

**NCGR Education Program
Online Course
“Toward Mastery and Certification”
Level-III**

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-III: Advanced Studies – Classical and Modern,
From the Personal to the Mundane, including practice.**

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PRICE: \$850, paid to the NCGR, at registration www.geocosmic.org

SCHEDULE: Total of 16 weekly sessions.

START DATE: **Thursday, October 20, 2022.** 7:00 - 8:30 PM, US Eastern Time

For Curriculum and other detail: [See below.](#)

Level-III	DATES - Thursdays		Time	
class-1 START ✓	Thursday, Oct	20, 2022	7:00 PM EST	
class-2	Thursday, Oct	27, 2022	7:00 PM EST	
class-3	Thursday, Nov	3, 2022	7:00 PM EST	
class-4	Thursday, Nov	10, 2022	7:00 PM EDT	
class-5	Thursday, Nov	17, 2022	7:00 PM EDT	
class-6	Thursday, Dec	1, 2022	7:00 PM EDT	
class-7	Thursday, Dec	8, 2022	7:00 PM EDT	
class-8	Thursday, Dec	15, 2022	7:00 PM EDT	
class-9	Thursday, Dec	22, 2022	7:00 PM EDT	
class-10	Thursday, Dec	29, 2022	7:00 PM EDT	
class-11	Thursday, Jan	5, 2023	7:00 PM EDT	
class-12	Thursday, Jan	12, 2023	7:00 PM EDT	
class-13	Thursday, Jan	19, 2023	7:00 PM EDT	
class-14	Thursday, Jan	26, 2023	7:00 PM EDT	
class-15	Thursday, Feb	2, 2023	7:00 PM EDT	
class-16	Thursday, Feb	9, 2023	7:00 PM EDT	

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 instructions & 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 Detailed Curriculum & Suggested Book List Below.

Before the Course Starts, Students Must Obtain:

- 1) CALCULATOR - Casio Scientific: *CASIO-fx-###* series (for sexagesimal calculations)
Recommended – get on Amazon: <https://goo.gl/8B1fN4>
- 2) THE AMERICAN EPHEMERIS - *Midnight* - by Neil Michelsen.
1900-2000 (20th century)
2000-2050 (21st century)
- 3) TABLE OF HOUSES The Michelsen Book of Tables (Placidus Houses)

Curriculum

Be advised that PAA Level-III Testing is done in Two Parts –

1. Proctored Sit-Down Test (similar to L-I & L-II, multiple choice, etc.)
2. Take-Home Test (write 2 papers on Mundane and on Electional astrology)

Students must pass Part-1 of the test before taking Part-2 Take-Home test.

See the NCGR-PAA Study-Guide for more detail.

Important

The scope of material for Level-III is vast, the topics are varied and advanced, and for many students some of these may be new altogether.

Every effort will be made to provide all the necessary information for the exam.

Yet, students are advised to familiarize themselves with all the topics listed below, before the course begins.

This Online Course Covers the Following Topics:

1. Horary
2. Electional
3. Synastry
4. Solar Return
5. Classical Astrology
6. History
7. Vedic
8. Chinese
9. Mesoamerican
10. Mundane
11. Midpoints, 90 & 360 degree Dials
12. Astronomy - review

A Suggested Book List & Other Resources are Provided Below.

CURRICULUM TOPICS IN DETAIL

Horary

Definition

Time and location of the question

Clarifying the question – Yes/No

The kind of questions that can be asked/answered - Valid and invalid questions

Prohibitions against Judgement

The Significators

Derived Houses – Turning the chart

Questions that can be asked per the 12 Houses

Perfection – Getting a 'Yes' answer

The role of the Moon as a co-significator

Aspect dynamics – what was, what is, what's coming to pass

Planet dynamics – additional conditions on the way to perfection

Significator Condition – Dignity / Debility

Timing

The special effect of the Angular Houses and the End of the Matter

NOTE: Assignments will be given throughout the course, for practice and reinforcement of the material.

Electional

Definition and Purpose

The kind of events that can be elected

Timing considerations – what constitutes a beginning

Choosing the Significators – Houses and Planets

Aspect & Sign Dynamics – making it last

Connections to the chart of the Native (Natal and Directions)

Assignment: Elect – start of a business, get married, buy a house/property, travel for business/pleasure

Synastry

The basic approach – what is being compared

The methods

The individual Natal chart: assessment of relationship needs and patterns

Synastry – compatibility and attraction across the natal charts

The Composite chart – Definition, Calculation Methods & Delineation:

(1) Midpoint composite, (2) Midpoint composite with Derived Asc, (3) Davison

The role of the different planets and their combinations in Relationship

Progressed Composite calculation

Timing of the relationships

Assignment: using the above considerations, write a brief description of the relationship per a given couple.

