

## THE NEW FACE OF TEACHING @ TRADITIONAL STUDIES!

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In Person Training, Official Study Groups, Registered Practice Pods, and Virtual Attendance Options—how we are adapting to the face of learning in these times. Times of great difficulty force great changes, and in challenging and changing the status quo, we often discover better solutions to accepted norms. From elementary schools to universities, education has been completely re-imagined. We are reshaping our teaching as well, and are excited to announce the future of our training programs!

What this time has shown us is the world can and should be more deeply connected than what we used to accept as normal. Individuals have been connecting in person more closely than ever before with their families and in small social groups, rediscovering the bonds of deep relationship within a tight knit community; people are looking to their local regions, learning and enjoying what is around them instead of traveling afar; and everyone is now connecting everywhere virtually, being enriched by the thoughts and presence of others around the world we would never have had or made time for in the past.

For us, it means recognizing our teaching models must change to fit this new reality. How do we create and maintain in person communities, but not require distance traveling? How do we support these communities virtually, as well as provide a virtual community to support those who want to learn but have no support close by? We have had to create solutions, because we cannot keep putting education on hold—learning is like rowing a boat against the current: the moment we stop, we lose ground. Patients need their practitioners to be constantly improving, constantly learning new and better ways of addressing their conditions.

To achieve this, we are forging into new learning territory with multiple learning options for our programs. We have created greater access to everything we do while providing more learning

support through In Person Training, Official Study Groups, Registered Practice Pods, and Virtual Attendance Options.

- In Person Training follows our traditional teaching model, with participants enrolling in person with the teacher present, hearing the lectures in person and being guided through the practicum trainings by the teacher directly. This is how we have run our seminars for over 20 years and will continue to do so if at all possible.

- Official Study Groups are run by our Senior Practitioners around the globe, who oversee an in person group in their area. Participants gather in a local teaching space and watch our seminar via livestream together, then do the practicum work with the other participants in their local group under the guidance of the registered Senior Practitioner. Registered Senior Practitioners have worked and trained extensively with us, so participants of Official Study Groups can be assured of getting the full experience of In Person Training without having to travel long distances.

- Registered Practice Pods are small groups who wish to work together but have no access to a Senior Practitioner and may not even have met or trained with us in person. They wish to find and work with other practitioners also dedicated to learning from us virtually near them. Thus, they register a study pod and point of contact for practitioners in their area, meeting together to watch the livestream seminar and then do the practicum work together to maximize learning despite not being at the seminar in person or under the guidance of a senior practitioner.

- Virtual Attendance Option is for those who either do not have any way to access or create a support network near them, or simply wish to learn on their own or explore our courses to see if what we offer makes sense for them. This option is our version of attending a webinar as an observer, watching only or practicing the training portions on a spouse or friend without any need to meet physically in a group setting. Going forward,

- In Person seminars will have limited enrollments to ensure safety;

- Official Study Group locations and their Senior Practitioners will be announced as they become available;

- Practitioners wishing to register a Practice Pod can email us now to begin the process of setting that up;
- Virtual learning will become an almost standard feature of our future programs.

Look for some or all of these options to begin in the following upcoming seminars:

- Clinical Skills Training Summit, September 18-20, 2020 (In Person Training with Andrew Nugent-Head is in Asheville, NC)
- Real Protocols Based on Real Patients: Treating a Heart Condition & Treating Allergic Dermatitis, October 24-25, 2020 (In Person Training with Andrew Nugent-Head is in Asheville, NC, course details not yet released)
- Classical Theory in Clinical Practice—understanding Chinese Medicine’s theory and pathology in real patients, November 20-22, 2020 (In Person Training with Andrew Nugent-Head is in London, England)