Swami Adiparashaktiananda, C-IAYT, E-RYT 500

Swami Adiparashaktiananda is a senior instructor of the Sivananda Ashram Yoga Farm, guiding students in the therapeutic benefits of Hatha Yoga techniques and the Four Paths of Yoga to reduce stress and manage stress-related conditions.

Swami Narayanananda, C-IAYT, E-RYT 500

Swami Narayanananda is director of the Sivananda Yoga Resort and Training Center in Dalat, Vietnam, and faculty of the SYHET Vietnam. He teaches on the 5 Points of Yoga to create a healthy lifestyle, stress-related health conditions, Yoga psychology and Positive Thinking techniques, and the Therapeutic Relationship.

Swami Pranavananda, C-IAYT, E-RYT 500

Swami Pranavananda is spiritual director of the Sivananda Yoga Vedanta Center in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. He teaches Yoga lifestyle practices based on the 5 Points of Yoga and stress-related conditions with an emphasis on Hatha Yoga and Raja Yoga techniques and is a senior teacher specializing in Anatomy and Physiology.

Catherine O'Neil (Durga Leela), C-IAYT, BA, CAS, PKS

Durga Leela is the founder of Yoga of Recovery bringing Yoga, Ayurveda and 12-step modalities into the field of recovery and addiction. Durga holds the RYT-500 qualification,

having completed both the Sivananda Yoga Teacher Training Course and the Advanced Yoga Teacher Training Course. Durga is a Clinical Ayurvedic and Pancha Karma Specialist, trained both in the US and India and serves as the Director of the Ayurveda Programs at the Yoga Farm in California, since 2003; is a professional member and speaker for the National Ayurvedic Medical Association (NAMA), the International Association of Yoga Therapists (IAYT), and Yoga Alliance.

My Ngoc Nguyen (Saraswati), C-IAYT, E-RYT 500

Saraswati is faculty of SYHET Vietnam sharing her knowledge in Hatha Yoga and Adapted Yoga practices: Restorative Yoga, Chair Yoga, Yoga Nidra, pre- and post-Pregnancy; additionally, applying the 5 Points of Yoga to address health conditions related to stress and lifestyle behaviors.

Arun Deva, DASc, AYT, E-RYT (500), YTRx

Arun Deva a graduate of the American Institute of Ayurveda; an Ayur*yoga Therapist and a Vinyasa Krama certified yoga teacher. The founder of Arunachala Yoga & Ayurveda, Arun has the pleasure of serving both the National & State Ayurvedic Associations: NAMA & CAAM. He teaches internationally, lectures and publishes articles, has been featured on both radio and television and has a clinic for consultations and various treatments including panchakarma and yoga therapy in Los Angeles/West Hollywood.

Mary Thompson, C.A.S., P.K.S., (Ayurvedacharya)

Mary Thompson is a graduate of the California College of Ayurveda and senior teacher with certifications as a Clinical Ayurvedic Specialist and Pancha Karma Specialist. Mary is a graduate of the first graduating class of the College in 1997. In 2008, she received the Charaka Award for Excellence in Ayurvedic Teaching and was given the title "Ayurvedacharya". She is a founding member and former Secretary of the California Association of Ayurvedic Medicine. She is also the founder of the non-profit organization, Everyday Ayurveda. Mary is in private practice in Grass Valley, California.

Terry Crane (Tara Durga Devi), C-IAYT

Tara Durga Devi has been teaching Yoga and meditation for 32 years and is the co-founder of The Yoga Center located in Stockton, CA. She has been trained in Yoga Therapy, and is a graduate of the Sivananda Yoga Teachers Training Course (TTC) and Advanced Yoga Teachers Training Course (ATTC). Tara Durga Devi is one of the rare Yoga teachers trained

by Swami Vishnudevananda, with whom she took TTC in 1976. She offers Gentle Yoga Teacher Trainings and is expert in the application of positive thinking techniques and meditation practices to reduce stress and to cultivate positive states of mind.

Lila Lolling, C-IAYT, E-RYT 500

Lila Lolling is the author of *Walking the Ancient Path of Yoga* and founder of EcoYoga Life and is a Sivananda affiliate teacher for over 20 years. She is also a graduate of the Omega Institute's Ecological Literacy program and Permaculture Course. Lila combines her knowledge of Adapted Yoga and Anatomy and Physiology to provide practical understanding to SYHET students to work with varied populations and health conditions.

Dr. Ghanshyam Sharma, Ayurveda Physician, C-IAYT

Dr. Ghanshyam .Sharma is an Ayurveda doctor practiceing at Ayush Clinic in Kandivali West, Mumbai. He completed BAMS from K. G. Mittal Ayurvedic College, Mumbai in 1989 and MD - Ayurveda Medicine from K. G. Mittal Ayurvedic College, Mumbai in 1993. He is certified C-IAYT and shares his Ayurveda and Yoga knowledge addressing many health conditions SYHET students will face in their practice.

