

NCGR Education Program

“Toward Mastery & Certification”

Level-I Online Course

The NCGR Education Program is geared towards the NCGR-PAA Certification Program, following the topics as listed in the NCGR-PAA Study Guide.

Students must get THE STUDY GUIDE at: <http://www.astrologersalliance.org>

Course Title: **Level-I: Astronomy, Natal Chart Calculation, Foundations & Basic Delineation**

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Price: \$600, paid to the NCGR, at registration – www.geocosmic.org

For Curriculum and Technical Details: See below.

Schedule:

Total of 13 weekly sessions. Each session is 1.5 hr.

Start date: Monday, March 6, 2017. 7:00-8:30 PM, US Eastern Time

NOTE: If you have to miss a class you will get a copy of the recorded session.

Level-I	DATES	Time
class-1 START ✓	Monday, March 6, 2017	7:00 PM EDT
class-2	Monday, March 13, 2017	7:00 PM EDT
class-3	Monday, March 20, 2017	7:00 PM EDT
class-4	Monday, March 27, 2017	7:00 PM EDT
class-5	Monday, April 3, 2017	7:00 PM EDT
	<i>Passover</i>	
class-6	Monday, April 17, 2017	7:00 PM EST
class-7	Monday, April 24, 2017	7:00 PM EST
class-8	Monday, May 1, 2017	7:00 PM EST
class-9	Monday, May 8, 2017	7:00 PM EST
class-10	Monday, May 15, 2017	7:00 PM EST
class-11	Monday, May 22, 2017	7:00 PM EST
class-12	Monday, June 5, 2017	7:00 PM EST
class-13	Monday, June 12, 2017	7:00 PM EST

Online Webinar Technology

Online, real-time live, interactive audio-visual classes, using GoToMeeting webinar technology.

The students can see and hear all the material presented by the teacher right on their computer screen.

Prior to each session the students receive a link to connect to the online session.

The class sessions are recorded and students get a copy after each session.

Students should use a headset (speakers & mic) to prevent echo situation.

Study

Students must have available: Hand Calculator (Casio Scientific), The American & International Atlases, Table of Houses (Placidus), Midnight Ephemeris for the 20th Century. See details below.

During the course, students receive reference material as well as assignments.

It is the students' responsibility to practice extensively on their own, in addition to class time, in order to ensure their success.

See Curriculum Below.

Before the Course Starts, Students Must Have:

- 1) THE AMERICAN EPHEMERIS - **Midnight** - by Neil Michelsen.
1900-2000 (20th century)
2000-2050 (21st century)
- 2) TABLE OF HOUSES The American Book of Table, Neil Michelsen, ACS publication (Placidus)
- 3) THE AMERICAN ATLAS
U.S Latitudes And Longitudes - Time Changes And Time Zones
Compiled and Programmed by Thomas G. Shanks Published by Neil Michelsen
- 4) THE INTERNATIONAL ATLAS
World Latitudes, Longitudes and Time Changes
- 5) CALCULATOR - Casio Scientific: *CASIO fx nnn* series (for sexagesimal calculations)
Recommended: <https://www.amazon.com/Casio-fx-260-SOLAR-Scientific-Calculator/dp/B000Q5XTBQ>

RECOMMENDED BOOK – for general Astrology Test Prepping:

“Cosmic Combinations: A Book of Astrological Exercises” – by Joan Negus

CURRICULUM

This Course is Divided into Three Sections:

1. Astronomy-for-Astrologers
2. Natal Chart Calculation
3. Review of Basic Concepts and Initial Chart Delineation

1. ASTRONOMY

The purpose is to provide a solid understanding of how the chart represents the dynamics of the celestial sphere at the moment of birth, per a specific location.

This understanding also facilitates the process of chart calculation, as the steps become visual and logical, rather than memorized by rote.

Topics Covered:

The Solar System – Heliocentric vs. Geocentric

The Solar System – Sun & Earth: the Tropical Zodiac and the Seasons

The Equinox & Solstice points

Planetary Orbits & Cycles

Retrograde Motion – Inner vs. Outer Planets

Morning Star – Evening Star

The Diurnal Motion

The Lunar Nodes

Eclipses and Lunations

Great Circles

Geographical & Celestial Coordinate Systems

Declination – Parallels & Contra-Parallels

Anticia

Where on Earth? - Local Meridian & Rational Horizon - MC & ASC

Time: GMT, Time Zones, East & West; Local Time, Standard Time & Daylight Saving Time

Time: Local Sidereal Time

2. NATAL CHART CALCULATION

Using the Calculator for Sexagesimal Numbers

Using the American & the International Atlases

How the Table of Houses is constructed

What's in the Ephemeris

Calculation Step-1: Local Sidereal Time

Calculation Step-2: MC - the Table of Houses & Interpolation

Calculation Step-3: ASC & Intermediate House Cusps

Calculation Step-4: Planetary Positions

Calculation Step-5: Adjustment for Southern charts

Review: Eastern-Western, Northern-Southern Charts

Review: Get organized and learn how to spot and avoid potential mistakes

Practice: Easy Memorizing of the Calculating Steps.

Practice: calculate charts for all locations – east-west, north-south

3. REVIEW OF FOUNDATIONS & BASIC DELINEATION

Houses: their significations & classification

Hemispheres and their effects

Planets and their essential attributes

Planets' Condition: Dignity-Debility

Planets as House Rulers

Signs: Signification, classification and Rulership

Aspects: How to find them in the chart & their effects

The Person and the Personality: Integrating the ASC, Sun & Moon

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