



The Astrological Guild of
Educators International Inc

DIPLOMA

EXAM

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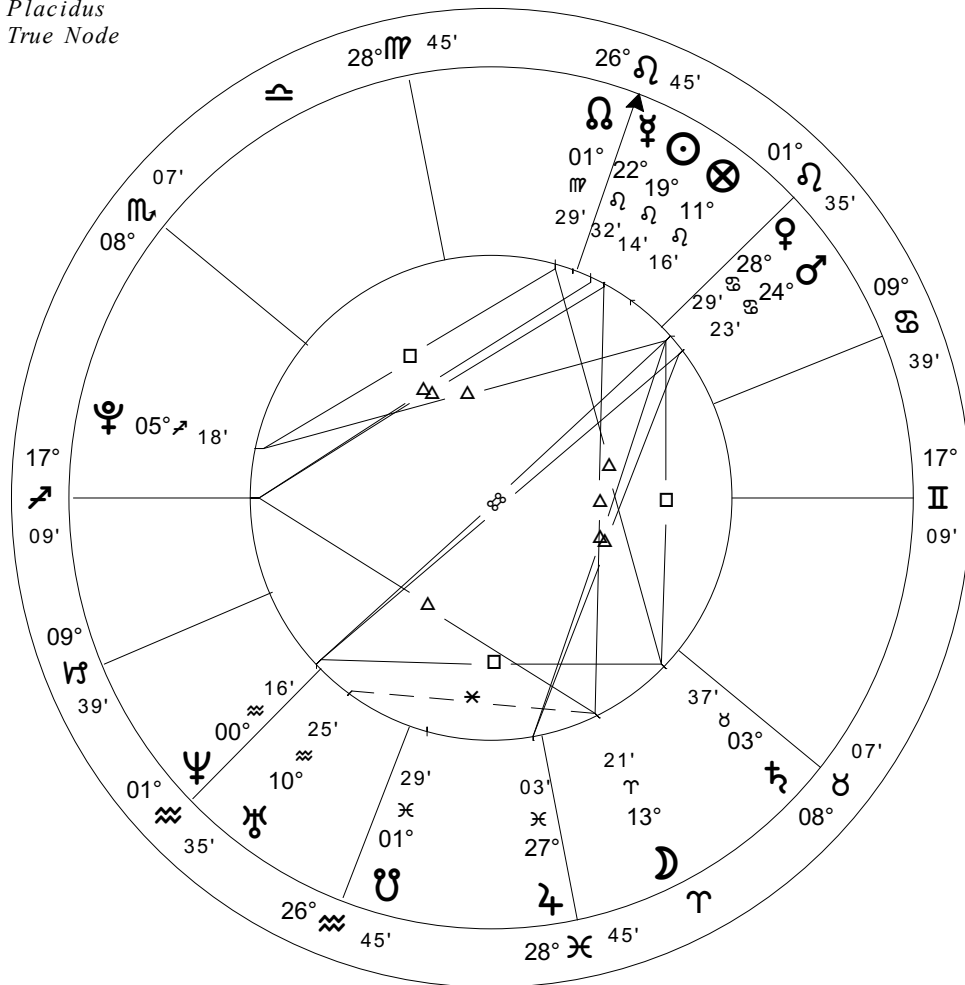
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Astrological Guild of Educator

Natal Chart

12 Aug 1998
 12:50 PM ACST -9:30
 Adelaide
 34S55 138E35
 Geocentric
 Tropical
 Placidus
 True Node



KEY PRINCIPLES

Diversity, acceptance, independence and involvement are the key principles of the Guild.

All the educators are a vital part of the decision making process and have a role in the development of the exam system the students will be using.

At the same time, the Guild places astrological educators amongst other professions in this country by establishing a Continuing Professional Development program which assists the astrological educator to gain professional indemnity insurance.



THE ASTROLOGICAL GUILD OF EDUCATORS INTERNATIONAL

Established in 1998, the Guild is an international organisation of professional astrological educators.

The Guild is an independent, non-profit body whose brief is to promote and support the professional astrological educator.

The Guild assists these professionals to maintain a high standard in the conduct of examinations at a level acknowledged by the international astrological community.

The objectives of the Guild are:

- ▶ To advance the cause of astrology via professionalism at the teaching level of the astrological community.
- ▶ To promote an appreciation and understanding of astrology in the general community through the education and training of professional astrologers.
- ▶ To promote the importance of the role of a qualified astrological educator.
- ▶ To evaluate and acknowledge the examinations set by Guild members to enable them to use the Guild's imprimatur on their certificates and diplomas.
- ▶ To establish, maintain and administer an astrological exam system of an international standard and to have that examination system available to all astrological associations or members.
- ▶ To evaluate applicants by examination and to grant certificates and/or awards to those who pass such examinations at specific levels of attainment.
- ▶ To promote the role of the professional astrologer in the community by enabling them to use the Guild's imprimatur in the promotion of their professional practice or school.
- ▶ To maintain astrological standards for professional astrologers at the level of attainment required by the international insurance industry.