Nguyen Ngoc My Hoang (Ganga Chaitanya), C-IAYT, E-RYT 500

Ganga Chaitanya graduated from International Sivananda Yoga teacher training course in 2009 and Advanced TTC in 2010 at the Yoga Farm in Grass Valley USA. She is a graduate of the "Yoga as Medicine", "Yoga Psychology", and "Ayurveda and Yoga Wellness" courses. She is SYHET faculty in Vietnam specializing in Yoga stress management techniques, addressing stress-related conditions and how to improve lifestyle with Yoga and Ayurveda practices. She has been the director of the very dynamic Sivananda Yoga Centre in Ho Chi Minh City since 2011 and took her brahmacharya vows in 2017.

Guest Faculty - Sivananda Institute of Health and Yoga

Dr. Fred Luskin, Ph.D.

Fred Luskin, Ph.D., is the director of the Stanford University Forgiveness Projects, a senior consultant in health promotion at Stanford University, and a professor at the Institute for Transpersonal Psychology, as well as an affiliate faculty member of the Greater Good Science Center. He is the author of *Forgive for Good: A Proven Prescription for Health and Happiness* and *Stress Free for Good: Ten Proven Life Skills for Health and Happiness*.

Dr. Shani Robins, Ph.D.

Shani Robins, Ph.D. pioneered the field of Wisdom Therapy TM in 1998. He is a licensed Psychologist and is founder and director of the Wisdom Therapy Institute since 2000. He is an instructor at Stanford University Medical School's Health Improvement and Be Well Programs and the Director of Clinical Training at Sofia University (Institute of Transpersonal Psychology).

Bill Sinclair, LICSW

Bill Sinclair is a Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker in Washington State. As a strengths-based, recovery-oriented and wellness-based practitioner, he develops skills in Motivational Interviewing, Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction (MBSR), Cognitive Based Therapy (CBT) and Narrative Approaches to therapy.

Jeff Sims, LMT

Jeff Sims is a massage therapist and a Yoga teacher specializing in adapted yoga techniques to address chronic pain conditions and orthopedic conditions. Jeff speaks on the mind-body relationship and the psychology of pain and offer practical approaches to pain reduction and a pain-free lifestyle.

Dr. Ngoc Diep, M.D.

Dr. Diep is a specialist in cardiovascular internal medicine and is head of the Cardiology Department at An Khang General Clinic. Dr. Diep shares her vast experience addressing common health conditions of the cardiovascular system and cardiovascular health.

Dr. Pham Thi Kim Loan

Dr. Loan specializes on diseases of the human spine and skeleton. She has created many products to improve back and spine health. Dr. Loan teaches on posture health and specific conditions of the spine and back.

Kathleen Haydon, RN retired

For many years Kathleen Haydon was the lead teacher of

Dr. Manas Kshirsagar

Dr. Manas Kshirsagar is a NAMA Board Certified Ayurvedic Doctor. He comes from a Rig Vedic Brahmin tradition with an extensive Ayurvedic background. He graduated from Aloha Ayurveda Academy and completed his MS in Ayurveda & Integrative Medicine from Maharishi University of Management. He is an acclaimed wellness consultant, who has worked as an Ayurvedic Consultant at MAPI and the prestigious Raj Panchakarma center in Fairfield, IA. Manas has extensive training in many different healing modalities including certifications in Yoga, Meditation, and Reiki.

Dr. Quan Van Hung, Master of Traditional Medicine

Dr. Hung is a member of the Executive Committee of the Ho Chi Minh City Oriental Medicine Association, Deputy Director of the Medical and Martial Arts Center, Chairman of the 4T Saigon Club, former Dean of the Oncology Department, Oriental Medical Institute in Ho Chi Minh City. Dr. Hung teaches on many aspects of health including cancer recovery, covid and the immune system. He is recognized as Excellent Doctor, awarded by the President of Vietnam and received the Hai Thuong Lan Ong Award, gifted by the Ministry of Health.

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Non-discrimination policy

Sivananda Ashram Yoga Farm does not discriminate based on race, sex, religion, ethnic origin, sexual preference, or disability.

Academic calendar

Cohorts begin every two years. Class times for programs are determined by the Faculty and based on the program or course outline. Please visit the Yoga Farm website for a complete schedule of the SYHET program.

Completion of the Sivananda Teacher Training Course (TTC) or other 200-hour Yoga Teacher certification is a pre-requisite for the Sivananda Yoga Health Educator program.

The Sivananda Yoga Health Educator Training ("SYHET") takes place over two years and is composed of three 17-day residential modules; online Distance Learning classes; and Practicum. The training is offered at the Sivananda Ashram Yoga Farm in Grass Valley, CA, and the Sivananda Yoga Training Resort in Dalat, Vietnam.

