

EIGHT EXTRA ORDINARY VESSELS

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The course is a comprehensive study of the eight extraordinary channels. The history, theory, pathways, points, and clinical applications are presented. Emphasis is placed on clinical applications. Lecture, group discussion, and case analysis are included. The instructor and students will present cases.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of the course the student will have a comprehensive understanding of the eight extraordinary channels in both theory and clinical applications. The student will be able to perform an eight extraordinary channel treatment, including diagnosis, channel and point selection, and needling techniques.

COURSE PREREQUISITIES

Meridians I-II, Acupuncture Therapeutics

REQUIRED TEXTS

The Eight Extraordinary Channels, A Handbook for Clinical Practice and Nei Dan Inner Meditation, by David Twicken, Singing Dragon, 2013

RECOMMENDED TEXTS

Chace, C. and Shima, M. (2010) An Exposition on the Eight Extraordinary Vessels: Acupuncture, Alchemy, and Herbal Medicine. Seattle, WA: Eastland Press.

Larre, C., Rochat de la Vallee, E. and Hill, S. (1997) The Eight Extraordinary Meridians. Monkey Press.

Maciocia, G. (2006) The Channels of Acupuncture: Clinical Use of the Secondary Channels and the Eight Extraordinary Vessels. Oxford: Churchill Livingstone.

Matsumoto, K. and Birch, S. (1986) Eight Extraordinary Channels. Brookline, MA: Paradigm Publications.

Ni, Y. (1996) Navigating the Channels of Traditional Chinese Medicine. San Diego, CA: Complementary Medicine Press.

Twicken, D. (2011) I Ching Acupuncture: The Balance Method. Clinical Applications of the Ba Gua and I Ching. London: Jessica Kingsley Publishers.

Wu, J. (2002) Ling Shu or The Spiritual Pivot. Hawaii: University of Hawaii Press.

Yang, C. (2004) A Systematic Classic of Acupuncture and Moxibustion. Boulder, CO: Blue Poppy Press.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

50% case Studies & Class Presentation

50% Final Examination

GRADING SCALE: 100-90% A, 89-80% B, 79-70% C, 69% and below F

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SPECIAL NOTES

Professionalism and Full and Prompt Attendance: To pass any course (separate from academic performance) all students must meet requirements for professionalism in coursework. Professionalism includes full and prompt attendance: students who miss more than 2 class meetings in a 10-week course will earn an F in that course. Additionally, students who arrive more than 15 minutes to class or leave class before it ends will be given 1/2 absence towards attendance. NOTE: Students who leave and return to class late from a break or leave during the class (especially if this is repeated) or who disrupt the class in other ways may earn an F in that class and/or be referred to the Academic Dean for professionalism.

CLASS ONE (The syllabus is subject to change at the discretion of the instructor.)

The Acupuncture System

Introduction to the Chong Channel: theory, functions, and clinical applications.

Case studies.

Readings:

The Eight Extraordinary Channels, A Handbook for Clinical Practice and Nei Dan Inner Meditation, by David Twicken, Introduction, Chapters 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

CLASS TWO

Introduction to the Ren channel: theory, functions, and clinical applications.

Case studies.

Readings:

The Eight Extraordinary Channels, A Handbook for Clinical Practice and Nei Dan Inner Meditation, by David Twicken, Chapter 6

CLASS THREE

Introduction to the Du channel: theory, functions, and clinical applications.

Case studies.

Readings:

The Eight Extraordinary Channels, A Handbook for Clinical Practice and Nei Dan Inner Meditation, by David Twicken, Chapter 7

CLASS FOUR

Introduction to the Yin and Yang Qiao channels: theory, functions, and clinical applications.

Case studies.

Readings:

The Eight Extraordinary Channels, A Handbook for Clinical Practice and Nei Dan Inner Meditation, by David Twicken, Chapters 11, 12, 13

CLASS FIVE

Introduction to the Yin and Yang Qiao channels continued

Readings:

The Eight Extraordinary Channels, A Handbook for Clinical Practice and Nei Dan Inner Meditation, by David Twicken, Chapters 11, 12, 13

CLASS SIX

Introduction to Dai Mai channel: theory, functions, and clinical applications.
Case studies.

Readings:

The Eight Extraordinary Channels, A Handbook for Clinical Practice and Nei Dan Inner Meditation, by David Twicken, Chapter 14

CLASS SEVEN

Introduction to the Yin and Yang Wei channels: theory, functions, and clinical applications.
Case studies.

Readings:

The Eight Extraordinary Channels, A Handbook for Clinical Practice and Nei Dan Inner Meditation, by David Twicken, Chapters 8, 9, 10

CLASS EIGHT

Introduction to the Yin and Yang Wei Channel continued: theory, functions, and clinical applications.
Case studies.

Readings:

The Eight Extraordinary Channels, A Handbook for Clinical Practice and Nei Dan Inner Meditation, by David Twicken, Chapters 8, 9, 10

CLASS NINE

Clinical Applications, Treatment Methods, Needling Methods.
Case studies

Readings:

The Eight Extraordinary Channels, A Handbook for Clinical Practice and Nei Dan Inner Meditation, by David Twicken, Chapters 15, 16, 17

CLASS TEN

Case Studies

CLASS ELEVEN

Final Examination

REFERENCE MATERIAL

FACULTY INFO

Course
Code **EL671**

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