



## **Sisterhood of the Moon Priestess Training Program**

Do you hear Her calling? Do you wish to serve the Sisterhood as a community Priestess alongside other Priestess-Sisters? Or, do you have dreams of one day hiving off and leading your own coven, circle, or community? Are you ready to take the spiraling journey within, to the deepest part of yourself, to the Mystery, and then back out again, bringing your wisdom and learning to the world?

Our Sisterhood of the Moon Priestess Training Program encompasses three levels—beginning with Priestess-Apprentice and culminating with Ordained Priestess. This is an intensive and rigorous program combining experiential, hands-on learning with scholarship, reading, writing, and creating. You will learn what you need to know to serve our Sisterhood of the Moon community and others as a vocational Priestess.

This program takes 3+ years to complete and the instruction and guidance at all levels is directed by your own personal and particular calling and skill set. If you are feeling called to service in the name of the Goddess, we'd love to speak with you!

Please read on for more detailed information about our Sisterhood of the Moon Priestess Training Program and our Priest/ess/x Mentoring Program.



## **Priestess Training Apprenticeship**

### **Level 1**

#### **Theme: Priestess of Surrender**

**Prerequisites:** 13 months minimum of consistent ritual attendance with our Sisterhood and enrollment in the Women's Mystery School of Magick & Empowerment. Decision on when/if to begin is made by Lady Jesamyn in conjunction with the Priestess Council.

This first level of training is at least one year long (13 Moons) extending up to 18 Moons or longer, as necessary. Throughout Level 1, you are considered a Priestess-Apprentice.

You are required to attend all Sisterhood of the Moon ritual circles in addition to all other Sisterhood events (classes, Red Tents, workshops, crafting nights, social and other gatherings, etc.). Outside of your one-on-one in-person coaching/training sessions, most of your work during this first level is done on a solitary basis with the High Priestess available to you throughout via email. Level 1 grounds you into the training, laying the foundation for you to learn how to embody the Priestess's role in community ritual, and is set up so that you have time to really dig into *what it means for you personally* to be a Priestess in a community container and at your own altar in your own Realm. You will be reading, writing, engaging in solitary ritual, and doing creative projects, as well as assisting during ritual with tasks that you are specifically prepared for, such as building ritual altars, leading check-ins, invoking Elements/Directions, etc.

Women in our Priestess Training Program are intentionally required to attend all rituals and events as this training is particularly grounded in instruction in methods of ritual, ceremonial, and vocational priestessing. Our Sisterhood community—and our ritual circles—are sizable parts of your training ground. This is an intense study and much will be expected of you; you will be forever changed as this training helps you to cross through the initial gateway onto your Priestess Path.

You will never be asked to do more than you are capable of, although at many times you will be intensely challenged to move out of your comfort zone. This level is an organic process and is tailored specifically for each woman. One of the main goals is for each woman to work directly with the Goddess-within to see what manifests; therefore, there isn't a fixed structure. In conjunction with your deep solitary work, Level 1 is set up to support you in gaining practical experience within our open Circles—invoking the Elements, building community circle ritual altars, presenting some of the detailed workings within ritual space, etc. This training is twofold—the primary part is your own exploration of yourself...your Shadow...your personal Truth...you as Priestess. The other part includes the technical and administrative aspects of being a modern Priestess, in service to a specific community.

## **Level 2**

**Theme: Priestess of Self**

**Prerequisites:** Sisterhood of the Moon Witch and Priestess Initiations

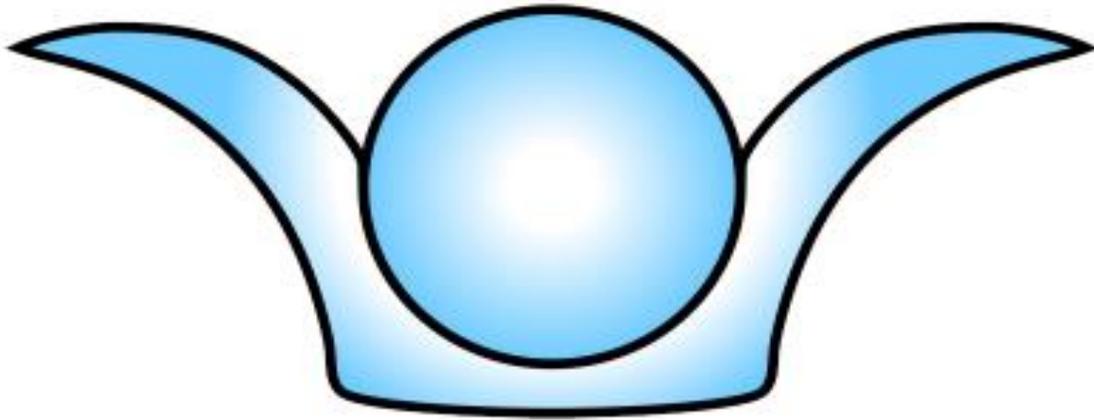
After your Sisterhood of the Moon Priestess Initiation, you begin to delve deeper into many other aspects of running a successful Goddess community while expanding and strengthening your ritual skills. This level lasts for one year (or longer, if necessary) and is considered your Internship Year. During this year, you serve our Sisterhood as a Priestess-Initiate alongside the High Priestess and any other Priestesses or Priestess-Apprentices. Together, we examine the many aspects of the day-to-day administrative functions that are necessary to run a strong and sustainable community, and you are assigned more duties in this realm to gain experience and a better understanding of the more mundane facets of exceptional priestessing. You are called on more in ritual as well as behind-the-scenes, including priestessing rituals for our community. You also begin to explore what your ministry might look like in much greater depth, and will work toward honing the skills that need more attention as well as developing those specific goals that you have for yourself as a Priestess. Reading, writing, solitary ritual, and creative projects (usually presented as part of our community rituals) continue during this level.