Start/End dates

January 2026

January 12 – 28, 2024	Module 1 – Yoga Psychology and Mental Health
April 16 – May 2, 2024	Module 2 – Ayurveda and Healing; Anatomy and Physiology
October 2 – 18, 2024	Module 3 – Yoga Therapeutic Strategies and Protocol Development for Common Health Conditions
February 2024 – October 2025	Module 4 – Distance Learning
May 2024 – December 2024	Module 5 – Practicum

SYHET GRADUATION

Program outline

Module 1 presents an integrated approach to health and healing that is based upon the Yoga philosophy and Yoga psychology, particularly from the Five Points of Yoga for Holistic Health (proper exercise, proper breathing, proper relaxation, proper diet, positive thinking and meditation), combined with techniques from the Four Paths of Yoga to form the foundation of the Yoga Health Educator's work. Knowledge of western medical and psychological approaches to health and healing prepares the Yoga Health Educator for future collaboration with health care providers.

Upon completion of Module 1, the Yoga Health Educator students begin to pursue the online Distance Learning portion of the curriculum. Distance Learning classes require approximately 2 hours per week in online sessions over the course of 15 months. Written assignments and exams are used to assess the comprehension and progress of the Yoga Health Educator's study.

The primary focus of study for the Yoga Health Educator in Module 2 is developing a strong foundation of Ayurveda healing practices and concepts, and Anatomy and Physiology, specifically the Disease Process, Management, and Prevention. Here the YHE student gains a detailed understanding of the systems and functions of the physical body; understanding of common ailments and pathologies; and learning hands-on Yoga Therapy techniques designed to address specific physical conditions. The principles of Ayurveda are introduced to address the causes of disease, to provide a framework for understanding health and wellness according to Ayurveda, and to develop strategies and lifestyle practices aligned with Nature and self-healing.

Module 2 includes the initial steps for students to prepare for their hands-on Practicum experience. Here they learn and practice the therapeutic process of Intake, Assessment, Plan of Care development, how to conduct follow-up sessions, the use of SOAP Notes, as well as learning how to adapt/adjust the Plan of Care protocol as the client progresses toward their individual goals.

Upon completion of Module 2, SYHET students embark on their Practicum work and begin to apply the therapeutic process: Intake, Assessment, Plan of Care development, under the guidance of their assigned Mentor.

In Module 3 SYHET students develop a strong understanding of ethical guidelines and principles of the therapeutic relationship that are essential to the work of the Yoga Health Educator. Special attention is given to the dynamics of the Yoga Health Educator-client

relationship and the responsibilities, boundaries, and scope of practice of the Yoga Health Educator. Module 3 addresses the practical application of Yoga therapeutic techniques to develop the skills necessary to meet the needs of a wide variety of populations, age groups, cultural backgrounds, and to address both physical and psychological health conditions.

A major component of Module 3 is the application of Adapted Yoga, Chair Yoga, Restorative Yoga and other techniques offered with hands-on Yoga Therapy workshops to address specific physical and/or psychological ailments.

Upon completion of Module 3, SYHET students continue their Practicum work under the guidance of their assigned Mentor. SYHET students have regular contact with the Mentor while working with individual clients or working with groups at any of the designated SIHY Clinic locations, cultivating their skills in the preparation, Intake, Assessment, creation of the Plan of Care, follow-up, and any needed adjustments to the Plan of Care.

Having successfully completed the 800-hour program curriculum and Practicum work, the Yoga Health Educator is awarded certification as a Sivananda Yoga Health Educator.

For a detailed description of the SYHET program, please visit our website at https://sivanandayogafarm.org/800-hour-yoga-therapy-program/

Description of the learning and other physical resources

The Sivananda Ashram Yoga Farm, Grass Valley, California

Provides a secluded, natural environment ideal for study and practice. Instruction is given in lectures, through experiential learning, and hands-on practical Yoga Therapy classes, under the guidance of senior SIHY Faculty.

The Ashram library has many books for reference and study. Yoga mats, meditation cushions and blankets are available for use. Two healthy, vegetarian meals are provided each day.

The Ashram is an ideal environment for Practicum Group Retreats, allowing for clients to focus on deep-healing Yoga practices under the guidance of senior faculty, physicians, and Yoga Health Educator students.

K'Lan Sivananda Resort and Training Center, Dalat, Vietnam

Located in the forested highlands of South Vietnam, the Ashram is nestled in a beautiful natural environment ideal for study and practice. Instruction is given in lectures, through experiential learning, and hands-on practical Yoga Therapy classes, under the guidance of senior SIHY Faculty.

The Ashram library has many books for reference and study. Yoga mats, meditation cushions and blankets are available for use. Two healthy, vegetarian meals are provided each day.

The Ashram is an ideal location for Practicum Group Retreats and now features the Sivananda Health House, a center dedicated to Yoga Health Education, allowing clients to focus on deep-healing Yoga practices under the guidance of Sivananda Yoga Health Educators and SYHET students.

Sivananda Institute of Health and Yoga Clinics

Located in many locations around the world, SIHY Clinics offer students the chance to work and live with diverse and varied populations and cultural traditions, while gaining real-world practical experience to help them succeed as Sivananda Yoga Health Educators.