



STA SCHOOL OF TRADITIONAL ASTROLOGY



STA PRACTITIONERS LEVEL MEDICAL ASTROLOGY

Online course

With LEE LEHMAN PhD

PROSPECTUS





STA Practitioner's Level Medical Astrology Course

About medical astrology and its benefits

From the time of the Greek physicians and the Hippocratic-Galenic synthesis of the Roman Empire, through to Pasteur's theory of pathogens, traditional medicine saw disease as *dis-ease*, adopting the belief that the body's naturally healthy state is disrupted by injury or stress, creating illness unless the body can naturally right its imbalance. This medical outlook was combined with astrology in the Hellenistic era, and traditional medicine, often with its astrological overlay, was used as the theory behind traditional Western herbalism. This system also survives into the present era in the practice of Unani medicine.

It could be argued that astrology would not have survived the Middle Ages without its medical applications. At a time when sister disciplines like horary and electional astrology were challenging the Christian dogma of free will, medical astrology's claim to improve prognosis and treatment of the physical body remained wholly acceptable and seductive.

In our current era of possibly over-engineered medical intervention, in which *care* is often substituted for *cure*, many people choose to explore traditional medicine as an adjunct to modern treatment. It is here that medical astrology holds importance: Medical astrology is *not* a form of medicine, but an *add-on* to traditional medicine. It provides a timing system, and an alternate method for evaluating the dynamics of humoral distribution in the body. In traditional medicine, the humors are the four primary fluids which mediate the health and physiology of the organism.

As a sophisticated system, which developed over many centuries, medical astrology has various facets and cuts across many of the conventional astrological subdivisions:

- **Natal** astrological applications include characterizing each person in terms of their elemental balance (thereby constructing a healthy lifestyle) and studying their disease susceptibilities by traditional organ type.
- **Horary** applications include questions concerning the development of disease, and the study of decumbitures (charts set for the onset of a disease or condition).
- **Electional** applications include selecting times for surgery, the commencement of a treatment protocol, or the commencement of any other medical procedure.
- **Dynamic** applications include identifying future periods of stress that could indicate the development of chronic disease.
- **Psycho-spiritual** applications include considering the ways that obstructions to the soul's functioning and purpose back up into the body as disease.

The challenge, from a student's standpoint, is the considerable breadth of disciplines that need to be understood to do medical astrology well. This study obviously requires some competence in natal, horary, and electional astrology, before attempting to develop a detailed understanding of traditional medical theory and its many philosophical implications. The STA's practitioner's level medical astrology course is therefore offered as an advanced-level syllabus for astrological practitioners that have acquired familiarity with these other prerequisite astrological techniques and are now looking to gain expertise in an area of specialised scope, whilst studying under the direct tutelage of one of the world's most experienced, honoured and respected traditional astrologers.

The STA is a full member of the Advisory Panel on Astrological Education (APAE) and its courses are approved by the Association of Professional Astrologers International (APAI)



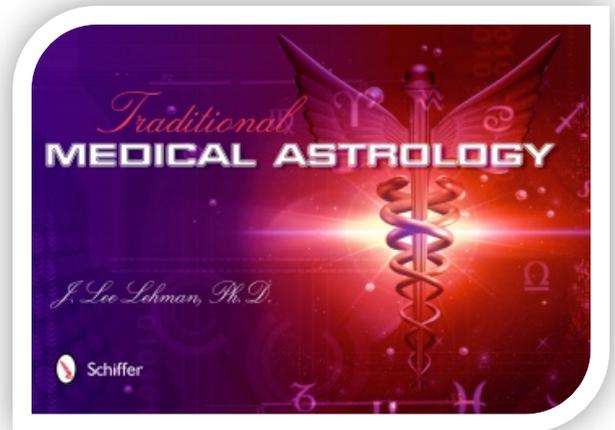
ABOUT THIS MEDICAL ASTROLOGY COURSE

This is the most complete, philosophically rich and practical course on decumbiture and medical astrology techniques available to astrologers. Written by renowned world expert J. Lee Lehman, PhD, the STA Medical Astrology Course offers a unique tutorial format, in which the principles of medical astrology are demonstrated through genuine client-charts and informative historical examples. Explanations of philosophical principles and traditional medical techniques lie at the heart of the study, but the method is also explored and demonstrated in detail. The course is highly practical and geared towards the consulting needs of modern astrologers whose clients live in a modern world, but who wish to understand their circumstances from a more holistic viewpoint.

