

Background:

There are teacher trainings being held that train the participants to be teachers of Kundalini Yoga based on Yogi Bhajan's teachings (as opposed to all of the other kinds of Kundalini Yoga). Those trainings are not accountable to KRI's curriculum standards, practicum requirement, or other outside the classroom requirements; their graduates are not accountable to our Code of Ethics and Professional Standards; and the trainers of those trainings are not accountable to the quality standards of the Aquarian Trainer Academy.

Therefore, we have no way of knowing what the quality standards of those trainings are. We do not want to create confusion for students between these non-KRI Kundalini Yoga teacher trainings and a KRI training.

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Policy

- No members of the Aquarian Trainer Academy (including applicants) shall participate in any way in a non-KRI kundalini yoga teacher training. This applies to every type of involvement, whether as a trainer, organizer, or promoter, etc.
 1. There may be specific supplemental courses that KRI teacher trainers may offer in addition to the Level One and/or Level Two programs to satisfy national yoga teaching regulations. As long as this material is in addition to the normal KRI curriculum, and nothing in it is antithetical to Yogi Bhajan's teachings, these parts of a teacher's training would be ok under this policy for a member of the ATA to participate in.
- No members of the Aquarian Trainer Academy (including applicants) shall promote or support any course or workshop (even if not a teacher training course) by someone who was suspended or terminated due to an Office of Ethics and Professional Standards complaint procedure.
- These prohibitions apply no matter what material would be taught

- This does not prevent Academy members from participating in teacher trainings from any other tradition – as long as:
 1. There is no possible confusion between that training and a teacher training in Kundalini Yoga as Taught by Yogi Bhajan® and,
 2. There is nothing antithetical to Yogi Bhajan’s teachings in that other training. For example, participating in a hatha yoga teacher training is fine, but a shamanism training that promotes the use of ayahuasca would not.
- It will be KRI’s discretion as to whether “possible confusion” exists or not, and when a training is antithetical to Yogi Bhajan’s teachings. If you aren’t sure about a training in which you want to participate, please feel free to check with KRI.