INDEPENDENCE OF THE GUILD is a fundamental objective, and as such, the Guild is an autonomous organisation.

The Guild is not aligned with any one particular astrological association. It has no formal affiliations with specific institutions but maintains a wide network of contacts with astrological educators all over the world.

MEMBERSHIP of the Guild is open to astrological educators with recognised qualifications. All members are encouraged to be involved with other recognised astrological associations.



EXAM APPLICATION MEMBERSHIP is a non-voting level of membership and is a requirement for all who wish to take the Certificate of Astrology , Diploma, Honours Diploma or Masters Guild Exams.

▶ **Certificate of Astrology or Diploma Applicants**

The Exam Applicant membership is only available for the duration of the exam deemed as six months before the holding of the exam and up to three months after writing the exam.

▶ **Honours Diploma Applicant**

Membership will be for a length of time considered by the Guild Council to encompass the Honours Diploma process.

▶ **Masters Applicants**

Membership will be for a length of time considered by the Guild Council to encompass the Masters process.

The exam fee includes Guild membership at the appropriate level.

If your teacher is unable to supply you with the Guild application form, you can obtain one by writing or phoning the Exam Secretary of the Guild:

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The closing date for applications for the Diploma Exam is generally the first week of October each year, but it would be wise to check with the Exam Secretary.

<p>THE EXAM APPLICATION FEE INCLUDES MEMBERSHIP OF THE GUILD FOR THE DURATION OF THE EXAM PROCESS. NO ADDITIONAL FEES ARE REQUIRED.</p>
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THE DIPLOMA EXAM

The Guild's professional qualifying exam is the Diploma and is undertaken after a recommended four years of study.

PREREQUISITES FOR SITTING THE DIPLOMA EXAM

Students sitting for the Guild's Diploma Exam must meet one of the prerequisite of previous astrological study as follows:

Option 1:

Students who have a **Guild Certificate of Astrology** for a minimum period of two years. During the two years of holding the Certificate of Astrology the student should have been studying the Diploma syllabus either with a Guild member or on their own.

Option 2:

Students who hold an **equivalent certificate** stating they have completed a **two year course of study in astrology** and passed an examination. The candidate must submit a copy of the certificate issued as well as details of the certifying body to the Guild Council, together with their application.

Option 3:

Students who hold no formal acknowledgment of study, may apply to undertake a **Prerequisite Assessment**. The assessment is not a qualification but allows the student to sit for the Diploma Examination. Details of this are available from the Exam Secretary.

THE EXAM PAPER

The Diploma is completed in a four or six week period depending on whether the candidate is either a Continuous Assessment or an External Student.

The Diploma exam consists of four sections. Two of the sections have an oral option. Section 1, 2 and 3 require 2,000 to 2,500 word essays, if written or if the oral option is selected a 60 minute tape plus preparatory or working notes. Each Section is worth 25% of the student's final mark. Sections 1, 2 and 3 consist of:

- ▶ Natal Chart delineation
- ▶ Predictive techniques and ability
- ▶ Relationship astrology

Section 4 consists of essays of 1,000 to 1,500 words and is worth 25% of the student's final mark. Section 4 is structured as three separate packages, each consisting of two questions, and each question in the package selected must be answered. Section 4 packages contain questions any of the following topics: *[see Syllabus on pages 13-14]*

- ▶ Rectification - Simple and Full
- ▶ Mythology - Asteroids/ Fixed Stars/The client's personal journey
- ▶ Mundane - Cycles, history, countries, politics

- ▶ Relocation - Astro*Carto*Graphy, simple relocation
- ▶ Electional - Finding the times for any venture, history of the subject and major authors
- ▶ Planetary and Luminary returns
- ▶ Chiron and other Centaurs
- ▶ Children's Charts

COMPLETING THE DIPLOMA EXAM

The Diploma exam has a pass mark of 65% and there are several different ways that a student may complete the Diploma exam.

a) As a Continuous Assessment Student

A Guild Educator may partially examine the student during the two years of the student's preparation for the Guild Diploma. This part of the examination will consist of setting four Guild approved assignments. The four assignments will make up a total of 25% of the student's final mark for the Diploma Paper.