Solar Return

Definition and calculation of the SR chart

Location considerations – natal, place of residence or travel

The importance of the SR as a forecast tool

Assessing the SR on its own vs. comparison with the natal chart

Identify the focus for the year

Integrating the SR with other forecast methods - Transits, Prog., Solar Arc.

Precessed vs. Non-Precessed SR

Timing of events by the SR

Lunar Return – compare with Solar Return – duration & effect

Assignment: per a given natal chart, assess the main message contained in the SR chart for a given year

Classical Astrology

Classical concepts, tools and terminologies, such as:

Planetary Conditions: Essential Dignity-Debility. Peregrine. Joy. Phase: Oriental-Accidental

Planetary Role: Almuten, Hyleg, Dispositor & Final Dispositor

Aspects: Anticia, Partile-Platick, Sinister-Dexter, Applying-Separating

Timing: Chronocrators (Time Lords). Profecion, Firdaria, other....

Charts & their Uses Ingress, Decumbiture, Radical

History of Western Astrology

History of Western Astrology – overview of the periods and the transmission of knowledge

Differences and developments from one era to the next

Who & What: Important historical names and their contributions

Assignment: Explore your favorite era to discover famous astrologers and what they are known for

Vedic

The fundamentals concepts of the Vedic system

The Sidereal Zodiac and the *Ayanamsa*.

How to convert a chart from Tropical to Sidereal

Compare Sidereal vs. Tropical charts

The Vedic planets

House systems

The Divisional chart - *Navamsa*

The *Nakshatras* (lunar mansions) and the *Dasa* system in forecast

Vedic terminologies to become familiar with

Summary of Differences & Similarities with Western Astrology

Names to remember

Chinese

The important basic concepts

The Five Elements

The fundamentals of the Chinese Calendar

How these are used as a system of Divination

Planets & Lunar Mansions measured against the Equator

Comparing to Western Astrology

Mesoamerican (Mayan)

Fundamentals and basic concepts.

The Year and the Calendar

The special place of Venus

Mundane

Definitions and the scope of investigation

History - How the concept of mundane astrology developed (who/when/where)

Tools and techniques - overview

Defining the "inception chart"

Event Analysis - which charts to use

Ingress chart, Eclipses and Lunations

The modern planets as generational indicators

Cycle theory and Transits of the Outer Planets

The Jupiter-Saturn Great Conjunction cycle and its historical significance

Signification of Houses & Planets in the Mundane Chart

Information sources

How to write a Mundane Paper

Assignment: practice writing a paper on a mundane event

Midpoints, 90° & 360° Dials and Planetary Symmetry

NOTE: These dials originated in the Uranian System – The Hamburg School, 1928.

Midpoints also originate from the Hamburg Schools, but have reached mainstream recognition.

The dials facilitate midpoint work and can be used on their own in general astrology.

Introduction to Uranian Astrology

The features of the 360° and the 90° dials

Comparing the 360° with the 90° dials

The Dials as a tool and as a concept

Symmetry & Planetary Pictures (90 & 360)

Using the dials for easy visual Planetary Pictures work

Forecast work made easy

Using the Dial to find the Lot of Fortune

Midpoints: calculation, theory & interpretation

Using the dial (90 & 360) for easy visual Midpoints work

Using the dial (90 & 360) for easy visual Anticia computation

NOTE: Per the 90 & 360 Dials – You may use your own, if you have them.

More details will be provided in class.

Class demonstration will be done using *Nova Chartwheels* software

Astronomy - Refresher

Review of advanced as well as fundamental concepts and topics.

Suggested Books & Other Resources –

THE ASTROLOGICAL LIBRARY Recommended for LEVEL-III



NOTE:

The following list is by no means the only source for the required Level-III topics. Yet, some of these are considered 'classics' in astrology, and should be familiar with. Needless to say – they all come from my own favorite collection. See more Bibliography in the NCGR-PAA Study Guide.

General

Horoscope Symbols - Robert Hand

Electional Astrology

Electional Astrology - Vivian E. Robson

The Timing of Events, Electional Astrology - Bruce Scofield. 1985.

Horary Astrology

Christian Astrology - William Lilly. 1647.

