

## Complete Course List Offered by the Apple Branch

### The Apple Branch offers three programs of study.

Dianic DruidCraft – This is the core Apple Branch tradition offering Goddess based Thealogy and rituals based on the Ogham as a tool for personal development. Because it is Dianic (Goddess Centered) and because we have naturally combined the work of Druidism and Witchcraft we have coined the term Dianic DruidCraft. We offer priestess/priest mentoring programs for both men and women. The women work within an online group called From the Branch. When someone is enrolled in the priestess/priest mentoring program, all classes offered are included in the monthly fee of \$60 per month. The prices shown on the list are for those who wish to study outside of the mentoring program. These classes are hosted at our Apple Branch Grove Studies Classroom <http://applebranch.org/grovestudies> site as well as at Beyond the Ninth Wave <http://beyondtheninthwave.org/study>

We also offer a priestess mentoring program for women in the tradition of Feminist Dianic Wicca. The classes specific to this program are included in the monthly fee of \$40. These classes are also hosted at our Apple Branch Grove Studies Classroom site. <http://applebranch.org/grovestudies>

In our Celtic Studies we offer two programs, Mastering Draíocht, a four year program leading to certification as clergy in Druidic Studies. The fees for this are \$60 per month. We also offer a one year program in Druidic Shamanism, consisting of three levels at \$120 per level. These classes are hosted in our website Beyond the Ninth wave <http://beyondtheninthwave.org/study>

We offer seminary degrees for completion of requirements and well as legal certification as clergy. Should you require a certificate of completion for any individual classes, we furnish those upon request. All classes are online and interactive with other students as well as with your instructor.

For further information check out our websites ...

<http://applebranch.org> and <http://beyondtheninthwave.org> or email Deanne (Bendis) at [stagdancer@outlook.com](mailto:stagdancer@outlook.com)

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**Classes with \*\*\* and in red are required for all**

Ceremonial Magic	This course offers progressive lessons in magick using an easy-to-understand foundation based on the Kabalah. It will guide you through the twelve introductory lessons in ceremonial (high) magick. The teachings include material from the Hermetic Order of the Golden dawn as well as other magickal traditions.	12 weeks
Crystals & Gemstone Healing	Working with gemstones and crystals will allow you to lean about our stone family and how they can assist us in life. The course incudes getting to know them, choosing them for magical, spiritual and healing work and how to keep them strong and healthy.	11 weeks
Crystals and Gemstone Magic	Learn the magical uses of crystals and gemstones as well has how to use them for divination.	4 weeks
Dancing With Goddess	Introductory course for those just having found Goddess. The course gives the basic every beginning witch must know!	11 weeks
Death & Dying ***	An exploration of pagan views on death and dying and ways in which to honor a passing.	5 weeks
Earth Path ***	Working with Starhawks's book Earth Path as well as her audio CD package Earth Magic, we will use awareness exercises, inspiring meditations and magical rituals, teaching respect for the natural world and how to spiritually connect with and channel the powers inherent in nature.	11 weeks
Ecology and the Sacred ***	This course provides an introduction to Ecofeminism	13 weeks
Energetic Boundaries	In this course we will explore the concept of setting healthy personal boundaries as well as heal those already set that keep us from leading productive lives. We can create these boundaries and then selectively allow only what energies, people, guidance, situations, opportunities and healing into your life that you desire.	12 weeks

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Ethics and Professional Practice for Neo-Pagan Clergy ***	This course is designed to empower students seeking leadership roles within Wicca or Goddess-based paths to understand the religious ethics associated with these traditions and to be able to appropriately negotiate ethical dilemmas that emerge within such a profession. Further students will gain a definition of the parameters of professional practice and identity.	12 weeks
Exploring Sensory Awareness ***	This course is designed to help a person explore techniques for expanding sensory awareness for the purpose of engaging in full body experience. The human body is designed to utilize all senses. The study includes an appreciation for nature, in fact, a return to nature. The exercises will explore sensory perception with trees, plants, stones, and animals and other life forms around us. Awareness of our inclusion within the web of life will be stressed and the benefits of becoming more attuned with nature will be explored. Engaging in full-body awareness with all of life will broaden our appreciation of the "whole" and our inter-connectedness to the web of life.	12weeks
Feminism 101 ***	Exploration of the feminist movement and the basics of feminism.	12 weeks
Feminist Dianic Wicca ***	This is a class on the basics as presented by Z Budapest in her book The Holy Book of Women's Mysteries. This is required of all women prior to initiation in FDW.	11 weeks
Feminist Ritual Theology - any religion	In this class we look at the task of re-making the world as a more just expression of human life through ritual – how to connect lives – work - politics- and spiritual strivings. We will examine feminism and religious ritual, social justice and spirituality, integrating them into a vision and practice of feminist ritual theology.	4 weeks
Goddess, Her Myths and Symbols ***	This course explores the concept of the Goddess or Female Deity Principal through myth and the associated symbols.	4 weeks
Green Witchcraft	In this course you will learn how to walk the path of the green witch, working in harmony with nature.	12 weeks

