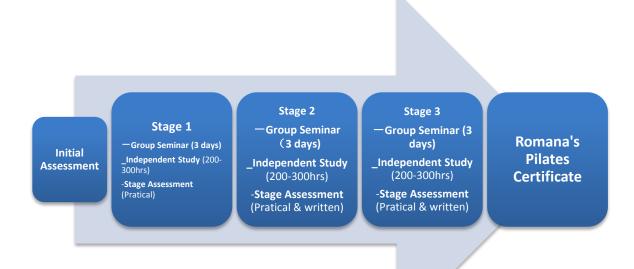
# **The Program**



### **Initial Assessment**

The initial assessment is the first step on the rewarding journey of becoming a Romana's Pilates Instructor. We recognize that each candidate comes to us with various levels of experience and knowledge in the method and so we assist each applicant to prepare for the assessment and enrolment according to their specific needs. During the assessment, candidates are expected to demonstrate proficiency at the intermediate level on key pieces of apparatus and show a basic understanding of the principles of Pilates. Enrolment to the program is open to applicants who have been formally assessed and cleared by an authorized instructor.

### **Certification Stages 1, 2 and 3**

The Program is structured as 3 stages - Basic, Intermediate and Advanced. Each student must accomplish the activities within each stage before progressing to the next level. Following completion of all three levels, newly certified instructors are presented a Certificate of Achievement signed by Romana Kryzanowska and her daughter and level 1 instructor, Sari Meija Santo. Each stage consists of the following activities:

#### **Group Seminar**

During the 3 day seminar, instructor trainers provide a detailed overview of all exercises associated with that stage. The focus is on learning, understanding, performing and teaching. Through this process our students gain a thorough understanding of the goals of each exercise, when and how to introduce exercises, working with injuries and most importantly how to formulate a challenging and effective session specific to the body in front of them.

**Independent Study** 

Students are expected to complete 200-300 hours of observation (per stage) at an authorized studio and use this time to review, practice and reinforce what was learned during the seminar. We highly encourage our students to ask questions, compile notes, observe teaching techniques and participate in study sessions to enhance this process.

# **Private Lessons**

Weekly one-on-one sessions with our Certified Instructors are required for students to integrate the method into their own bodies with a focus on technique, precision and flow.

### **Stage Assessment**

Upon completion of the above activities for each stage, the student is evaluated through a practical assessment of competency at teaching and administering exercises, with an additional written element for stage 2 and 3. These assessments as well as the individuals' performance throughout the program, contribute to the successful completion of the Romana's Pilates IITP.

# **Continuing Pilates Education (CPE)**

To maintain the consistency and quality of the Romana's Pilates IITP all of our instructors must complete at least one CPE event per year to maintain their certification. Our regular continuing education events draw instructors together from around the world to enhance skills, refresh the body and work the mind. In fact, our Instructors are so passionate about what they teach many of them attend multiple CPE events each year - Joseph Pilates never stopped learning and neither will we!

# Frequently Asked Questions

## How long does the certification program take to complete?

The program generally takes from 6 months to a little over a year to complete. The number of hours each student can consistently commit to the program will determine how long it takes to become fully certified. At a minimum we expect that students commit to 15 hours a week of observation.

## *How flexible is the Program?*

Each Stage begins with a 3 day seminar that is mandatory. Following that, studio hours can fluctuate according to your needs and goals within the guidelines set by your Training Center.

## Is this a full certification program?

Yes, the Romana's Pilates Certification Program extensively covers all equipment, apparatus and exercises. From the more popular matwork and reformer to the lesser-known Foot Corrector and Breath-a-cizer, our program covers all that Joseph Pilates created.

### When are seminars held?

Seminars for each stage are held regularly at True Pilates China studio, Guangzhou.

### How do I get started?

We invite you to contact GZ Training Center and set up a Romana's Pilates IITP Introductory Session. We will answer any questions you may have regarding the program and formulate an actionable timeline for enrollment onto the program according to your specific needs and capabilities.

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