

POLESTAR PILATES STUDIO/REHAB (COMPREHENSIVE) SERIES

COURSE DURATION

12-18 months for completion

OVERVIEW

The outcome of the Studio/Rehab (Comprehensive) Series is a Pilates Studio/Rehab Instructor /Practitioner of the highest caliber. The course provides the skills and knowledge for an individual to work with or as a medical and allied health professional in a broad range of settings. The Instructor will have knowledge in the science of human movement and the skills to design and provide comprehensive conditioning and rehabilitation programs to clients from a range of backgrounds and presenting with a variety of conditions. The instruction can be one-to-one with an individual or with small groups using Pilates studio equipment and matwork. Clients may include low risk healthy adults, athletes and dancers and older clients.

At the end of this course, graduates will be able to find employment as fully trained Pilates Rehabilitation Studio Instructors /Practitioner in the following areas:

- A Pilates studio
- Rehabilitation clinics such as Physiotherapy that have Pilates equipment
- Allied health service clinic
- Physiotherapy clinic
- Retirement or aged care facility
- Gymnasium or corporate health facility with Pilates studio and group fitness equipment
- Health spa
- Club offering sports conditioning
- Dance studio offering dance conditioning



COURSE PRE-REQUISITES

Minimum requirements for entry into this course are:

- Attainment of HSC / Secondary education or tertiary education equivalent
- A good understanding of Pilates – a minimum of 25 hours of personal Pilates practice either in private or group sessions. This may include matwork and studio work (*preferably with a Polestar Pilates certified practitioner*). This can be provided as a log from your studio/gym or letter/email from your Pilates practitioner.
- Successfully completed HLTAAP001– Recognise healthy body systems in a health care context (or equivalent) attained through a recognised complementary health care college or RTO. This equates to one semester of basic anatomy/physiology or equivalent.

ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY REQUIREMENTS

Polestar Pilates Courses require the completion of basic anatomy/physiology. If you are already qualified in one of the following occupations you would qualify for RPL: *Physiotherapist, Osteopath, Exercise Physiologist, Nurse, Myotherapist, Remedial Massage Therapist, Cert IV Personal Trainer*. However, if you are from a different background and have NOT completed any basic Anatomy and Physiology education completion, it is required prior to the start of your course. ***Polestar provides an online Anatomy course that meets these requirements, it is at an additional fee of \$350. Please contact Polestar directly for further information.***

COURSE STRUCTURE

The following table outlines the units of competency that make up the Polestar Pilates Studio/Rehab (Comprehensive) Series. The course is delivered over seven two-day courses (Saturday & Sunday). [usual hours Sat 12pm-5pm & Sun 8am-12pm, but may vary in different cities]

The courses must be taken in the following order: **PP, SR1, SR2, SR3, SR4, SR5, SR6**

Polestar ID	UNIT OF COMPETENCY	Diploma Code
PP	Apply the Polestar Pilates Principles and Postural assessment framework	NAT11292002
SR1	Plan and instruct the introductory Polestar Pilates Studio and Rehabilitation repertoire	NAT11292006
SR2	Plan and instruct the beginner Polestar Pilates Studio and Rehabilitation repertoire	NAT11292007
SR3	Plan and instruct the early intermediate Polestar Pilates Studio and Rehabilitation repertoire	NAT11292008
SR4	Plan and instruct the intermediate Polestar Pilates Studio and Rehabilitation repertoire	NAT11292009
SR5	Plan and instruct the early advanced Polestar Pilates Studio and Rehabilitation repertoire	NAT11292010
SR6	Plan and instruct the advanced Polestar Pilates Studio and Rehabilitation repertoire	NAT11292011

The above 7 units are drawn from the **Polestar Pilates Comprehensive Instruction Method Diploma (11292NAT)** which is a nationally recognised course under the Australian Qualification Framework. Polestar Pilates Australia is a Registered Training Organisation (RTO) No. 91620. Graduates will receive a Statement of Attainment for partial completion of this Diploma.