It is not necessary for astrologers who wish to take this course to have previous experience in medical astrology. However, it is necessary to have good understanding of horary principles and technique. The STA Practitioners Level Horary Course is an excellent pre-requisite for this Practitioners Level Medical Astrology Course.

Study groups are limited to ensure plenty of individual attention, and lessons take the form of tutorials with follow-up discussion, chart examples and practical exercises. Throughout, students are taught how to extract meaningful details and sharpen their judgement, and each lesson allows the opportunity to consolidate what is taught through periods of practical application. The course is designed to offer knowledge of traditional doctrines in a balanced way, so that theoretical principles enlighten and facilitate (rather than overwhelm) the creative aspect of astrological interpretation.

The course includes a comprehensive set of reference notes, tips and instructions, with numerous example chart judgements, and resources that are unavailable elsewhere. It offers certification, so that by the end of the course any astrologer who is already capable of offering a professional astrology service will be appropriately prepared to explore health-related problems according to the traditional principles of astrology.



SYLLABUS:

This advanced level astrology course offers the STA Practitioners Level Medical Astrology Course in an online format over 16 weeks of lectures and workshops, with a break week which features one-on-one sessions with the instructor. Lessons are structured as tutorials followed by assignments with thought-provoking questions, and consolidation of principles through practical application of demonstrated technique.

Students receive their own set of course notes which includes explanations of key principles, workbook-style activities, example medical astrology charts and answer sheets. This student workbook will also be cross-referenced with Lee Lehman's book, *Traditional Medical Astrology*, which acts as an accompanying text-book for the course.

Students will participate on a course delivery web site, as well as attend live lectures, which can also be viewed as videos.



Course content themes (subject to amendment) include:

- Elements in medicine and natural philosophy
- Hippocratic principles and dis-ease concepts
- The soul's relationship to physiology
- Temperaments and their calculation
- Traditional medical vocabulary and concepts
- Primary faculties of wellness and disease
- Change, balance, and homeostasis
- Humoral pathology
- Medical melothesia
- Medieval innovations related to disease and treatment
- Indicators of disease in the nativity
- Decumbiture
- Medical horaries
- Medical elections
- Natal cycles of health and disease
- Critical days
- Alternate methods when the time of onset is not known
- Aging, stagnation, and death
- Medical astrology and herbalism I: homeopathy and antipathy
- Medical astrology and herbalism II: the tissue states
- Differentiating medical practice and medical astrology

PRICES:

Online students

The course fees are US \$575 for the entire course. Places are secured upon deposit of US \$225, with the remainder of the course fee to be paid in full at least 14 days before the course starts. Students will also need a copy of Lee Lehman's book, *Traditional Medical Astrology*, which is not included in the cost due to the fact that many students will have it already. Please contact Lee if you have any questions about the book at: lee@sta.co.

The Advantages of online study

STA Practitioner Courses were developed as in-person intensives which allow students to take a step outside their normal environment and concentrate on just the subject at hand – featuring all the advantages that an intensive can provide in the form of focused learning.

That said, many people cannot take a week out of their lives to make this happen. But on-line is not simply second-best: it has a different set of advantages and disadvantages. Over sixteen weeks, you will have more time to digest the concepts you encounter each week. You can watch the lecture videos as many times as you like, either during the week it is given, or afterwards, in order to reinforce the learning process. This allows you to not only fit the course into your schedule, but manage your own time focussing on points that you decide need more attention.

Course Tutor: Lee Lehman PhD



Widely accepted as being one of the world's most experienced and informed astrologers, Lee Lehman received the Marc Edmund Jones Astrology Award in 1995, and the Regulus Award for Astrological Education in 2008. Lee has a Ph.D. in Botany from Rutgers University and is the prolific author of: *The Ultimate Asteroid Book* (1988), *Essential Dignities* (1989), *The Book of Rulerships* (1992), *Classical Astrology for Modern Living* (1996), *The Martial Art of Horary Astrology* (2002), *Astrology of Sustainability* (2011), *Traditional Medical Astrology* (2011), *Classical Solar Returns* (2012), *The Magic of Electional Astrology* (2014), *Learning Classical Horary* (2017) and a translation from the French of Papus' *Astrology for Initiates*.

Lee is the former Academic Dean of Kepler College, USA. In her four-decade development as an astrologer, practical application has been a persistent hallmark which has defined her teaching style. She teaches regularly at the International Academy of Astrology, the Midwest School of Astrology, Avalon School of Astrology, and Kepler College, as well as serving as a Faculty Board Member of the STA.