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Guided by the Moon	Learn how to live by the phases of the moon. Learn how the moon phases affect everything we do.	5 weeks
HedgeCraft	In this course you will learn how to walk the path of the hedge witch, learning how to create sacred spaces that will help you make your home a protected, powerful place.	12 weeks
History of Goddess Worship ***	This course will look at the archaeological and anthropological research of Goddess worship in pre-history and antiquity, competing theories will be explored.	13 weeks
Intro to Divination ***	An introduction to various types of divination to use for insight into our spiritual development.	5 weeks
Intro to Chaos Magic	Chaos Magic posits no beliefs -- at least none to be considered absolutely "true". Nothing is true. You are therefore free to take anything you like and use it AS IF it were true. Everything is permitted. And the amazing thing is that even if you're <u>faking it</u> it still works!	12 weeks
Intro to Hoodoo	Hoodoo is an eclectic blend of African tradition, Native American medicine, Judeo-Christian ritual, and European magick. Tracing Hoodoo's roots back to Africa, Hoodoo practitioner Stephanie Rose Bird provides a fascinating history of this nature-based healing tradition, showing you how to use Hoodoo magick in your everyday life.  Learn how sticks, stones, roots, and bones-the basic ingredients in a Hoodoo mojo bag-can be used in rites, spells, and ceremonies to bless your home, find love, attract wealth, offer protection, and promote health and happiness.	6 weeks
Intro to Magic	This course will guide you through the basic steps involved in magic/spellcasting and give you an understanding of the purpose and how it works. What is a spell? Something you do with intent and awareness to create change and consists of using a set of symbolic actions performed in the physical world to initialize change on a	6 weeks

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	higher level. We will explore the many benefits and opportunities for growth and positive change with your life by crafting and casting spells. This course is a prerequisite to future classes on the different types of magic coming soon.	
Making Magical Webs	Learn to create your own magical webs.	3 weeks
Menstrual Magic	Learn to use your menstrual cycle to achieve success and fulfillment. This course is primarily for women who bleed. However, it can be taken by women who do not and the same information can be used in two ways. A non-bleeding woman can apply this information to the lunar cycle, using the energies prevalent under the phases or she can find her own cycles of ebb & flow in her energy levels, which may not run on a 28 day cycle.	6 weeks
Mysteries of the Dark Moon	We will seek to uncover the secret of the moon's mysterious dark phase by exploring the mythical, psychological, and spiritual symbolism of lunar darkness.	9 weeks
Pagan Esbats *** Mentoring Program Only	This course explores the role of Moon celebrations within witchcraft. Year-long course.	Year Long
Pagan Sabbats *** Mentoring Program Only	This course will explore in-depth the historical, symbolic and philosophical meanings of all eight Sabbats in Wicca. Year-long course with rituals.	Year Long
Patterns of Natural Intelligence	Learn to unlock the patterns of your natural intelligence for insight, creativity and better communication.	11 weeks
Psychic Self-Defense	The art of psychic protection is an ancient skill found in every time, place and culture. Throughout the history of the world, ordinary people have been careful to observe wise customs and maintain boundaries between themselves and spiritual harm. This course will bring understanding and give you methods to employ to relieve psychic disturbance from your life.	12 weeks
Writing Ritual for Neo-Pagan Groups ***	This course is designed as an intensive in the process of creating and structure ritual and liturgy for Neopagan groups. Creating Circles & Ceremonies and Earth Path	12 weeks

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Ritual in Feminist Craft ***	This course will look at ritual structure within goddess worship, tools, and consecration of tools. This is specific to Dianic Craft.	11 weeks
Sacred Groves ***	Sacred Groves: Creating and Sustaining Neopagan Covens is an in-depth exploration of the role of groups within Neopagan religious practice.	11 weeks
Spiritual Mentoring ***	Learn what is involved in becoming a spiritual mentor and the knowledge required to assume this role.	7 weeks
Teaching Children in Pagan Traditions	Here we explore the many ways in which we may teach our children pagan values, views and perspectives on life.	8 weeks
Triple Goddess Archetype ***	This course will explore in-depth the guiding themes of Goddess tradition associated with the image of the Triple Goddess. It will look at both the theological implications and personal application in daily life.	6 weeks
Use of Thought Forms in Magical Practice	Learn about as well as how to create and use magical thought forms.	11 weeks
Weaving Magical Webs	This is a short mini course on weaving magical webs.	3 weeks
Wisdom of Menstruation	This course helps you to understand how cultural attitudes affect women's health. You will learn to identify the different phases of your cycle and develop the ability to process feelings and emotions associated with your cycle.	5 weeks
Women's Rites of Passage ***	Explore the Dance of Women's Moontime Cycle. The Women's Rites of Passage program uses a large format workbook containing two comprehensive sections: one on the Mysteries of Menstruation and the second on the Mysteries of Menopause with accompanying journal pages. We will explore detailed ceremonies to adapt, complete with musical annotations to honor the various phases of womanhood.	3 to 4 months
Working with the Elements	Exploratory course working with the Four Elements – within and without – Be-coming!	4 weeks

