

NCGR Education Program Online Course

“Toward Mastery & Certification” Level-I

This course is designed according to the NCGR-PAA Professional Certification Program, following the topics as listed in the NCGR-PAA Study Guide.

Professional certification is awarded by PAA after passing exams for Levels I, II, III, IV.

The NCGR-PAA Study Guide is available at: <http://www.astrologersalliance.org>

COURSE TITLE: **LEVEL-I: Astronomy-for-Astrologers, Natal Chart Calculation, Chart Foundations & Basic Delineation**

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PRICE: \$745 , paid to NCGR, at registration – www.geocosmic.org

SCHEDULE: Total of 15 weekly sessions.

START DATE: **Monday, October 9, 2023.** 7:00 - 8:30 PM, US Eastern Time

For curriculum and other details: See below

Class recording (video, mp4) is made available after each session.

Level-I	DATES - Mondays		Time	
class-1	START	✓	Monday, Oct 9, 2023	7:00 PM EDT
class-2			Monday, Oct 16, 2023	7:00 PM EDT
class-3			Monday, Oct 23, 2023	7:00 PM EDT
class-4			Monday, Oct 30, 2023	7:00 PM EDT
class-5			Monday, Nov 6, 2023	7:00 PM EST
class-6			Monday, Nov 13, 2023	7:00 PM EST
class-7			Monday, Nov 20, 2023	7:00 PM EST
class-8			Monday, Nov 27, 2023	7:00 PM EST
class-9			Monday, Dec 4, 2023	7:00 PM EST
class-10			Monday, Dec 11, 2023	7:00 PM EST
class-11			Monday, Dec 18, 2023	7:00 PM EST
class-12			Monday, Jan 8, 2023	7:00 PM EST
class-13			Monday, Jan 15, 2023	7:00 PM EST
class-14			Monday, Jan 22, 2023	7:00 PM EST
class-15			Monday, Jan 29, 2023	7:00 PM EST

Online Webinar Technology

Online, live and interactive audio-visual classes, using Zoom webinar technology.

- 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 headphone to prevent echo situation.

Study

During the course, students receive printed instructions & other 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 Obtain:

SEE HELPFUL IMAGES BELOW

BOOKS & CALCULATOR

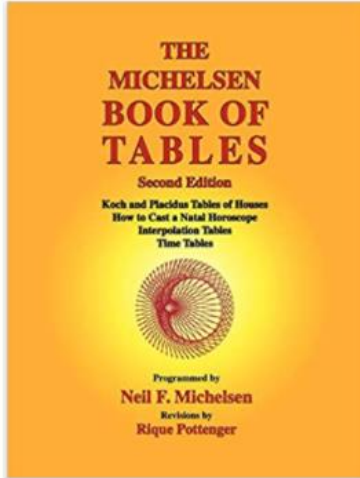
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1900-2000 (**20th century**) -and-
2000-2050 (**21st century**)
- 2) TABLE OF HOUSES The Michelsen Book of Tables (**Placidus Houses**)
<https://tinyurl.com/The-Michelsen-Book-of-Tables>
- 3) CALCULATOR *CASIO Scientific fx nnn series* (for sexagesimal calculations)
<https://tinyurl.com/Casio-Calculator-FX-260>
- 4) PAA Study-Guide, and the Revised Curriculum on: <http://www.astrologersalliance.org/>