The student will submit, together with their application, the four assessment notices issued by the educator, as well as a copy of ONE assessed essay. **The student will only need to undertake THREE questions: one each from Sections 1 and 2 and the third from either Section 3 or 4 of the Diploma paper.**

The students will be given a **FOUR WEEK PERIOD** in which to complete the exam.

b) As an External Student

This is the student who is self taught or taught through a non-Guild educator. This student will apply to undertake the Diploma exam as an *External Student* and will need to submit FIVE questions: one each from Sections 1, 2 and 3 and one package (which consist of two questions) from Section 4 of the Diploma paper.

The student will be given a **SIX WEEK PERIOD** in which to complete the exam.

A STUDENT OF A GUILD EDUCATOR MAY CHOOSE TO ENROL IN THE EXAM AS AN EXTERNAL STUDENT

STANDARD REQUIRED FOR THE DIPLOMA

As well as very sound knowledge of astrology and the many different techniques that make up the art, the Guild also requires the student at Diploma level to display the ability to clearly and constructively delineate the chart and present the resulting information in a consolidated and creative manner. In addition the ethics contained within the student's work will also be taken into account.



ASSIGNMENTS

Assignments should cover the syllabus topics in addition to the three core subjects: Delineation, Dynamic astrology, Relationship astrology (Sections 1 -3 of the Syllabus). Guild Educators using this system of partial examination must fulfil the following conditions:

- a) Submit to the Guild the topics that are going to be used in the assignments before they are given to the student.
- b) Each assignment marked by the Guild Educator must be signed by that teacher next to the percentage mark that the assignment received.
- c) Guild educators must keep a journal of the marks students gain - expressed as a percentage - and return all four sets of percentage marks to the student so that the student may submit the journal on application for the Diploma exam.
- d) The student must submit ONE of their marked assignments to the Guild upon applying for the Diploma exam. This assignment will be checked by the Guild to ascertain that the marks awarded by the student's educator meets the Guild's standards.
- e) Guild Educators may request guidelines when marking these assignments.

FEEES

The fees for the Diploma Paper vary from year to year and current fees are available on the website or by contacting the Exam Secretary. There are two levels of fees: one for the Continuous Assessment student studying with a Guild educator and the other for an External student studying independently.

ENROLLING FOR THE DIPLOMA EXAM

Enrolments for the Diploma exam open on the third Friday in August of every year and **CLOSE on the FIRST FRIDAY in October every year.** Continuous Assessment Students must submit their assessment notices together with their application form and a copy of one assignment. Students may obtain application forms directly from the Guild's Exam Secretary or from their teacher, if their teacher is a Guild member.

The Diploma Exam is sent to ALL CANDIDATES at the END OF OCTOBER EVERY YEAR.

SUBMITTING THE EXAM

Two copies of the completed exam needs to be submitted. Each copy must contain ALL the material relevant to the completion of the exam (essays, charts, transit maps, tapes, etc). All material must be labelled with the Student Number, the Section and Question Number and must be accompanied by a Bibliography. Guidelines on presentation and format appear on the exam instruction sheet, a copy of which is included in this booklet.

MARKING OF THE DIPLOMA PAPERS

The markers for the Diploma examination are generally Faculty Guild members chosen for their expertise in the different areas of astrology represented in the Diploma paper. They are recognised professionals in the community who are amongst the most highly qualified astrologers in Australia and abroad.

The fees you pay for the examination process are used to pay these top professionals for their time in marking your work.

RESULTS

Students will receive their final results in the post approximately 6 - 8 weeks after the closing date.

No papers are returned to the student and the Council decision with regards to any issues concerning the Diploma results is final. No individual marks will be issued for each section/essay.

All Diplomas results will be either:

- ▶ **Distinction** [85% or higher]
- ▶ **Credit** [75 - 84.9%]
- ▶ **High Pass** [70 - 74.9%]
- ▶ **Pass** [65 - 69.9%]
- ▶ **Fail** [below 65 %]
- ▶ **Withdrawn**

RESITTING THE DIPLOMA

- ▶ **External Students** who do not achieve a pass mark are given the opportunity to resit the Diploma Paper the following year.
- ▶ For **Continuous Assessment Students** who do not achieve a pass mark, the accrued assignment marks will be carried over to the Diploma exam in the following year.

Students in either category must go through the same application process and the full examination fee applies. [see the section on Fees, page 9]

WITHDRAWAL AND SUPPLEMENTARY EXAM

A student may withdraw from the Diploma providing they do so in writing up to **a week before the closing date for submission of the exam.**

The student has the opportunity to do a supplementary exam 3 months later.

A supplementary fee will be charged and the student will be given a completely new Diploma exam.