## **Level 3**

**Theme: Priestess of Community**

**Prerequisites:** Successful completion of your Internship Year

During Level 3, you continue to seriously explore and sharpen your vision for your personal ministry. Reading, writing, solitary ritual, and community priestessing also continue and expand during this level. You will keep working with the High Priestess and other Priestesses to hold the cauldron of our Sisterhood of the Moon community, and continue to hone and cultivate the ritual and administrative skills necessary to keep our community healthy and growing. This level takes another 1+ year and culminates in your Ordination as a Sisterhood of the Moon Priestess-Ordain and, if you wish, Dianic Clergy. It is the objective of this Priestess Training Program that by the time you achieve Ordination, you will have all the skills necessary to hive off from the Motherhouse and begin your own community, if you so desire.



**After Ordination:** After Ordination, you are ready to begin your own community, and/or a sub-community within Sisterhood of the Moon, and are considered a fully-vested, Ordained Sisterhood of the Moon Priestess. This is a time to hive off if you so choose. The High Priestess is always available to you as Mentor and Priestess-Sister.

**High Priestess Ordination:** The protocol for High Priestess Ordination varies from community to community. Currently, Sisterhood of the Moon High Priestess Ordination/Queendoms are granted based on your exemplary existing and thriving body of work and service to the greater community and are at the sole discretion of the Presiding High Priestess. A circle must be in existence for—at the absolute minimum—three years; in almost all cases, the circle has been in existence for significantly longer. The circle or community must be created, birthed, and served by a woman who is already Ordained as a Priestess, with all attendant completed course(s) of study and recognition.





### **Priest/ess/x Mentoring Program**

This mentoring program is primarily for those who do not live close enough to study in person, although local people are also invited to participate if they feel so called. It is also for those in Priest/ess/x training in other Traditions, both locally and online, who wish a stronger foundation in Goddess-centered priestessing and magick.

For those who desire an individual coach and Sacred Guide in the Priest/ess/x Arts, Lady Jesamyn offers one-on-one Priest/ess/x Mentoring. These mentorships are geared towards those who are already clergy and are leading communities, or are planning to lead communities, and desire an adviser, guide, facilitator, sounding board, and/or further education. If you are currently serving as a Priest/ess/x, wish to serve, or are in Priest/ess/x training (in any Tradition), she can help you to achieve your spiritual and leadership goals. Priest/ess/x Mentoring includes specially designed, focused sessions geared towards honing your particular skills and manifesting your unique, personal success. Mentoring sessions may be conducted via email, Google Hangouts, Skype, or in-person. This program *does not result* in Priest/ess/x Ordination; Initiation and Ordination tracks are currently offered in person only.





**Here are some good questions to ask yourself before beginning any Priestess training program:**

- Do I consider myself a Witch?
- Am I prepared to be of service to the Goddess for the rest of my life?
- Am I ready to delve deeply into myself? What does this mean?
- Is this the right time?
- Do I have the time?
- How do I feel about sharing the deepest part of myself within a group?
- Have I been in a group before where I shared deeply? If not, can I handle it now?
- Am I ready to plunge right in?
- What do I have to offer to the Goddess? To the world? To a community?

Ask the Goddess to guide you with these answers. Priestessing is a union with and marriage to the Goddess, a life-long commitment to the Goddess to be in Her service.

**Tribute/Exchange:** Sisterhood of the Moon Priestess Training Programs meet in person once monthly at mutually agreeable dates and times for about 1½ hours of one-on-one coaching. Tribute/Exchange is \$100-\$50 (sliding scale) monthly. For our Mentoring Program, we meet via Skype or GoogleHangouts (preferred); if you are local we will meet in person. Tribute/Exchange is \$100+-\$80 per 1-hour session. For all Programs, email access is granted for support throughout your entire journey and beyond.

*Sisterhood of the Moon and Lady Jesamyn Angelica reserve the right to update these programs at any time. Last update: April 2017*