



# Yoga: The Power of Workplace Wellness By Simon Arias



- Adults spend nine to 12 hours per day engaged in workrelated activities.
- Workplace stress is common, sometimes severe.
- Some stress is normal, even if you love your job. But too much work stress can lead to major health problems.
- Filipinos spent a total of P526.3 billion in healthcare alone in 2013 (from the Philippine Statistics Authority) – this cost has been rising steadily every year.





#### Signs and symptoms of excessive workplace stress:

- fatigue
- inability to concentrate
- loss of interest in work tasks
- muscle tension
- headaches
- general anxiety
- irritability
- persistent sadness





Learning to identify the sources of stress for you in the workplace, and then effectively managing those stressors, can dramatically improve your overall quality of life.



Five ways to integrate yoga, mindfulness, and meditation into your workday and help combat common stressors









- 1. Show up with <u>positivity</u>. It can set the tone for your whole day.
- a. Start your workday with 10 to 15 minutes of work-focused contemplation, journaling, and gratitude. You may arrive early to work to do this, or you can set aside time before the day begins if you feel you will be unable to do this in your workspace.





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- b. Try focusing on one positive workspecific affirmation to tune your mind and body for the day ahead.





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c. Set written goals for what you'd like to achieve during your workday, and visualize yourself happily accomplishing them.



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d. Direct positive focus to the gifts of your job (such as an uplifting coworker you would not have otherwise met, or the steady paycheck you receive).







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Whichever activity you choose, schedule it in your daily agenda just as you would any other task. And stick with it!

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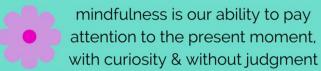


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#### what is mindfulness?



mindfulness can be cultivated through a formal practice, like meditation...

...and we can bring mindful attention to our daily activities

the benefits of mindfulness include:

increased empathy and compassion



improved immune functioning

increased happiness and optimism 🚣



improved sleep



greater focus and concentration

reduced stress and anxiety



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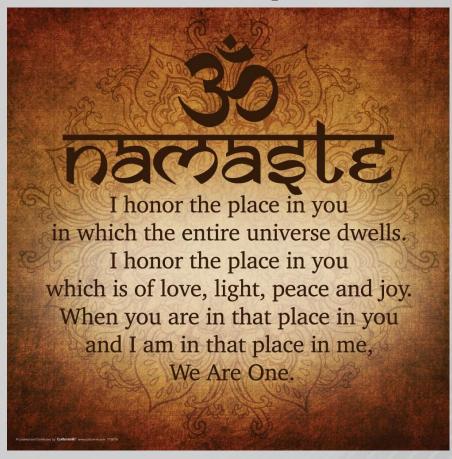
#### Recap:

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- 2. Cultivate mindfulness throughout the day.
- 3. Always reboot if and when it's necessary.
- 4. Join your company's workplace wellness programs.
- 5. Remember to log out.













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