Further information of the full Diploma can be found on the website:

<https://www.polestarpilates.edu.au/courses/polestar-pilates-diploma/>



POLESTAR PILATES UNIT DESCRIPTIONS

STUDIO SERIES & REHABILITATIVE (PP, SR1-SR6)

PP - Polestar Pilates Principles of Movement

Learn and apply the theories of movement that lay the foundation for Polestar Pilates in this prerequisite for all other Polestar courses. Using evidence-based research, you will discover the passage ways for movement throughout the body and develop the tools to provide either assistance for or challenge your clients in helping them achieve their goals. Polestar Principles will bring to life your ability to assess, problem-solve, design and modify exercise programs to meet specific needs and abilities.

This non-apparatus course introduces current research in movement science, motor learning, bioenergetics, and communication science to instructional practice through basic movement principles which are used throughout the Polestar Pilates curriculum. This course introduces Polestar Assessment Tool™, which includes postural evaluation and functional testing, to prepare you to properly design a plan to implement Pilates exercises for clients. This unique component significantly enhances decision-making skills as a Pilates practitioner.

Students will complete online (self-paced) modules about each Principle inclusive of built in webinars and attend a live lecture hosted by an Educator, to revise and discuss the findings in the unit. There are 6 modules for students to complete with 6 follow up live discussions.

For those individuals taking more than one course (such as Reformer and/or Comprehensive Studio/Rehab), this course is required only once.

SR1- SR6: Studio/Rehab Levels 1-6

The Pilates Studio/Rehab program has six course Units scheduled approximately one month apart. The time between courses allows you to practice and become comfortable with the material before continuing to the next course. Each course is two days, usually Saturday and Sunday. For final assessment, you will be required to complete at your own expense, the required reading and writing assignments, as well as hours of observation, self-mastery practice and apprentice teaching.



These Units review the postural screening methodology and the six principles learned in PP, then applies them to exercises on the Studio Reformer, Trapeze Table, Chair, Ladder Barrel, Mat and small props. Students will receive a comprehensive didactic and theoretical review and practical training using a clinical reasoning approach. Each Unit consists of a formal lecture, reading assignments, research literature review, and writing assignments. Also covered:

- Verbal and tactile cueing combined with mental imagery to facilitate accurate execution of movement
- Program design and exercise sequencing
- Practical application of the repertoire through use of case studies
- Exercise modifications for a variety of populations
- Adjustment of equipment for patient safety and instructor efficiency
- Progression of movement following an injury
- Indications and contraindications for exercise selection

REHAB STREAM:

There are two streams of this course ‘**Studio** and **Rehab**’. All students learn exactly the same repertoire and attend course lectures together however those students that are from a **Rehab** background like Physiotherapy, Osteopathy, or Chiropractor will complete case studies, exams and assignments covering more in-depth medical applications.

- Integration of manual mobilisation skills and Pilates movement (appropriate to your scope of practice)
- Learn how to create treatment plans and case studies using the Polestar Pilates Assessment Tool and the ICF Model.

COURSE ASSESSMENT

Assessment requirements include: attending all of the course hours, completing reading and writing assignments, as well as a specified number of observation, self-mastery, and apprentice teaching hours as noted below. To track your hours and progress, a log book will be issued at the start of your course with your materials. Certificates are granted upon successful completion of the log-book, and an 80% pass mark on the final exam. The delivery modes are made up of approximately 600 nominal hours and are broken down as follows:

Lectures & Homework	Observation	Self-Mastery	Apprentice Teaching
430	50	100	100

Lectures: Lecture hours include formal lecture/workshop face-to-face delivery, practical and written assessments and mandatory tutorial hours.

Observation: Observation is where the student observes a studio in action, and has their hours signed off by a certified practitioner (preferably Polestar qualified). Polestar Online Academy can also be used for up to 10 observation hours in each course.