Lee has trained students in horary, medical and electional all over the world, in both live and online formats. An early adherent of the current neo-classical movement in astrology, Lee's focus has been to speak the method of classical astrology in modern language, and to help encourage people to learn how to apply ancient knowledge in modern systems. Her *Perennial Herbal* takes ancient astrological herbalism onto the web: www.leelehman.com.



COURSE DELIVERY

Please check our website for information on the times of course delivery; full details of lecture times and the final course syllabus are also provided approximately 10 days before the course commences. The Welcome Pack explains how to prepare a computer for our live presentations, and how to register a student account on our dedicated STA course portal, from where students access our weekly session material and additional support material, engage in forum discussion and submit any follow-up exercises.

20 sessions are delivered on a weekly basis over a period of 16 weeks, and the course commences with a group tutorial that offers an overview of the content of the course, followed by a live delivery of lesson one. After this is released, the portal allows access to follow up reading assignments, supplementary support material and theme-specific exercises.

Students are invited to join a similar presentation at the same time each week. Although it is recommended that everyone attends as many live sessions as possible, it is not essential that all live presentations are attended as they are recorded and made available within our course portal for later access and review. Note that a few sessions do not have a live presentation but are based upon pre-recorded instruction – during one of these weeks each student is given an opportunity to have a dedicated 30 minute one-on-one private mentoring session with Lee Lehman, which can be used to explore any topic they choose. Students should expect to spend between 3 to 5 hours per week to comfortably make it through all the course material and the associated exercises.

COURSE POLICIES, REQUIREMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- Students on this course do not need to have previous experience in medical astrology. However, this course specialises in advanced-level astrological training so it is necessary for participants to have a firm understanding of all basic astrological principles, and to have already studied certain principles that are generally taught as part of the study of horary astrology. For that reason, we recommend students to have previously undertaken the STA Practitioners Level Horary Course or to have had a similar level of horary training/experience as a pre-requisite for this course.
- Chart calculation is not taught as part of this syllabus, except for techniques that are specific to medical astrology (such as the calculation of temperaments, critical periods, *etc*). Participants will be expected to have had previous experience of drawing up and interpreting astrological charts before undertaking this study of medical astrology.
- This course is restricted to a small number of enrolments to allow for individual attention, a friendly and encouraging atmosphere and an ideal number of participants for workshop exercises and group-work.
- Students are required to download a free video conference program, Zoom, to enable interactive online sessions with the tutor and fellow students. It is also necessary to have stable internet access, as all coursework will be done online through the STA Course Portal.
- The course materials should be accessible on all modern computers (Windows 7 or higher is recommended for Windows based PCs). For any kind of video conference, it is recommended that each participant have 1 Mbps upload, 4 Mbps download of available internet bandwidth. For optimum performance, we recommend using a broadband Internet connection. *Poor network performance, lack of memory or high CPU usage may cause audio quality to drop, become delayed or sound robotic. If you experience this, try closing all unused applications to free up some additional bandwidth.*
- In the unlikely event of the course being cancelled or postponed, the School of Traditional Astrology will refund any course fees and deposits but will not be liable for any other costs incurred by attendees. If a student pays for the course and then changes his or her mind, a cancellation will be arranged and refund of any particular payment is allowed within 30 days of that payment. No refunds are allowed after this 30-day cooling-off period **or after the delivery of course materials has commenced.**

The course fee is US \$575 (local currency equivalent) with enrolments secured on a first-come basis upon payment of a US \$225 deposit. The remainder of the course fees are due 10 days before course commencement. To enroll, complete and return the booking form below, or visit http://www.sta.co/medical_online.html.



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BOOKING FORM

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Making Payments

Payment can be made by PayPal, or by credit or debit card.

- **For payments by PayPal** – we recommend you use our **online booking form** at **www.sta.co/medical_form.php** (this will allow you to register onto the course at the same time that your payment is made).
- **For payments by credit card or debit card** – email Lee directly (lee@sta.co) to organize your payment or return the following form by post to:
Lee Lehman, 6 Goldfinch Lane, Burnsville, NC, 28714, USA

YOUR CONTACT DETAILS:

Name:

Address:

Email:

Telephone:

I wish to enrol onto the STA Practitioners Level Online Horary Course

Please contact me by:

- Email *Tick both options or just one if you have a preference*
- Telephone

So that I can arrange payment by credit/debit card.