The Michelsen Book of Tables 2nd Edition

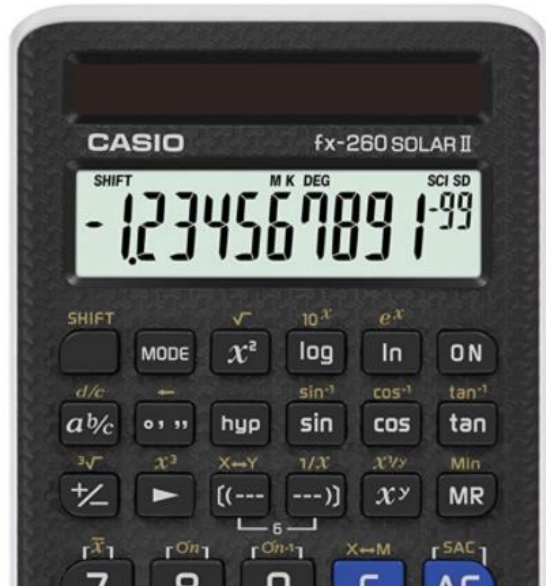
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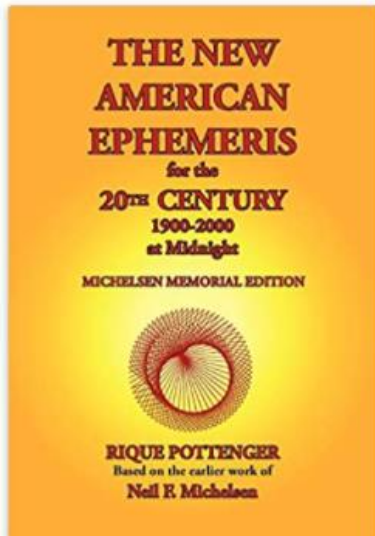


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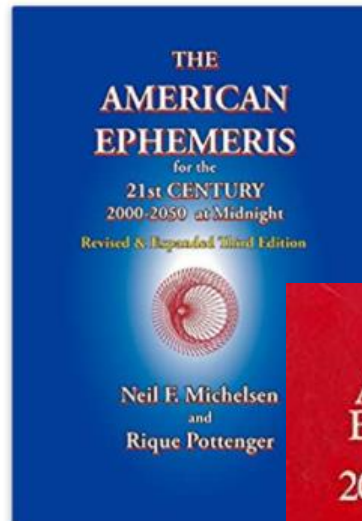
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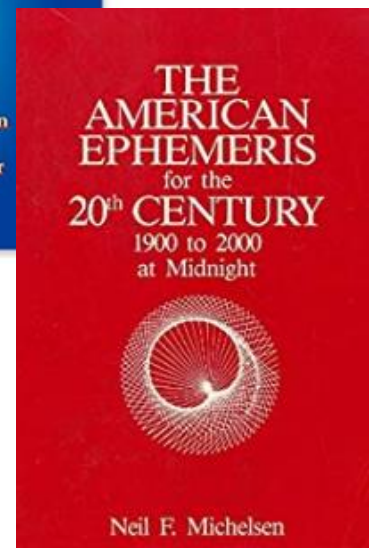


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OR:



CURRICULUM

This Course is Divided into Three Parts:

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

1. ASTRONOMY

Get 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 – The Modern Planets and Asteroids
The Solar System – Tropical vs. Sidereal Zodiac
The Solar System – Sun & Earth create the Tropical Zodiac and the Seasons
The Equinox & Solstice points
Planetary Orbits & Cycles
Retrograde Motion – Inner vs. Outer Planets
The Diurnal Motion. Morning Star – Evening Star
The Lunar Nodes – definition, cycle, and interpretation
Eclipses and Lunations
Great Circles
Geographical & Celestial Coordinate Systems
Where on Earth? Local Meridian & Rational Horizon - MC & ASC
Sidereal Day vs. Mean Solar Day
Time: GMT, Time Zones, East & West. Local Time, Standard Time & Daylight-Saving Time
Time: Local Sidereal Time

2. NATAL CHART CALCULATION

The Sexagesimal numbers system (degrees-minutes-seconds)
Using the Calculator for Sexagesimal Numbers
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. FOUNDAMENTALS & BASIC DELINEATION

PLEASE NOTE: This section serves as a review. It is assumed the student is already familiar with astrology basics.

Houses: Significations & Classification

Houses: Hemispheres and their effects

Planets: Essential Attributes

Planets: Rulership and Condition - Dignity-Debility

Planets: as House/Sign Rulers

Signs: Signification, Classification

Aspects: How to Identify them in the Chart

Aspects: Effects and Delineation

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