Self-Mastery (and Self-Directed): These hours are for Students to practice the exercises learnt in the curriculum so as to master the repertoire. Self-mastery hours include 30% of self-directed hours i.e. practicing the repertoire in your own time at home or with other students. **NOTE:** Polestar Online Academy can also be used as a tool for your self-practice hours. The remaining hours may be a combination of Matwork, reformer and/or studio sessions.

Apprentice Teaching: Once you feel confident in the repertoire, you will be expected to assist a senior instructor or Pilates practitioner (preferably Polestar qualified) within a Pilates Studio workplace in order to gain practical experience. You will teach under their guidance and assist with tactile cueing and client correction for the remaining hour to achieve sign off. **NOTE:** a qualified Pilates instructor must be present at all Apprentice Teaching sessions to provide sign off and feedback.

Self-Study Requirements: following is the recommended MINIMUM hours required per week for duration of the course:

Self-Practice - minimum 2 hour per week

- Supervised Practice - minimum 2 hour per week
- Observation - minimum 2 hours per week
- Apprentice Teaching - minimum 2-3 hours per week (*from SR2*)
- Written homework – minimum 3 hours per month

For all hours, 50% can be completed with a non-Polestar trained instructor.



Practicums:

Practicums help accelerate your teaching and demonstration hours in a supported environment with an Educator. Teaching is within a clinical format against units of competency and allows students to accrue 2 hours for 1 hour (1:2) towards their student logbook. Topics included will be review of Theory, Repertoire, Case Studies and Self-Mastery demonstration and teaching. They are schedule generally over 4hrs but can be shorter and some are online.

There are 3 Practicums scheduled as part of the Comprehensive course and are included in the course fees. All other practicums are optional and the schedule for booking can be found here:

<https://www.polestarpilates.edu.au/practicums/>

RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING & DIRECT CREDIT (RPL/DC)

Polestar Pilates Australia has a policy that recognises the skills and knowledge that a candidate has gained via other forms of study, formal training, self-tuition, work experience or life experience. Polestar Pilates Australia will formally recognise a candidate's existing level of skill and knowledge in the following two ways:

- Recognition of prior learning (RPL)
- Credit transfer (CT)

If you wish to apply for RPL or CT, please contact Polestar Pilates Australia to request an application form **during the registration process**. You will be required to show all evidence of your qualification/statement of attainment/training/experience when applying. The application fee of **\$100** per unit for RPL will apply. The student will only be eligible for a reduction in their course fees if they submit their CT/RPL application latest one week prior to their first face to face seminar of the course commencement.



Further information can be found on our website:

<http://www.polestarpilates.edu.au/recognised-prior-learning/>

TEXT BOOKS

As part of the training Polestar recommends the following text to assist with your learning:

- Principles of Movement, Brent Anderson: Slack Publications (*this book is included in your course fees*)
- Anatomy of Movement, Blandine Calais-Germain: Eastland Press 1993
- Pilates Evolution, the 21st Century or Return to Life through Controlongy - Joseph Pilates: Bain Bridge Books
- Dynamic Alignment Through Imagery, Eric Franklin: Human Kinetics 1996
- Energy Medicine: The Scientific Basis, James L. Oschman: Churchill Livingstone, 2000 Chapters 1-4, 15 (Provided with the course)
- Motor Control: Theory and Practical Applications, Anne Shumway-Cook, PhD: (Chapter 1 and 2)

STAFF QUALIFICATIONS

Educators with Polestar Pilates Australia are of the highest calibre in the world, holding either a relevant Degree such as Physiotherapy, Osteopathy, or the like. Educators must have at least 5 years teaching experience and go through a dedicated process of mentoring and assisting students before they can become an Educator.

All Educators with Polestar Pilates Australia are required to obtain the following:

- Diploma of Polestar Pilates Studio and Rehabilitation Method or higher
- TAE40110 Certificate IV in Training and Assessment Certificate (or higher)
- Current membership of relevant professional/industry association (e.g. Pilates Alliance Australasia)
- Maintain professional development credits, insurance and first aid training.
- Attend annual Educator in-house training and any international conference with Polestar Pilates international.
- Induction program to be cognisant of AQTF standards and the responsibilities and expectations of teaching in the VET system and its relationship to the Pilates education programs.
- It is also recommended that staff have associated learning experience/skills/qualifications such as: dance, sports science, physiotherapy.