CERTIFICATION

All successful candidates receive the Astrological Guild of Educators International Diploma.

- ▶ The Diploma certificate and any other award given in relation to the Diploma exam will be issued in the name which appears on the candidate's exam application.
- ▶ The successful candidates will be entitled to use the letters *AGE Int. Dip.* after their name.
- ▶ The successful candidates will be entitled to use the Guild's *imprimatur* on all their astrological advertising.



IMPRIMATUR

All successful Diploma candidates will automatically receive guidelines on the use of the Guild's *imprimatur* on all their astrological promotion material including stationery, web sites, signage and advertising.





DIPLOMA OF ASTROLOGY SYLLABUS

Listed In Alphabetical Order

(Current at August 1998)

SECTIONS 1 - 2 ARE CRUCIAL TO PASSING THE DIPLOMA AS THEY FORM THE BASIS
FOR PROFESSIONAL ASTROLOGICAL WORK.

Section 1 - Delineation

Using either a 360° chart or the Cosmobiology 90° dial.

Delineation is considered to be the ability to synthesise the components of a natal chart and communicate the information in a clear and constructive manner. Thus the student will be expected to show counselling ability in his or her written delineation of a chart. No one counselling method is considered superior to another but lack of ability to relay information in a constructive way will be heavily marked against. It is therefore recommended that the student explore some different counselling techniques.

The student should be able to work with adult's and children's charts dealing with the normal variety of questions and issues and will be expected to be able to incorporate the comet Chiron in any delineation work.

SECTION 2 - DYNAMIC ASTROLOGY

- ▶ **Dynamic work** - The use of transits and secondary progressions, to build a picture of an individual's future trends. The ability to synthesise these techniques and relate the resulting information to the client in a meaningful way.
- ▶ **Cosmobiology** - The use of Solar Arc directions with midpoint trees and the use of the graphic ephemeris.
- ▶ **Luminary and planetary returns** - The theory and calculations of return charts including the concepts of relocation and precession. The ability to interpret these charts.
- ▶ **Other Dynamic methods** - Familiarity with converse or harmonic returns, Wyn Key cycles, primary, and tertiary progressions, secondary regressions as well as the different systems of progressing the angles.
- ▶ **Cycles of Psychological Development** - Planetary cycles relating to the psychologically recognised stages of human development. For example the mid life crisis and so on.



SECTION 3 - RELATIONSHIP ASTROLOGY

- ▶ **Relationships** - The theory and calculations involved in all types of composite charts. The construction of Chart Comparison grids. The ability to read this information in a meaningful way for the relationship in question. Techniques for moving the relationship chart through time.

SECTION 4 - SPECIALIST TECHNIQUES

- ▶ **Astro - History** - The study of the long term astrological cycles of planets and planetary combinations and their significance in history.
- ▶ **Asteroids** - The mythology and interpretation of the four major asteroids: Juno, Vesta, Ceres and Pallas-Athena
- ▶ **Astro Economics** - Astrological theory of planetary cycles as applied to business and the stock market.
- ▶ **Electional Astrology** - The basic principles, use and interpretation of Electional charts
- ▶ **Harmonics** - The theory of harmonics. The ability to calculate a harmonic chart. The use of planetary arc harmonic charts.
- ▶ **Heliocentric Astrology** - Understanding the basic principles involved.
- ▶ **History of Astrology** - A broad approach to the history of astrological development as well as a knowledge of the contributions of prominent astrologers throughout history.
- ▶ **Horary Astrology** - Basic rules and principles with a basic knowledge of how to read a horary chart.
- ▶ **House Division systems** - The theory and history of space and time zodiacal derived systems. The use of Solar and natural houses.
- ▶ **Rectification** -
 - a) Methods of finding the birth time when it is known within one or two hours.
 - b) Methods of finding the birth time if the time is totally unknown.

It should be noted that any method used should use the astrological techniques of transits, and or progression, and or returns and so on. Methods such as “guessing the house, Ascendant etc” or using pendulums and so on will not be accepted.
- ▶ **Relocation** - The principles of relocating a chart and the calculations involved. The concept and methods of astrological world mapping.



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- ▶ **Sidereal Astrology** - An understanding of the sidereal zodiac and its relationship to the tropical zodiac. Precession and the great ages. Fixed
- ▶ **The Astrology of Health** - The correspondence of astrological symbols to human physiology, glands, rhythms and chakras. The maintenance of health and well being via the choice of life style for a given natal chart.
- ▶ **Mundane Astrology** - An understanding of the interpretation of national charts, in relation to the country's politics and its people.
- ▶ **Miscellaneous** - Solstice and antiscia points, prenatal epochs, meteorological astrology, Arabian Parts.