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COACH ACADEMY · PROGRAM OVERVIEW · 2026

Certified Life Coach + Grief Specialization

ICF-approved coach education · 26 weeks · Live virtual

Two programs, one offer · January 2027 only



ICF LEVEL 1
Accredited Coaching Education

coachacademy.com

Bundle offer valid for the January 2027 intake only. All prices are subject to change.

WELCOME

You've been the person people come to.

For perspective. For steadiness. For the conversation they can't have with everyone else.

Coach Academy helps you turn that instinct into professional coaching skills. This two-in-one offer bundles the Certified Life Coach Program with the Grief Specialization: a 26-week, ICF-approved, live virtual path to ICF credentials. This course was designed in response to large demand, for people wanting the confidence, credibility, and practice to coach well, and the skill to meet emotions like grief with professional confidence.

You're the person people trust with what is important to them. Career transitions. Relationships. Life challenges and opportunities. The unpredictable elements of change.

Coach education gives your supportive instinct a method. Structure, ethics, practice, mentoring, and a credential that give you the knowledge and integrity to make this a profession.

When you become a coach, the first life to change is often your own.

84

ICF COACH EDUCATION
HOURS

26

WEEKS, PART-TIME

10

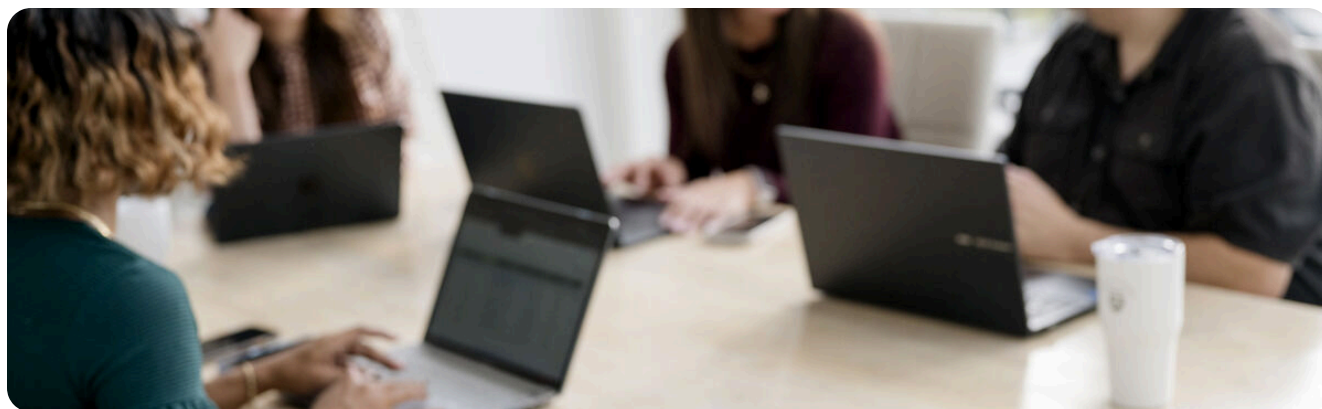
MENTOR COACHING HOURS

300+

FIVE-STAR GOOGLE REVIEWS

4000+

GRADUATES



THE DETAILS

Program at a glance

Program	Certified Life Coach + Grief Specialization
Format	Live virtual training, on Zoom
Length	20 modules + 6 grief modules
Breaks	Mid-way integration week + applicable holidays
Classroom access	Program duration + 3 months
Weekly class	2 hours live
Coursework	About 4 to 5 hours per week
Coaching practice	About 1 to 2 hours per week
Coach education hours	84 (ICF Level 1)
CCE credits (grief)	10 ICF Continuing Coach Education credits
Mentor coaching	10 hours with a qualified MCS (7 group, 3 individual)
Designation earned	CA Certified Life Coach
Premium Community Membership	Influencer, included (\$270 value)
Tuition (all-inclusive)	\$6,850 plus applicable taxes
Deposit at registration	\$1,500
Payment plans	Up to 5 installments (interest-free)
Start dates	January 2027

Successful completion

- 84 hours of coursework
- 10 ICF mentoring hours with a qualified MCS (7 group, 3 individual)
- 30 practical coaching hours
- 10 hours being coached

What you achieve

- Graduate a CA Certified Life Coach
- Qualify for ICF Level 1 Credential (ACC)
- Certificate of completion for 10 ICF Mentor Hours
- 6-Month membership in a world-class global community
- A Certificate and Specialization in Coaching Grief

Additional fees apply for ICF Formative Evaluations. Details are covered on your call with an Admissions Coach.

