

**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](http://www.geocosmic.org)

**SCHEDULE:** Total of 16 weekly sessions.

**START DATE:** **Thursday, February 23, 2023.** 7:00 - 8:30 PM, US Eastern Time

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

Level-III	DATES - Thursdays		Time	
class-1 START ✓	Thursday, Feb	23, 2023	7:00 PM EST	
class-2	Thursday, Mar	2, 2023	7:00 PM EST	
class-3	Thursday, Mar	9, 2023	7:00 PM EST	
class-4	Thursday, Mar	23, 2023	7:00 PM EDT	
class-5	Thursday, Mar	30, 2023	7:00 PM EDT	
class-6	Thursday, Apr	13, 2023	7:00 PM EDT	
class-7	Thursday, Apr	20, 2023	7:00 PM EDT	
class-8	Thursday, Apr	27, 2023	7:00 PM EDT	
class-9	Thursday, May	4, 2023	7:00 PM EDT	
class-10	Thursday, May	11, 2023	7:00 PM EDT	
class-11	Thursday, May	18, 2023	7:00 PM EDT	
class-12	Thursday, May	25, 2023	7:00 PM EDT	
class-13	Thursday, Jun	1, 2023	7:00 PM EDT	
class-14	Thursday, Jun	8, 2023	7:00 PM EDT	
class-15	Thursday, Jun	15, 2023	7:00 PM EDT	
class-16	Thursday, Jun	22, 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 (20<sup>th</sup> century)  
2000-2050 (21<sup>st</sup> 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. Online, or 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 (1<sup>st</sup> c. C.E)  
**Ancient Astrology Theory and Practice, Matheseos Libri VIII** - Firmicus Maternus, 4<sup>th</sup> c.  
**The Judgment of Nativities** - Abu 'Ali Al-Khayyat (7<sup>th</sup> c.) tr. James H. Holden. AFA  
**The Beginning of Wisdom** -- Rabbi Avraham Ibn Ezra (12<sup>th</sup> c.) Trans. Meira B. Epstein  
**The Book of Reasons** -- Rabbi Avraham Ibn Ezra (12<sup>th</sup> c.) Trans. Meira B. Epstein  
**The Book of Nativities** -- Rabbi Avraham Ibn Ezra (12<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](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>