

diploma/certificate in contemporary astrology

1 or 2 year program . face-to-face intakes march + april 2012 . online course starts anytime

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What is contemporary astrology?

The study of our relationship to the cosmos is as old as human culture itself. Throughout human history, leaders, astrology has been used as an important tool to understand life patterns and cycles.

Astrology is both an art and a science. A student of astrology learns both technical detail and to develop their intuitive awareness. Along the way, the student will encounter some of life's biggest mysteries, including "Who am I?" "Why am I here?" and "What is the best way for me to work toward realizing my full potential?"

All facets of our experience here on Earth are described vividly through the language of the stars.

What makes this program unique?

Our Contemporary Astrology Program combines traditional astrological technique with modern psychological astrology to offer a comprehensive overview of this fascinating subject. We take the student from beginner to practitioner level, and offer a unique program designed to help you achieve professional accreditation in this field.

Our experienced lecturers are drawn from a range of specialist fields, and all our lecturers work professionally with clients on a day-to-day level. We offer extensive resources, excellent student support and a broad range of subject material unavailable anywhere else. Diploma students also have the opportunity to participate in our unique Student Clinic, which prepares you for client work, and reinstates the traditional practice of learning astrology through an apprenticeship.

Through our program, you will gain the ability to interpret the symbolic language of the sky. Each module incorporates the philosophical, mythical and spiritual context within which astrology has evolved. Classes combine comprehensive lectures and reading material with experiential workshops designed to help you gain the broadest understanding of this vast discipline.

You can start Astrology with Awareness Institute at the very beginning with Astrology 1 then you can decide if you wish to proceed into the Certificate/Diploma program.

Or you can contact us to gain recognition of any prior study you have undertaken, and slot into our program at an appropriate level. We welcome students who have completed beginner courses elsewhere, but require those students to demonstrate a level of proficiency before advanced standing will be recognized.

Our program is challenging, stimulating and will lead you to a much greater level of personal realisation. New students should be prepared to spend time reading and reflecting on the material provided, and be ready to embark on a journey of self-discovery.

Through the art and science of astrology, you will truly come to "Know ThySelf".

Course structure

If you have a general interest in Astrology you can enrol in our Introductory Workshop to get an overview of what Astrology is and how it can inform your life.

For the more serious student, we have courses ranging from a 1 year Certificate to a 2 year Diploma program, as well as on-going professional development workshops.

Our comprehensive Astrology programs are taught to comply with the syllabus of the nationally recognized **Federation of Australian Astrologers** (FAA) exam system. Our curriculum is designed to prepare you to sit for the FAA exams, which upon completion, will provide you with a qualification that is held in high esteem around the world.

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Overview

Awareness Institute's Certificate in Astrology introduces you to the foundations of Astrology. By the end of this course you will be able to read and interpret a birth chart.

You will develop competency in the knowledge of planets, signs, houses, aspects, transits, and progressions. Upon completion, you will be able to describe the unique qualities of a given individual as shown in the birth chart, and make reasonable forecasts about how circumstances may unfold in this individual's life.

Professional certification

At the end of this course, you will be eligible to sit for the FAA Chart Interpretation exam.

Course structure

The Certificate in Astrology is held over one year, and requires attendance at a combination of online, weekend and/or weekly classes.

Facilitators

Damian Rocks, Kelly Surtees and Kira Sutherland

Subjects

Term 1:

Astrology 1: 2 x 1 day seminar

Term 2:

Astrology 2: 4 x weekly classes + 1 day seminar

Term 3:

Astrology 3: 4 x weekly classes + 1 day seminar

Medical Astrology 1: online

Term 4:

Astrology 4: 4 x weekly classes and 1 day seminar

Whole Chart Synthesis: 1 day seminar

Astrology 1 –

Locating the Sky: The Astrological Planets

We all know our Sun sign, and many of us have glanced at our horoscope in a magazine or online. However, the Sun and its position at the time of our birth is only one of the astrological influences upon who we are and our life purpose. In astrology 1 we explore the planets position in our solar system and how these can influence our unique personality patterns and karmic challenges. Explore the different archetypal symbols that each planet describes and how this can greatly influence the way in which you face the world. Learn about Sun signs, Moon signs and how they interact, as well as

the importance of astrology through history. Class discussion will include student chart examples as well as examples of famous individuals. No prior knowledge is needed and students can take a fascinating journey into discovering what motivates them and why.

