

Code of Ethics

Bhavana Institute does not discriminate against or refuse admission to anyone on the basis of race, gender, sexual orientation, and religion or national origin.

Bhavana Institute strives to cultivate an attitude of humanity in our teaching; we dedicate our work to something greater than ourselves.

Bhavana Institute adheres to the traditional Yoga principles as written in the Yamas and Niyamas.

The faculty of Bhavana Institute recognizes the sensitive nature of the student-teacher relationship. We believe that it is the responsibility of the teacher to ensure a safe and protected environment in which a student can grow physically, mentally and spiritually.

In all matters, we strive to maintain responsibility with students and other teachers in a professional manner. We establish and maintain appropriate professional relationship boundaries.

We show sensitive regard for the moral, social, and religious standards of students and groups. We avoid imposing our beliefs on others, although we may express them when appropriate in the Yoga and Ayurveda classes.

We recognize the trust placed in and unique power of the student-teacher relationship.

We avoid exploiting the trust and dependency of the students.

We avoid those dual relationships with students (e.g.) business, close personal, or sexual relationships) that could impair our professional judgment, compromise the integrity of our instruction and use the relationship for our own gain. We avoid words and actions that constitute sexual harassment.

We do not engage in harassment, abusive words or actions or exploitative coercion of students or former students.

All forms of sexual behavior or harassments with students are unethical, even when a student invites or consents to such behavior.

We recognize that the teacher – student relationship involves a power imbalance, the residual effects of which can remain after the student is no longer studying with the teacher.

