



Chart Calculation Workshop

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Wednesday, April 8, 9:00 am-5:00 pm

This workshop will take you step-by-step through the calculation process, and show you how to work through each part methodically. The end result of your hand calculations will match—within ONE MINUTE—a computer-calculated chart. The goal of passing a certification examination is to have all cusps within 3 minutes of arc, and planetary positions within 1 minute of arc.

The workshop will use the AFA Sample Student Test for the in-class chart calculations. Data and answer keys will be provided for an additional 14 homework charts. We will calculate one full chart in the workshop, and students can then take this knowledge and apply it to the homework practice charts. The homework problems will use both noon and 0-hour (midnight) ephemerides, and all necessary ephemeris pages and answer keys will be provided.

You will learn to set up the chart wheel and house cusps, planetary positions and progressions - including the progressed Ascendant and MC. The section on progressions will also cover the use (optional) of the Adjusted Calculation Date.

The session will include the following, in this sequence:

- True Local Time
- Greenwich Mean Time
- Chart Calculated Sidereal Time
- Cusp Longitude (Sidereal Time) Adjustments
- Cusp Latitude Adjustments
- Setting Up the Final Chart Wheel
- How to Determine the Progressed Year

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Christine Arens, LPTMAFA is certified as both a Professional astrologer and Teaching astrologer through the American Federation of Astrologers, and holds a Level-III certification through National Council for Geocosmic Research as well as a Professional certification from the Western States Astrologers. She has been actively consulting and teaching astrology since the early 1990s, although she has been involved with astrology since the 1970s. Over the last 25 years she has been a featured speaker at AFA conventions, NCGR educational conferences, ISAR conventions and UAC.

Since 1993 she has served as the President of the Chicago-based AFA member organization The Friends of Astrology, Inc. She is currently a member of the Board of Directors of the AFA, and is the appointed AFA representative to the Publisher's Board of the AstrologyNewsService (www.astrologynewsservice.com).

In 2007 she joined the Board of Directors of Kepler College, and in 2010 was asked to teach chart calculation through their certification program. Christine is recognized as one of the foremost teachers in the world for chart calculation, and this workshop will give you the opportunity to learn directly from her in a hands-on, in-person classroom setting.

- How to Find the Adjusted Calculation Date (and double-check if you are correct!)
- How to Calculate the Progressed Planetary Positions
- How to Calculate the Progressed Ascendant and Midheaven

REQUIRED TEXT: AFA Placidus Table of Houses

REQUIRED SUPPLIES: Pencils, erasers, papers

HOMEWORK: An extra set of worksheets will be included in your workshop package. You will be able to make copies of these to help you in doing the homework charts at your leisure. Your “final test” will be a self-test. Once you have done the homework, step-by-step, on the worksheets you will be ready to test yourself. Can you take the raw data for the 14 charts and come up with the final charts . . . using ONLY blank paper!! If your chart is off, you can refer to your worksheets and find your errors. And if your charts are correct, you will be ready to pass any chart calculation examination—from any organization in the world!

NOTE: Space is limited, so please register early for this workshop.