Pre requisites: None

Astrology 2 – The Symbolic Sky: The Signs of the Zodiac and Houses of the Chart

In this module, we will take a guided tour through the signs of the Zodiac. We will look at how the Zodiac functions both as a marker for seasonal changes, and as a complex symbolic tool. We will also explore the fundamentals of the astrological chart brought to life through the system of Modes and Elements. We will then see how different planetary symbols react when placed in a different astrological signs to begin to get an understanding of how each unique planetary 'character' can express itself.

We will also learn about the houses of the birth chart, and how these describe all aspects of everyday life. We will encounter the concept of planetary dignity and how this describes the symbolic power with which a planetary energy might act. At the end of this module, we will discover how blending planet, sign and house influences begins to reveal why we act the way that we do in certain situations.

Pre requisites: Astrology 1 or equivalent

Astrology 3 – The Interactive Sky: Understanding Planetary Aspects

The final major piece of information is put in place with the theory of aspects. We will learn how planetary characters interact through aspects, and so create the unique qualities expressed within the individual chart. Essential skills in chart interpretation are developed through chart shapes and aspect patterns. You will learn how the planets communicate with each other through dignity and aspects, enabling you to understand how the birth chart describes unique personality patterns and karmic challenges. We will explore how planetary relationships describe psycho-emotional themes. Time is allocated in class to support students develop comprehensive chart synthesis skills.

Pre requisites: Astrology 2 or equivalent

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Whole Chart Synthesis – Working with Astrology

The art of astrology lies in the ability to synthesize potentially disparate pieces of information. A good astrologer learns to combine intuition with empirical data to produce satisfactory results. In this workshop, we will explore how planets, signs,

houses and aspects come together in the whole chart. We will explore how dominant chart patterns allow us to create a psychological portrait that powerfully describes the psycho-emotional themes running through an individual's life. This is a practical workshop, with an emphasis on real-life examples. You will practice applying the tools and techniques needed to interpret the chart as a whole. Emphasis is on student charts, and you will learn to explore the deeper themes in your own and others charts by working through your chart themes with fellow students. This workshop prepares the student to undertake the FAA chart interpretation exam.

Pre requisites: Astrology 2 or equivalent

Astrology 4 – The Dynamic Sky: An Introduction to Predictive Astrology

Astrology 4 introduces the dynamic nature of astrology and predictive cycles. The purpose of this module is to explore how the dynamics of the birth chart shift and change as we do. We will discuss the nature of planetary cycles, and how the shifting positions of the planets in the sky can trigger internal changes, which can manifest as external events. This module introduces the predictive side of astrology, and how an empirical understanding of planetary patterns can allow those patterns to be interpreted and so 'read'.

Theories of transits and progressions are explained, and the skills already developed in chart synthesis are developed and refined. We will look to both the past and the future to help understand how each planet affects the individual journey. We will also define the 8 lunar phases as they describe the pulse of the birth chart, and start to explore the phenomena of eclipses and the Lunar Nodes. This then leads us to study the progressed Lunation Cycle, a fundamental component of predictive astrology. By the end of this term you will be ready to experiment with predictive cycles in your own chart, and understand how chart themes develop and grow over time.

Pre requisites: Astrology 3 or equivalent

Medical Astrology 1 – The Body as Revealed in the Sky

This course will introduce the basic philosophies and body rulerships according to modern medical astrology. Discover how to interpret a chart for its medical strengths and weaknesses. You will learn

how to balance the situation using simple herbal and nutritional applications.

This lecture will open up a part of medical astrology that has long been forgotten and once went hand in hand with all medicine.

Pre requisites: Contemporary Astrology 1 & 2 or equivalent

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Overview

The Diploma of Astrology builds on your Certificate qualification and provides you with the knowledge and skills to become a competent practitioner.

Students will now encounter certain areas of specialization within the vast study of astrology, and will be encouraged to develop their own practice based on the techniques and philosophies which appeal to them.

You will learn to make comprehensive and detailed predictions, and include asteroids into your chart interpretation. You will also learn about relationship astrology, and the specialist techniques used to assess compatibility. You will encounter advanced predictive techniques including profecions and solar returns, as well as have opportunities to hone your chart interpretation skills. You will also learn about horary astrology, and how traditional techniques can enhance the accuracy of your practice.

