

Therapeutic Shamanism

Practitioner Training Guidelines



Applying for the course.

Committing to train to become a shamanic practitioner is not to be taken lightly, as it involves a commitment to work on oneself, and to making a deep commitment to one's spirit teachers, as well as a commitment to ethical and professional standards of conduct. *It is therefore of great importance that prospective practitioner students take time to really be certain that they are committed to the shamanic path, and that I am the right teacher for them and that the kind of shamanism I teach sits well with them.* Likewise, I need time to get a feel of whether I feel a student is right for the practitioner training, and that I am the right teacher for them (and that they are the right student for me, and right for the existing practitioner training group). *Because of this, prior attendance at an introductory day and at least five foundation weekends is a minimum prerequisite to applying for the practitioner training.* It is pointless asking to be considered for the practitioner training until you have met this prerequisite!

Once someone is on the practitioner training, then any foundation weekends they have already completed will be counted towards the 16 needed for the practitioner training.

Course components...

- 16 Foundation weekends (32 days)
- 2 Practitioner Training weekends (4 days)
- to do and write up 100 journeys
- have your work observed and assessed
- 5 supervision sessions
- 3 case studies (including one using one of the course tutors as a practice 'client')
- a project

The project

This needs to be on something shamanic. The time spent on it needs to add up to 100 points. Points are calculated as...

- 30 minutes of work. Or...
- one A4 side of writing, or equivalent. Or...
- one (short) journey and write up.

The project can involve any of the following...

- reflective journal on the weekends attended
- book summaries/reviews

- extra case studies (client work)
- developing tools (painting drum, making a rattle, staff etc)
- researching/developing crystals/flowers etc shamanically
- essays/articles
- extra supervision sessions
- attending extra therapeutic shamanism courses/weekends (in addition to required 16) – weekends count as 10 points - maximum points from this is 40 (i.e. 4 extra weekends)
- helping in running beginners' classes
- follow the 'year of living shamanically' – diary/journal as evidence
- other things!

Having work observed and assessed.

This means by...

- tutor(s)
- self
- and peers

Length of the course

- To allow for development, the training cannot be completed in less than of 2 years but can be spread out longer if so desired.

Finances

The costs are...

1. The cost of the 16 Foundation weekends and the 3 Practitioner weekends (cost depends on how many you book in advance - refer to details of [booking Foundation Weekends](#)).
2. £300. This can be paid upfront, or in instalments. It is to...
 - cover 5 tutorial/supervision.
 - admin (record keeping, and my time in reading through your case-studies, journeys etc).