THE CURRICULUM

What you'll learn

In 20 modules, you'll practice the fundamentals behind professional coaching conversations. You'll learn how to:

- ✓ Listen for meaning, emotion, values, and patterns
- ✓ Ask questions that create clarity
- ✓ Create trust and safety
- ✓ Stay present when emotions or silence show up
- ✓ Use clean language that respects the client's meaning
- ✓ Recognize assumptions, judgment, and the urge to give advice
- ✓ Break through limiting thoughts and language
- ✓ Discover the magic of metaphors to clarify thinking
- ✓ Support clients as they move from awareness to action
- ✓ Practice proven approaches to change and well-being
- ✓ Understand the ICF Core Competencies
- ✓ Build confidence through practice, mentoring, and feedback
- ✓ Business mentorship: what to consider when launching your coaching practice, common questions, and strategic business practices
- ✓ Coach grief in every transition: retirement, the empty nest, aging, loss

HOW YOU LEARN

360-degree learning

Coach, be coached, and observe coaching. You develop as a coach from every angle, inside the safety of a learning community.

Live coaching + feedback

Coaching demonstrations, group coaching, peer coaching, and observations, both in class and in community.

Unlimited peer coaching exchanges

Unlimited access to a global network of peers working toward ICF credentials, ready to practice coaching with you every week. This is our best kept secret and most valuable feature.

Tools, research, and tutorials

Ongoing development, research, and resources embedded in the classroom and the community. Access to weekly Learning Labs in the community.

You'll leave different. People around you will feel it.

COURSE OUTLINE

Weeks 1 to 6

WEEK

1

Introduction to coaching

Peer introductions and program overview · What coaching is and is not · Dive-in: setting a benchmark for progress

WEEK

2

The difference a coach makes

Communication styles · Cycle of empowerment · Tame the advice monster

WEEK

3

Connection, trust & intimacy

Coaching as a partnership of equals · Creating the trust and safety that make honest conversations possible

WEEK

4

THRIVE™ framework

The coaching conversation · Directional and progressive

WEEK

5

Group mentoring 1 ★

Questions forum · Live coaching demos · Mentoring on coaching opportunities and challenges

WEEK

6

Language & beliefs

Break through limiting thoughts and language · The beliefs beneath the words

Course outline is subject to change.

COURSE OUTLINE

Weeks 7 to 12

WEEK
7

Levels of listening

What it means to truly listen · Conscious listening strategies

WEEK
8

Clean language

Empower others to explore their own thinking · Self-managing your own bias

WEEK
9

Metaphors, feelings & breakthroughs

The magic of metaphors to clarify thinking · Working with feelings to create breakthroughs

WEEK
10

Self-management

Judgment, relating, and assumptions · How to hold space and stay present to others

WEEK
11

Group mentoring 2 ★

Questions forum · Live coaching demos · Mentoring on coaching opportunities and challenges

WEEK
12

T & H in THRIVE™

Practising the first stages of the THRIVE™ framework in live coaching

BREAK

Break for Integration Week

Course outline is subject to change.

COURSE OUTLINE

Weeks 13 to 20

WEEK
13

R & I in THRIVE™

Practising the middle stages of the THRIVE™ framework in live coaching

WEEK
14

V & E in THRIVE™

Completing the THRIVE™ framework · Bringing the full conversation together

WEEK
15

Mission & vision statements

The power of intentions and visualizations · Coaching with a clear mission

WEEK
16

Group mentoring 3 ★

Questions forum · Live coaching demos · Mentoring on coaching opportunities and challenges

WEEK
17

ICF Core Competencies integration

Present a competency that challenges you · Presentations

WEEK
18

Business mentoring 1

Building your coaching practice · Positioning, pricing, and finding your first clients

WEEK
19

Business mentoring 2

Growing your coaching practice · Marketing, referrals, and next steps in business

WEEK
20

Closing & next steps

Next steps · Reciprocal circle

Course outline is subject to change.

★ ICF group mentoring hours

Weeks 21 to 26

Your Grief Specialization begins after the closing class: the full 8-week course, condensed into 6 fast-track weeks for this bundle. Earn 10 ICF Continuing Coach Education (CCE) credits while you build the skill of staying present when it matters most.

WEEK
21

Giving grief meaning

What grief means across lives and cultures · Setting your personal benchmark for the weeks ahead

WEEK
22

A response to trauma, loss, and change

Grounded theory on the stages of grieving · Grief beyond death: change, transition, and loss

WEEK
23

What to say?

Language that helps and language that harms · Holding space without fixing

WEEK
24

The ways people grieve · Coaching vs therapy

Dimensions and types of grief · Where coaching ends and therapy begins, and when to refer

WEEK
25

From surviving to thriving

Post-traumatic growth, and what makes it possible · The research on resilient grieving · Rebuilding forward with your client

WEEK
26

Final project + closing

A creative, practical project tying learning and self-reflection together · Closing reflections

Course outline is subject to change.

THE ICF PATHWAY, EXPLAINED

From your first class to a globally recognized credential

Coach Academy is an approved partner of the International Coaching Federation, the gold standard in coaching worldwide. Here is exactly how the pathway works.

1

Complete the program

26 weeks of live classes, coursework, and real coaching practice: 84 ICF Level 1 coach education hours, 10 mentor coaching hours with a qualified MCS, 30 practical coaching hours, 10 hours being coached, and 10 CCE credits from the Grief Specialization.

2

Graduate a CA Certified Life Coach

Your Coach Academy designation, backed by documented hours and evaluated practice.