COURSE RECOGNITION

Students who graduate from Polestar's Comprehensive series qualify for:

- Studio Instructor Membership with the Pilates Association Australia. Applications will also be accepted for partial completion of Diploma of Polestar Pilates Comprehensive Instruction Method (10828 NAT). Plus Diploma unit HLTSHW003 Maintain Work Health & Safety.
- For those already members with AUSactive you will receive 10 CEC's for PP.
- For those already members with ESSA you will receive 15 CEC's

Pilates Association Australia (PAA)

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Exercise & Sports Science Australia (ESSA)

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COURSE PRICING & TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Polestar Pilates Comprehensive Series:

Includes: Units: PP, SR1, SR2, SR3, SR4, SR5, SR6, Course Manuals, Principles of Movement book by Brent Anderson, Online Portal, Logbook, 3 Practicums and Final Exam.

EARLY BIRD: available up to 8 weeks prior	STANDARD: after early bird pricing ends
<p style="text-align: center;">Full Payment upfront \$5,950</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Payment Plan: \$6,200 Deposit \$1000 with \$650 x 8 months</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Full Payment upfront \$6,630</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Payment Plan: \$6,900 Deposit \$1020 with \$735 x 8 months</p>

All prices are in Australian dollars and include GST when applicable. All prices are subject to change without notice



Registration Policies (including Cancellations and Transfers) – please read all points carefully

1. Payment Plan:

- Deposit or Full Payment is due at time of registration by either Credit Card or Direct Debit. Note Credit Card fees may apply.
- If you choose the Payment Plan option, a surcharge will apply. This fee is charged by a third-party provider at their current rate.
- Dishonor fees apply for failed transactions, these will be automatically deducted from your account
- NOTE your registration is **NOT** confirmed until Deposit is received and Payment Plan has been setup

2. Commitment:

On registering for a course with Polestar Australia you confirm that you have read and understand the commitment of time required to complete the course. It is the Students responsibility to ensure the course hours fit into their schedule and life commitments.

3. Course Units and Exams must be completed within the following timescales.

No certification will be issued after these time lines.

- Ultimate Reformer Series: *12 months from Principles*
- Mat Series: *12 months from Principles*
- Studio / Rehab Series: *18 months from Principles*
- Diploma Upgrade: *6 months from release of Units*

4. Course Cancellation Terms.

- Courses cancelled in writing with 30 DAYS OR MORE notice prior to the start date of your first face to face weekend (PP or SR1) are eligible for a refund minus an ADMIN FEE. The Admin Fees for each course that will be deducted are: Mat Series: \$300 Studio-Rehab Series: \$500 Reformer Series: \$300
- Courses cancelled with LESS than 30 days' notice prior the start date of your first face to face weekend (PP or SR1) are NOT accepted and NO REFUND will be issued.
- Courses cancelled after commencement your first face to face weekend (PP or SR1) are NOT accepted and NO REFUND will be issued. All scheduled payment schedules must still be honored.
- Courses cannot be cancelled due to change of mind, weddings, work travel, holidays, personal relocation or similar

5. Cancellations due to special circumstances

- if you have registered for and / or started your course and need to cancel due to special circumstances Polestar Australia will consider each application. Note proof of circumstances must be provided. These would include: bereavement within immediate family, debilitating injury / illness. It does not include personal reasons such as: weddings, work travel, holidays, personal relocation, change of mind or similar.