Client skills are developed through our specialist workshops, where you will learn standards of professional practice and have the chance to participate in our unique Student Clinic program. The Student Clinic and ongoing chart practice seminars will prepare you for client work should you choose to pursue this direction.

Professional certification

At the end of this course you will be eligible to sit for the FAA Diploma of Astrology. One-on-One exam preparation tutorials are available.

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Course structure

The Diploma of Contemporary Astrology is a 2 year course (1 year Certificate plus 12 months). Delivery consists of weekly classes and weekend intensives.

Subjects year 1

Astrology 1: 2 x 1 day seminar

Astrology 2: 4 x weekly classes + 1 weekend seminar

Astrology 3: 4 x weekly classes + 1 weekend seminar

Medical Astrology 1: 2 days

Astrology 4: 4 x weekly classes + 1 weekend seminar

Whole Chart Synthesis Tutorial: 1 day seminar

Subjects year 2

Astrology 5: 2 day seminar plus 2 evening classes

Chart Practice Workshops: 5 days through out the year including one on calculations

Soul Centred Counselling 1: 2 day seminar

Astrology 6: 2 day seminar

Symbol, Myth & Archetype: 1 day seminar

Horary & Traditional Techniques: 2 day seminar

Astrology Professional Practice: 1 evening seminar

Astrology Student Clinic: 8 hours per student

1 x Elective: 1 or 2 days

Soul Centred Counselling 1

Learning how to work with clients and their presenting issues is part of effective healing practice. In this subject you will learn about the basic theory and frameworks of soul centred counselling and practice the fundamental mind-body skills and methods in a supportive environment. You will learn how to be with, hold and support the integration of a client's process to enable them to connect with a different level of their experience.

Pre requisites: none

Astrology 5 – The Sky in Relationship: Specialist Fields in Astrology

We will now introduce students to particular areas of specialization. Each student will be encouraged to focus on techniques which appeal to them, and to deepen their expertise in a chosen area.

In this module, we explore the astrology of relationships, and look at how synastry and composite charts can describe the physical, sexual and professional connection between individuals using planetary symbols.

We will also introduce the use of asteroids, and focus on how their application works, especially from a predictive point of view. Students will be asked to begin to decide for themselves which techniques they find valuable, and which areas of specialization appeal to them

Pre requisites: Contemporary Astrology 4

Contemporary Astrology 6

This subject covers advanced and traditional predictions and includes topics such as Solar and Lunar Returns, Eclipses and Solar Arc Directions. We will also explore Firdaria, Profections and Time Lords. We will look at important chart points, including the Part of Fortune, Vertex and Midpoints, and how these can be included to expand the repertoire available to the practising astrologer.

Our focus is on practical, real-life interpretations, so that students learn how to prioritise different predictive techniques. This course will hone forecasting and interpreting skills already gained to a professional standard, in readiness for the FAA Dynamic exam. Students will apply these techniques to their own charts, or the charts of people that they know.

Pre requisites: Contemporary Astrology 5

Symbol, Myth & Archetype

The use of imagination is an essential component of many intuitive and therapeutic practices. Understanding how myths, symbols and archetypes can describe dimensions of shared experience is invaluable for anyone with an interest in the human psyche. Here, we will explore some of the major recent developments in the study of myth, symbol and archetype, and look at how these inform contemporary therapeutic practice. We will explore key insights opened by pioneers such as Jung, Campbell and Greene, as well as the use of imagery and symbol in the therapeutic and psycho-spiritual transaction. Psychologist James Hillman has suggested that the basis of mind is mytho-poetic. We will explore this idea from an experiential perspective to understand how the use of symbol and imagery might amplify our work as competent practitioners.

Pre-requisites: none

Horary & Traditional Techniques

Using fundamental traditional tools like reception and dignity, students learn about horary and electional astrology. Horary is used to answer specific questions, whilst elections are used to decide on a specific time to act.

Horary involves casting a chart for the moment to gain insight into situations or events. Electional astrology involves creating the best chart possible for an upcoming event or experience (like a wedding or new business).

Students discover how astrology can be used as an oracle and will have the opportunity to apply astrological symbolism to real-life questions, getting some immediate answers! Horary astrology is quick, clear and simple and was the historical entry point for the beginner student. By the end of this workshop, students will have the opportunity to demonstrate basic skills in using the horoscope to answer specific questions and explore alternatives for creating birth charts for specific events.

