3-Day inLIFE Reformer Course Agenda

Location: TBD **Start time:** 11am

Day 1

Introduction

1. Welcome & Icebreaker

Hand out Reformer Manual, Workbook, and Logbook.

2. Course Overview

- o Online modules, videos, Logbook, Prac Hours, Observations.
- Assessment details: 15-minute sets, 45-minute written class plan, online quizzes.
- o Follow-up workshops at 3 and 6 months.
- 3 inLIFE Wellness & Core Values
- 4. Reformer Machine Basics
 - Safety considerations, spring/pulley system, getting on/off safely.

Anatomy

- 5. Common Anatomical Terms.
- 6. Planes of Movement.
- 7. Posture Types & Alignment.
 - o Hands-on corrections, neutral vs. imprinted spine.
 - Practical exercises in pairs for starting positions.

Pilates

- 8. History of Reformer Pilates & Current Trends.
- 9. Contemporary Group Reformer Classes.
- 10. Pilates Principles (Traditional & Contemporary).
- 11. Breathing & Core Activation.
- Practical: Finding core activation, cueing in pairs.
- 12. Spine Mobility & Segmental Control.
- 13. Benefits of Pilates.

Anatomy Part 2

14. Muscle Contractions (Concentric, Eccentric, Isometric).

- 15. Major Muscle Groups:
- Upper body (Chest, Back, Arms, Shoulders).
- Abs, Legs (Quads, Glutes, Hamstrings, Hip Flexors, Calves).
- 16. Functional Movements: Push, Pull, Squat, Lunge, Hinge, Rotation, Gait.
- 17. Foundation Reformer Exercises.
- 18. Adjusting Spring Load for Muscle Targeting.
- Practical: Knee Stretch, Lunges, Standing Side Splits.
- 19. Reformer Foundation Exercises:
- Squats, Supine Leg Press, Hip Rolls, Glute Bridge, Lunges, Scooter, Plank, Side Splits, Seated Arm Exercises, Rows, Back Extensions.
- Homework: Review Reformer Syllabus Manual.

20.5-Minute Sets & Fusion Classes

• Practical: Create a 5-minute set in pairs for major muscle groups.

Finish: 4pm

Day 2

1. Studio Setup & Class Preparation

Reading the room, anticipating needs, demonstrating technique.

2. Teaching Strategies

• Types of learners, effective cueing, eliminating conversational cues.

3. Cueing Formula & Layering

Foundation, intermediate, challenge options.

4. Flow & Transitions

- Quarter turns, seamless transitions, baby development style.
- o Practical: Create a flowing set in pairs.

5. Class Planning

- Light and Shade, performance energy, 5-phase class plan.
- Options for beginners to advanced, pregnancy modifications.

6. Injuries & Modifications

 Common injuries, referral pathways, pregnancy/postpartum adjustments.

7. Props Integration

- Balls, bands, circles—enhancing exercises with props.
- Practical: Brainstorm prop uses in pairs.

8. Spine Mobility & Stretching

Dynamic vs. static stretching, foam roller benefits.

9. Recap: Traits of a Great Instructor

o Homework: Plan 15-minute assessment set.

Finish: 4pm

Day 3

1. Welcome & Group Discussion

o Review learnings, Q&A.

2. Jumpboard Practical

o Syllabus and safety.

3. Class Programming Inspiration

o Themes, online resources, social media, attending classes.

4. Writing a Class Plan

o Basic structure: Exercise name, focus, spring load.

5. **Design Your Class Plan**

- Full-body workout with peaks/recoveries, beginner to advanced options.
- o Include pregnancy modifications.

6. Assessment Preparation

o Practice time.

Finish: 4pm