6. Use of Online instruction methods –

In the event that Polestar Pilates Australia either:

- a. Cannot provide courses, examinations or modules onsite due to circumstances or events beyond its control or
- b. Cannot ensure the safety and security of its staff and/or students where circumstances and events beyond its control

including weather conditions; any contagious diseases, epidemics or pandemics including but not limited to COVID-19 and their consequences; demonstrations; riots; civil unrest; curfew and city lock-downs, government travel restrictions, Polestar Pilates Australia may at its sole discretion:

1. Replace those parts of courses, modules, examinations which can be so replaced without compromising Polestar instruction standards, with online instruction and reschedule such parts of the courses, modules, examinations which cannot be replaced by online instruction- at no additional cost to students.
2. Reschedule the said courses, examination or modules in their entirety – at no additional cost to students.
3. Cancel any scheduled courses, examination or modules in their entirety – at no additional cost to students

No financial compensation will be payable to students in circumstances 1. and 2. above.

Full refund of fees paid for cancelled course, examination, module will be made to students for circumstances 3. above.

7. Unit Transfers Requests

- If you are unable to attend a Unit that is scheduled for your course it can be made up privately with an Educator at an additional Fee at Educator Rate (varying from \$120-\$150 per hour)(except for Principles).
- Alternatively, you can complete the Unit in another State at your own travel costs. Note that all Units must be completed in the same order, intake and cannot be changed.
- Transfer approvals are dependent on course numbers in the requested location. Transfers will NOT BE CONFIRMED until Registrations have been closed at the requested location. Note this occurs 2 weeks prior to

course commencement.

- Online academic units cannot be transferred to another year / intake.
- Transfer Fee: \$150 per Unit applies

8. Course Extension

- All courses must be completed within the stated timeline. (Mat & Reformer Series 12 months, Studio/Rehab 18 months).
- If you need to extend due to special circumstances Polestar Australia will consider each application. Note proof of circumstances must be provided. These would include: bereavement within immediate family, debilitating injury / illness. It does not include personal reasons such as: weddings, work travel, holidays, personal relocation or similar situations.
- Course Extension Fee: \$350 applies

9. **Course fees DO NOT INCLUDE:** required reading materials for reading and writing assignments; coaching hours for logbook completion with a Mentor (including observation, self-mastery practice and apprentice teaching); Study Groups, Personal extras (sundries, travel and accommodation), DVD's, Coaching or Mentoring and any assessment re-sit fee. Transfer fee to another state.
10. **Course fees INCLUDE:** weekend lectures and labs (PP, M1-M3, REF1-REF2, SR1-SR6), course manuals, logbooks, access to Academic Units online, final exam, morning and afternoon refreshments
11. A USI (Unique Student Identifier Number) must be provided at Registration – final certifications cannot be provided without the USI number being submitted to Polestar Australia
12. Registration deadline is 14 days in advance of course start date. Registration received less than 14 days will be processed only if space is available. You are not registered until you receive written confirmation from Polestar Pilates.
13. Registration is limited to between 15-25 participants depending on location and studio size. Registration received for a course that has reached full capacity will not be processed and you will be contacted. Courses will only go ahead with a minimum of 10 participants.
14. Polestar Pilates reserves the right to postpone or cancel any course due to, but not limited to; weather conditions; any contagious diseases, epidemics or pandemics including but not limited to COVID-19 and their consequences; demonstrations; riots; civil unrest; curfew and city lock-downs, government travel restrictions. If we cancel a course, you will have the option of transferring to another course or receiving a full refund. Polestar is not responsible for any travel costs due to cancellation.
15. You understand that you will attend the Polestar course, use the facilities and equipment at your own risk. At registration you confirm that all medical conditions and injuries, both past and present have been disclosed and where required have obtained clearance from your general practitioner.
16. You will take it upon yourself to discuss any changes to your current health with your instructor. You recognise that the instructor is not able to provide medical advice with regard any medical fitness and that the information provided is used as a guideline to the limitations of my ability to exercise.
17. All courses commence on Saturday at 12.00pm and Sunday 8.00am and finish at 5.00pm both days, with a 1-hour lunch break on Sunday.

Exam Cancellation Terms

- You can only book your final exam once you have attended all your course Units
- A cancellation fee of \$150 applies for all exams cancelled within 2 weeks of your confirmed exam date

CONTACT DETAILS

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