

NCGR Education Program:

The Four Levels

The NCGR Curriculum and Certification Program is divided into four progressive levels.

The first three levels require testing supervised by NCGR teachers and exam monitors. Part of the third level and all of the fourth are take-home tests. Questions regarding professional ethics are covered for all levels, becoming more comprehensive as the student progresses.

Level I

provides the foundation for an understanding of Western astrology. In order to pass a proficiency examination at this level the student must comprehend the building blocks of astrology: signs, planets, houses, personal points, major aspects and their configurations, hemisphere and quadrant emphases, and other fundamentals. Students are expected to be able to calculate a chart by hand for any geographical location in the world. Some knowledge of classical astrology is required, such as dignities and debilities, planetary sects, and benefics and malefics. The astronomy covered on this level includes the solar system, eclipses, retrograde motion, and the solstices.

Level II

reviews natal delineation and introduces various techniques, among them the dynamic elements of transits, progressions, and solar arc directions.

Also covered are minor aspects, lunar phases, derived houses, asteroids, and fixed stars. Calculations required for this level include progressions, solar arc directions, antiscia, declinations, the vertex, and the equatorial ascendant. An understanding of planetary cycles, relocation charts, house divisions, and more detailed astronomy is expected on this level, such as the Great Circles, celestial latitude and longitude, declination, right ascension, precession, and the lunar nodes. Additional knowledge of classical astrology is also included, such as essential dignities and disposition.

Level III

includes having basic knowledge of Mayan, Chinese, and Vedic astrology, as well as the history of Western astrology. Uranian astrology is also covered on this level, where the student must master the 90 degree and 360 degree dials, as well as have a thorough understanding of planetary pictures, midpoints, antiscia, and Arabic parts. Students must also be able to interpret two charts for synastry, construct both a composite and relationship chart, and be able to discuss these on paper. Other techniques comprising this level include horary and electoral astrology, solar and lunar returns, as well as mundane astrology.

Once the proctored exam is passed, the student must complete a take-home exam to complete this level of proficiency. Here a comprehensive, in-depth mundane essay is required, as well as a short essay discussing a given electoral chart.

Level IV

includes an extensive rectification essay, which incorporates several advanced techniques. Once

the rectification exercise is passed, the student may specialize in one or more of the following areas: consulting, technical research, general studies, and instruction, each with its own special requirements.

The Four “Majors” of Level IV:

Consulting Astrologer
Technical Research
General Studies
Instructor

Each Level IV area has its specific requirements. It is believed that completion of the NCGR curriculum is the equivalent of a four-year program in astrology.

Certification

Students who have passed the requirements of Level IV in any one of the four “majors,” and have agreed to uphold NCGR’s ethical standards as spelled out in the NCGR Code of Ethics, are entitled to use the letters C.A., NCGR after their name on publications, stationary and promotional items.

Learning & Testing

All the required material for each level of proficiency is covered in the NCGR Education Curriculum and Study Guide for Certification Testing. The NCGR curriculum is taught by many qualified teachers throughout the international membership of NCGR. Each NCGR chapter has its own Education Director who will help you find a teacher to meet your needs. Contact our Education Director or see the Education section of our website: [www:geocosmic.org](http://www.geocosmic.org) for ongoing information on our educational program. Testing is available at NCGR and other conferences, and can be arranged at NCGR chapters with approved proctors.

Continuing a developmental process begun more than a quarter of a century ago, NCGR's Curriculum and Certification Program is internationally acclaimed for excellence...

Following several years of preliminary planning within the NCGR Board, led by successive Directors of Education Ken Negus, Lenore Canter, Joan Negus and Joanna Shannon, a historic national education conference was held at Princeton University in August 1979.

About 50 professional astrologers and teachers of astrology from throughout the United States, including delegates from NCGR's Chapters, gathered for a five-day meeting to create and launch an educational program. After the framework of the curriculum was established at this conference, a National Education Committee of eight to ten members was entrusted with the task of creating and revising the tests, writing study guides, and giving examinations.

The Education Program has withstood the test of time! Today the Education Committee continues the work of updating and revising the curriculum, and monitors what is now a large-scale testing and certification program - the most highly respected in the field.

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for Certification Testing*
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