Pre requisites: Contemporary Astrology 1 & 2 or equivalent

Chart Practice Workshops

Our ongoing practice workshops give students the chance to practice skills within a supervised environment. Emphasis will be given to real-life examples, and working with clients in a simulated setting. These workshops form the foundation for Student Clinic, to be completed at the end of the Diploma year. In this way, we continue the tradition of transmitting astrological knowledge through an apprenticeship program, building student confidence and proficiency along the way.

Our final workshop offers the chance to go back to basics and get a thorough grounding in chart calculation. Although contemporary astrologers employ computers for accurate calculation, a working knowledge of chart symbolism based on the reality of the experiential sky is essential for good astrological practice. You will learn to construct a chart using the ephemeris and Book of Tables, as well as construct a progressed chart by hand. This will then prepare students to undertake the FAA Calculation Exam.

Astrology Professional Practice

We will finish our program with a practical and detailed workshop outlining professional practice issues for those students wishing to pursue professional astrology. Topics covered include establishing and maintaining a practice, Sun-Sign astrology, client referral, income streams, small business management, and public liability. This module brings together the Diploma program and prepares the student to commence work as a professional astrologer.

Pre requisites: Astrology 4

Astrology Student Clinic

This is a supervised live client situation, run each year, where students work in small groups with members of the public as clients. You will have the opportunity to test your astrological knowledge and skills in a professional and supported environment. Astrology Student Clinic is compulsory for Diploma students.

Pre requisites: Astrology 5 and 6, 5 days of Chart Practice, Soul Centred Counselling 1

Electives

Students in the Diploma of Contemporary Astrology are required to complete a minimum of one elective workshop. Workshops will be run depending on numbers enrolled. Choose from:

Applied Psychological & Spiritual Astrology

Here we will explore contemporary developments in psychological astrology at a practitioner level. This is a specialist area of investigation, necessary for in-depth client work. We will look at the work of the most influential psychological astrologers of our time, to see how contemporary advances in psychotherapy are simultaneously pushing the range of astrological knowledge. We will explore the world of transpersonal psychology, and see how key figures like James Hillman, Eckhardt Tolle and Robert Moore may influence the kind of work we do as astrological practitioners. The issue of Soul in astrology is examined through the nodal axis of the Moon, and key areas of life experience including anger, depression, addiction, self-esteem, sexuality and spiritual experience are examined from an astrological perspective. Students will have the opportunity to work with

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case-studies to see how psychological issues are played out through the birth chart.

Pre requisites: Contemporary Astrology 1-4 or equivalent

Facilitator: Damian Rocks

Intuitive Awareness 1 – Intuition, Chakras & Energy Fundamentals (day and evening classes available in term 1 + term 2)

Subject 1 is about establishing a foundation, which is built on in the future terms. We all have natural intuitive abilities, but sometimes we become disconnected from them if they are not appreciated or acknowledged. This term enables the student to explore and development their intuitive awareness in a safe and supportive environment.

Students will also learn practical skills to enhance and maintain energy levels, create calming and sacred spaces and promote a feeling of peace and wellbeing. Working with the power of intention provides greater clarity, focus and direction. Weekly chakra exercises enable the release of energy, awakening greater awareness and insight.

Pre requisites: none

Facilitator: Linda James

Soul Centred Counselling 2

This module deepens skills development in working with the psyche (soul) through body-oriented, emotionally focussed and depth psychology practices. This includes the use of focusing, active imagination, dream work. Personal, interpersonal and transpersonal skills are further developed.

Pre requisites: Soul Centred Counselling 1

Facilitator: Sal Flynn

Other electives may become available throughout the year. These will be announced in the monthly e newsletter and on the website timetables.

on-going master classes are available through out the year for students and past graduates. This creates the opportunity to continue developing skills outside of the classroom setting, and gain the support of fellow practitioners. Topics and dates available in the timetables online.

required texts

Martin, C "Mapping the Psyche
Vol. 1 "The Planets and the Zodiac Signs"

Martin, C "Mapping the Psyche Vol.2 The Planetary Aspects and the Houses of the Horoscope"

Brady, B "Predictive Astrology: The Eagle and The Lark" Samuel Weiser 1999

The American Ephemeris for the 21st Century, 2nd ed, Michelsen, ACS Publications.

mentoring

Individual mentoring with Damian Rocks is available for ongoing support and exam preparation for students wishing to undertake the FAA examinations.