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### Northern European Traditions

Runes, Freyja's Aett	Exploration of the First Aett of the 24 Futhark Runes – History and Meaning	5 weeks
Runes, Heimdal's Aett	Exploration of the Second Aett of the 24 Futhark Runes – History and Meaning	4 weeks
Runes, Tyr's Aett	Exploration of the Third Aett of the 24 Futhark Runes – History and Meaning	4 weeks
Runes and Magic	Application of the runes to magical workings	5 weeks
Runes and Divination	Using the Futhark runes for divination	6 weeks
Runes Practicum for Certification	Students must do 25 free readings for clients. Clients provide feedback to instructor.	Self-paced
Angrboða and Her Monster Children	Angrboða is the Norse Giantess known as the Mother of Monsters. Come explore the story of Angrboða and her monster children and through the story, delve into your own shadow to discover your hidden potential.	5 weeks
Giants of Jotunheimr	This course is designed to introduce students to the Giants of Northern European mythology and to explore them as powerful archetypes for our own very human behavior. The Giants were the very first beings to be discussed in the historical lore. They are "larger than life" figures, very primal in their energies and so help us to get down to the core of some of our own often disturbing energies.	12 weeks

### World Shamanism

African Shamanism	This course looks at the historical and contemporary vision of shamanism within African Tradition.	13 weeks
Anthropology of Shamanism	This course examines critical themes of shamanism and shamanic practice, with specific attention to cultural contexts that serve to define shamanism and practice.	13 weeks

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Jewish Shamanism	This course looks at the historical and contemporary vision of shamanism within Jewish tradition.	8 weeks
Modern Shamanic Traditions – A Survey	This course examines diverse traditions of shamanism in contemporary practice, with specific attention to leaders in these traditions and their interpretation of the shaman's role.	13 weeks
Siberian/Mongolian Shamanism	This course will critically examine the texts by the Mongolian Shaman Sarangerel and includes an exploration of Siberian–Mongolian Shamanism	13 weeks
Teutonic/Germanic Shamanism	This course looks at the historical vision of shamanism within Teutonic German Tradition. Learn and understand the roots of modern Seidr practice.	12 weeks
VooDoo	This course explores the history and ritual life of Voodoo, as well as specific examination of Voodoo as a shamanic path.	13 weeks

## Celtic Studies

As Above So Below - Cauldrons of Poesy	In this course we will examine the three-fold systems of Druidic origin, As Above ~ So Below, by examining the Three Realms, The Cauldrons of Poesy and the Nine Dúile.	12 weeks
Ogham – Ancient Alphabet year course	In this course we study the Ancient Ogham believed to have been used by the Druids to hold the Mysteries of their teachings.	Required for Dianic Druid Craft Only
Druidic Shamanism	Druidic Shamanism is taught through <a href="#">Beyond the Ninth Wave</a> which is the Celtic/Druidic arm of <a href="#">The Apple Branch</a> . It will be taught in three, 11 week sessions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Level One will focus on the basis of Celtic Spiritual Landscape and basic technique.</li> </ul>	33 weeks



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Level Two brings a deeper look at the three levels of the Otherworld and their plains as well as healing techniques for self.</li> <li>• Level Three delves deeper into healing others as well as soul retrieval.</li> </ul>	
Mastering Draíocht	<p>Druidic Studies is taught through <a href="#">Beyond the Ninth Wave</a> which is the Celtic/Druidic arm of <a href="#">The Apple Branch</a>. Because the Druids were the keepers of the history and spiritual practices of the Celtic Tribes, this course has a heavy emphasis on scholarship with a great deal of required reading. The course has been created using the Sacred Triads of Celtic Tradition of which there are many! And will focus on the deities of the Tuatha de Danann and is primarily based on the Lore of Ireland and Scotland and the deities of the Tuatha de Danann. The first three years focus on the history and practices of the druids as well as personal self-mastery. The fourth year you learn the necessary skills necessary for service to others.</p>	4 years
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year One is based on Knowledge of Self, within the Realm of Sea which corresponds to the Mind which is associated with the Cauldron of Warming, the first of the three Cauldrons of Poesy of Ancient Celtic Tradition.</li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year Two is based on Knowledge of the World, within the Realm of Land which corresponds to the Body which is associated with the Cauldron of Vocation, the second of the three Cauldrons of Poesy of Ancient Celtic Tradition. Work on Knowledge of Self continues to build as well.</li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year Three is based on Knowledge of Spirit, within the Realm of Sky which corresponds to the Spirit which is associated with the Cauldron of Knowledge, the third of the three Cauldrons of Poesy of Ancient Celtic Tradition. Work on Knowledge of Self and the World continue to build as well.</li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Year Four is focused on what lies in the center of the Three Realms and as well as running through all three as well as us connecting us to our Sacred Fire, the Holy Well, and the Tree of Creation. Work on Knowledge of Self, the World and of Spirit will continue to build as well. The work of this year is focused on gathering the tools to be of service to others.</li></ul>	
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