Horary Astrology and the Judgment of Events - Barbara Watters

Simplified Horary Astrology - Ivy M. Goldstein-Jacobson

Horary Astrology Rediscovered - Olivia Barclay (based on Lilly)

Horary Astrology - Robert DeLuce

Horary Astrology - Anthony Louis

Synastry

Planets in Composite - Robert Hand

Solar Return

Planets in Solar Returns - Mary Shea

The New Solar Return Book of Prediction (revised edition) – Raymond Merriman

Forecast

Planets in Transit - Robert Hand
Symbolic Directions in Modern Astrology - Charles E.O. Carter
Transits - The Time of Your Life - Betty Lundsted
Secondary Progressions - Nancy Hastings
The Practice of Prediction - Nancy Hastings
Prediction in Astrology - Noel Tyl
The Technique of Prediction - R.C. Davison

Classical Astrology: Hellenistic, Arabic-Medieval, Renaissance

Project Hindsight Series of Ancient Texts - Translated from Greek, Latin & Hebrew
(Paulus Alexandrinus, Vettius Valens)
The Tetrabiblos - Claudius Ptolemy (c. 150 C.E), Ashmand translation.
Carmen Astrologicum - Dorotheus of Sidon (1st c. C.E)
Ancient Astrology Theory and Practice, Matheseos Libri VIII - Firmicus Maternus, 4th c.
The Judgment of Nativities - Abu 'Ali Al-Khayyat (7th c.) tr. James H. Holden. AFA
The Beginning of Wisdom -- Rabbi Avraham Ibn Ezra (12th c.) Trans. Meira B. Epstein
The Book of Reasons -- Rabbi Avraham Ibn Ezra (12th c.) Trans. Meira B. Epstein
The Book of Nativities -- Rabbi Avraham Ibn Ezra (12th c.) Trans. Meira B. Epstein
Astrologica Galica – Books 18, 19, 21, 22, 23 - Morin de Villefranche (1583-1656) tr. J. Holden
Classical Astrology for Modern Living - Lee Lehman, Ph.D, 1996.
The Houses - Temples in the Sky - Deborah Houlding, 2006

History, Astronomy, and General Interest

From The Omens of Babylon: Astrology and Ancient Mesopotamia - Michael Baigent, 1994.
History of Horoscopic Astrology -- James Holden
Biographical Dictionary of Western Astrologers - James Holden
Arabian Astrology -- James Holden <http://cura.free.fr/xxv/23hold1.html>
A History of Western Astrology -- Jim Tester, 1987.
An Introduction to the History of Astrology - Nicholas Campion.
History of Astrology -- Rob Hand <http://www.zodiacal.com/articles/hand/history.htm>
Astrology & The Third Reich -- Ellic Howe (first published 1967) revised and expanded 1984.
William Lilly's History of His Life And Times - Written By Himself.
Astronomy for Astrologers -- John Filbey, Peter Filbey.

Mundane Astrology

The Book of World Horoscopes - Nicholas Campion
Mundane Astrology - Michael Baigent, Nicholas Campion, Charles Harvey.
An Introduction to Political Astrology - Charles E.O. Carter
The Jupiter/Saturn Conference Lectures - Liz Greene & Stephen Arroyo. 1984.
The Outer Planets and Their Cycles - Astrology of the Collective - Liz Greene, 1983.
Planetary \$tock Trading - Bill Meridian
Standard and Poor 500 - Carol S. Mull

Hindu / Vedic Astrology

Ancient Hindu Astrology for the Western Astrologer - James T. Braha, 1986.

Indian Astrology - A Western Approach to the Ancient Hindu Art - Ronnie Gale Dreyer, 1990.

Reference, Data and Chart Collections

Encyclopedia of Astrology - Nicholas de Vore. 1947.

Tables of Planetary Phenomena - Neil Michelsen. 1990.

Charting Presidential Elections - Sylvia De Long

Horoscopes of the U.S. States & Cities - Carolyn R. Dodson

The Book of World Horoscopes - Nicholas Campion.

Astro-Data-Bank www.astro.com

Planetary \$tock Trading - Bill Meridian

Standard and Poor 500 - Carol S. Mull

ONLINE SOURCES

SkyScript: <http://skyscript.co.uk> scholarly, well-informed classical astrology sources

Matrix - Articles: http://www.astrologysoftware.com/community/sessions/thrdhse_articles.asp

C.U.R.A – The International Astrology Research Center <http://cura.free.fr>

The Uranian Society: <http://uraniansociety.com>