

# Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction

*Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction (MBSR) is an intensive eight-week course designed to transform your relationship with stress, improve your health, and increase enjoyment of life.*

**NEW SPRING DATES: March 20 - May 8, 2024**  
**Wednesdays 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.**



*Mindfulness provides a simple but powerful route for getting ourselves unstuck, back into touch with our own wisdom and vitality. It is a way to take charge of the direction and quality of our lives, including our relationships within the family, our relationship to work and to the larger world and planet, and most fundamentally, our relationship with ourselves as a person.*

*~ Jon Kabat-Zinn, Ph.D.*

## WHO WILL BENEFIT

Participants come with a range of life difficulties. These include, but are not limited to:

- Chronic pain
- Caregiver burnout
- Anxiety or panic
- Worry about the future
- Unhealthy guilt
- Type A personality
- Interpersonal problems
- Grief or loss
- Job or family stress
- Cancer
- Headaches
- Sleep disturbance
- Depression
- Skin disorders
- High blood pressure
- Fatigue
- Heart disease

Your benefits depend directly on your own willingness to attend class sessions and to practice daily on your own outside of class. At first, you may actually find you feel more stressed by being in the program! But, if you stay with it, you can discover wisdom and resources you did not realize within yourself. Participants find the program challenging, but pleasurable and empowering as well.

## WHAT TO EXPECT



MBSR has been extensively studied since the late 1970s. Research shows that many people report:

- An increased ability to relax and enjoy each moment
- Lasting decreases in physical and psychological symptoms
- Lower pain levels and/or a better ability to cope with pain that may not go away
- Improved self-esteem, self-acceptance, energy and confidence
- Cultivating powerful inner resources for coping with life stressors
- Developing new habits and mindfulness skills that can be used for the rest of your life

A variety of formal and informal practices are taught:

- Body Scan
- Sitting & Walking Meditation
- Gentle Yoga and Qi Gong
- Mindfulness of Daily Activities
- Interpersonal Mindfulness

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**All Day Retreat - Saturday April 27, 2024**  
**at Shanti Meditation Hall, Pilot VA**

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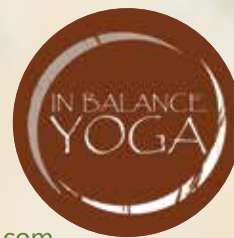
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### \*Cost of program \$550.

Early registration (prior to Feb 1, 2024) \$495

*This fee includes a brief evaluation interview, online audio recordings, and handouts to support your practice. A limited number of scholarships are available. Payment plans available.*



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