

Two-Year Celtic Spirituality and Shamanism Training Program

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Students are now being accepted for a two-year Celtic religion, spirituality, mythology, folklore, and shamanism training program, based on the new book *'Celtic Myth and Religion: A Study of Traditional Belief'* by Sharon Paice MacLeod (Sharynne MacLeod NicMhacha).

This is a distance-learning program which can be undertaken via internet and / or regular mail, and is open to all serious students of the Celtic paths and traditions. Whether you are new to the tradition or an experienced practitioner seeking to deepen your knowledge and personal practice, the program is tailored to all levels of experience.

A limited number of students will be accepted for study beginning in 2012, and applications are now being accepted for this program.

We welcome you to the path and the blessings of the way!

The program will cover a wide range of subjects including:

- The Celtic Otherworld
 - Gods and Goddesses
- Druids, Seers, Poets and Priestesses
 - The Ritual Year
 - Celtic Shamanism
- Ogam / Sacred Trees and Plants
 - Sacred Animals and Birds
 - Celtic Wisdom Traditions
 - Divine Ancestors
 - Welsh Legends
 - Arthurian Legends
 - Fairy Traditions
- Folk Healers and Seers
 - Seasonal Folklore

The program is constructed as follows: After sending in the registration information and fee, students will be sent via email (or regular mail, if so requested) the first assignment. The student will read the corresponding section of the book, and then undertake assignments based on the book.

These will include meditation on and integration of the concepts explored through writing, dream and meditation work, journal practice, personal ritual, meditation and journeying, and other methods.

The student will then send in their assignment which will be read and commented upon, and returned. There may sometimes be additional assignments based on the reading, or further reflection. Once the unit is completed, the next lesson will be provided, and so forth.

Students may ask for additional reading, assignments or exercises at any time for subjects they find particularly interesting, or challenging. It is important that the student not only understand the information in each chapter, but also what it means in terms of living this path fully, integrating the knowledge, and bringing this ancient wisdom to life.

It is anticipated that the program would take most students 1 ½ to 2 years to complete. It is important to take the time needed to understand, integrate and fully experience the concepts being studied, while at the same time dedicating oneself to an ongoing experiential path (i.e. continuing to work on the lessons in a timely and ongoing manner).

The program fits well with the individual knowledge and experience of each student, and can be 're-taken' by dedicated students on their own in the future if they wish to further deepen their knowledge and ability.

Those who complete the program will be eligible for advanced training towards the role of wisdom keeper or tradition bearer in the Celtic tradition (whether your calling is druid / shaman, priest / priestess, poet / fili, healer / seer, or some combination).

This deep level training consists of advanced workshops, as well as individualized study and apprenticeships (including trips to Ireland, Scotland and Wales for additional study, work with sacred sites, meeting with modern tradition bearers, and personal and group ritual practice).

To register for the program, please send the following information to:
highlandpriestess @ hotmail.com

1) Name, street address, phone contact information, email contact info

2) 3-5 paragraphs outlining the following:

- a) Your interest in the tradition and what you hope to gain from this training
 - b) Your level of dedication to culturally and historically authentic training in Celtic spirituality
 - c) Your hopes and aspirations for the work (personal growth, personal or small group ritual, work towards becoming a tradition bearer, etc.)
- 3) Registration fee of \$225.00 (You may hold a place by sending a non-refundable deposit of \$100.00; when the balance is sent the lessons can begin). Contact me for the address for registration mailing.

Please let me know if you have any questions!

I look forward to working with you and walking on this sacred path.

Many bright blessings,

Bendachtan Finda Fort

Sharon Paice MacLeod

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