

**THE MIND/BODY CONNECTION:  
Enhancing the body's ability to heal, and function optimally**

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**Esalen is a unique experience overlooking the Pacific Ocean. Their facilities include natural hot springs baths, pool, healthy meals, yoga, massage, all with breathtaking views. This is the perfect setting to address the relationship between mind and body.**

Physical and emotional holding patterns, as well as habitual behaviors can result from emotional pain and defenses. Along with stress, they cause muscle tension and nervous system reactivity and imbalance. This impacts physical symptoms and interferes with healing and optimal functioning.

Pain and other symptoms can also be maintained unconsciously as a distraction from emotional issues. By addressing the underlying issues and coping better with stress, the body is able to let go more readily. This improves blood flow, effects biochemical balance, improves physical health, and enhances performance.

This workshop will help you recognize and release emotional and physical holding patterns and learn more appropriate responses to stress. Thus your body will be more resilient, and heal better. Discussion, along with experiential work will facilitate self-awareness, emotional release and body self-regulation. This workshop addresses:

- ◆ **The connection between emotions, stress and physical symptoms including pain**
- ◆ **Identifying and resolving emotional holding patterns and unfinished business**
- ◆ **Introduction to relaxation and biofeedback techniques**
- ◆ **Coping with stress and correcting the chronic imbalance of your nervous system**
- ◆ **Redesigning your body's "Fight or Flight" response to enhance resilience**
- ◆ **Dealing with anger and depression**
- ◆ **Destructive patterns such as perfectionism, obsessiveness, and addictions**
- ◆ **New and more effective ways of thinking and controlling thoughts**
- ◆ **Creating your personal program for healing and optimal functioning**

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