3

Apply for your ICF ACC credential

Your 84 hours and mentoring meet the education requirements for the ICF Associate Certified Coach (ACC) application. We walk you through it, including the formative evaluation step.

4

Keep growing, for life

Levels 2 and 3 and continuing education keep your credential moving toward PCC and MCC, with a community that grows with you.

One Academy, A Lifetime of Learning



Level 1

Certified Life Coach



Level 2

Professional Coach · Bridge to PCC Program · Advanced Coaching Skills



Level 3

Mastery-level training



CCE

Continuing education

BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

A vibrant community, included with your tuition

Learning continues between and beyond classes with 10+ live events every month. Your Influencer Membership (a \$270 value) is included for 6 months:

Clubs and keynotes

Unlimited coaching exchange

Live coach demos

Case study clinics

Weekly Learning Labs

ICF group mentoring hours

And so much more to enrich your learning

Influencer Membership: included with tuition

A \$270 value, yours for 6 months. Offer is subject to change at Coach Academy's discretion.

Mastermind Membership: the next level

When you're ready for more, upgrade to the Mastermind Membership for \$55 per month, our client rate. Offer is subject to change at Coach Academy's discretion.

Mastermind Membership: open to the public

New to Coach Academy? Join the Mastermind community for \$85 per month, our public rate for people who are not clients yet. Offer is subject to change at Coach Academy's discretion.

The January bundle: why this offer exists

Due to popular demand, this bundle folds our 8-week Grief Specialization into your Life Coach Program, condensed into 6 fast-track weeks that begin right after your closing class. One registration, two knowledge tracks, only offered January 2027.

Grief is emotion, and emotion is an important part of how people decide, change and make progress. In every transition your clients bring: retirement, the empty nest, aging, a move, a diagnosis. Loss of life is only one form of grief. Coaches who can meet emotion are in another category.

This offer is only available for the January 2027 intake. It cannot be combined with any other offer. Restrictions apply.

Why we are different

Rigorous training, human delivery

Built for people who take this work seriously. The curriculum is grounded in ICF standards, evidence-informed practice, and 50,000+ hours of curriculum design, mentoring, and facilitation since 2016.

The THRIVE™ coaching model

Our CA Coaching Framework THRIVE™ delivers consistent, structured, powerful conversations. World-class, experienced facilitators mentor coaches at every level.

Small cohorts, real practice

You'll learn live, beside people coaching in leadership, education, healthcare, HR, and private practice around the world. Classes stay small for engaged learning and discussion.

A boutique learning experience

Classes are capped at 17 for more attention. Our programs strive for the academic excellence of the Ivy League and deliver with the care and rigor you would expect from a world-class institute.

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Coach Academy has changed my life for the better. The course facilitators are excellent, and the course content is beyond what I could have ever imagined. I love that through the pursuit of helping others by becoming a life coach, I am learning more about myself and becoming a better person in the process!

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★★★★★ 300+ five-star Google reviews

4000+ Graduates

YOUR INVESTMENT

Tuition, and how to get sponsored

ALL-INCLUSIVE TUITION

\$6,850

Plus applicable taxes · January intake only

- \$1,500 deposit at registration
- Payment plans up to 5 installments (interest-free)
- 84 ICF coach education hours (Level 1)
- Grief Specialization included: the 8-week course in 6 fast-track weeks, 10 CCE credits
- 10 mentor coaching hours with a qualified MCS (7 group, 3 individual)
- Influencer Membership included (\$270 value) for 6 months
- Additional fees apply for ICF Formative Evaluations

Sponsored by your organization?

Many of our students are sponsored by an employer, a non-profit board, or a professional development fund. Coach training is a recognized investment in retention, engagement, and culture.

Your Admissions Coach can prepare everything your approver needs:

- ✓ This program overview and course outline
- ✓ The ICF-approved hours and credential pathway
- ✓ An invoice made out to your organization
- ✓ A receipt and documentation for development funds

Ask about Membership, Advanced Skills, Business Workshops, Mentoring Packages, and Intensive Programs.

THE FOUNDER



Nathalie Blais, MCC

FOUNDER & CEO, COACH ACADEMY

Nathalie Blais is the Founder and CEO of Coach Academy and an ICF Master Certified Coach whose work focuses on how people think, connect, and lead. Her central idea is both simple and disruptive: connection is not an assumption; it is a skill.

Blais holds a Master's degree in Psychology from Harvard and has logged more than 50,000 hours in facilitation, learning design, research, and education development. She is the architect of multiple ICF-accredited coach education programs and has trained thousands of leaders and coaches worldwide.

A TEDx Speaker on the power of coaching based connection skills, her research explores fear, motivation, grief, compassion, and connection. Her forthcoming 2027 book offers practical ways to prioritize human-centred connection in an increasingly automated world.

Your next step is a conversation.

Speak with an Admissions Coach: a graduate of our programs who can walk you through the pathway, the time commitment, tuition, and whether Coach Academy fits what you're hoping to build.

[Book a call](#)

No sales pitch. Just a clear conversation.

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