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Feb. 28 – May 1, 2012

Advanced Clinical
Retreat – Mahone Bay
May 30 – June 1, 2012

Seminar II – Ottawa
June 7 – 10, 2012

Seminar III – Ottawa
October 22-26, 2012

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Your Thoughts About (Re)Certification

Muriel Agnes, PhD.

We have just had a great community discussion! Over 40 people took time to respond to the Survey with very thoughtful comments. Thank you. It is heartening to connect to, and recognize the vitality of, such a community. You brought forward many insights that filled out the picture for me, not only about certification, but also about how you regard and use the training you have acquired through VPI.

This link will take you to a summary of the discussion: www.vitalprinciple.ca/01-12/

For me the essence of the input was captured in this phrase; “To demonstrate competency and continued growth is what is important.” -Important to you as conscientious practitioners, and important to VPI as an Institute that wants to meet its own standards of competency in training. We also want you to feel confident that your education is from an Institute that offers a reliable and high-quality training program.

I want to reassure you that the Certificates that you already hold will not be “invalidated” by VPI. “Recertification” is not a good word for our purposes. While we want to encourage your maintaining, refreshing, upgrading, and further integrating the skills and opportunities that this Medicine can bring to your health practice, we also want it to be in the light of an opportunity, not a threat.

This year we are offering two new online case report courses (Clinical Practicum I & II) as an opportunity for upgrading for anyone who feels they could benefit from such a refresher. These courses will have CEU credits through NCCAOM, as will all of our courses. We are also interested in the idea of establishing a new measure of success for those who want to identify as working in this Medicine at an expert level.

I also feel, really, we are on the right track and will just continue to offer what you are saying is an effective and inspiring training, that for many of you truly has enhanced your work as healers. Wonderful!

Blessings on all of you and your healing work!

-Muriel

Point of the Month

Brain Stem and the Cranial Nerves

Pathophysiology: Located on the descending helix of the ear in continuation of the spinal cord, the brain stem is responsible for maintaining balance and posture. It also is the home of the cranial nerves, and their many autonomic functions. Damage to the brain stem can have serious or fatal effects.

Expected Effects: Recently a student asked about treating PSP (progressive supranuclear palsy) a rare brain degeneration that primarily affects the coordination of eye movements. PSP also damages the substantia nigra of the mid-brainstem, resulting in similar motor impairment as with Parkinson's. Dr. Peter Gross reports that when damaged or diseased, these brainstem areas are often beyond the possibility of recovery or regeneration. Treating the brainstem, however, can still modify symptoms and provide relief. Our student reports his patient's symptoms did not improve, but they did not get worse over a 2 month period as expected.

Of course, treating the cranial nerves of the brainstem area can result in amazing improvements - in balance, neuralgia, eye or smell disorders, nausea, posture and so on. Treat the hypothalamus (master autonomic control centre) in conjunction with the cranial nerves.

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New Course Offerings in 2012

Muriel Agnes, PhD.

With an eye to offering our full training program within a shorter timeframe, while at the same time offering greater Instructor support throughout and providing more support for those who wish to upgrade their skills, we are making some improvements to our German Auricular Training Program in 2012.

Beginning in February 2012, students can complete both levels (150 hours of training) including case studies, within 14 months if they choose to do so. AND, the full Level One and Level Two Certification can happen with students coming onsite only twice, once per Level, cutting down on expensive travel.

With our [Seminar I Online](#), students develop a strong foundation and are ready to go deeper into the hands-on clinical learning of [Seminar II](#). We began this online experiment two years ago, and it is working very well. Seminar II results in very well trained practitioners, who have a great deal to offer their clientele whether they decide to take further study or not. They even know how to scan the ear with the VAS and find significant points for treatment.

An innovation for this year is the addition of the [Clinical Practicum I and II](#). These new online courses will provide the platform for Case Study Reports. Students will upload their case reports here, have discussions with others in their learning group ("cohort"), meet with the Instructor as a group as well as for one-on-one reviews of their cases. This online platform will replace the old mail-those-reports-to-David process and ensure

greater engagement in developing case management skills and expertise. We will schedule a Clinical Practicum to follow Seminar II (Level One cases) this summer, and another following Seminar III (Level Two cases) next winter. ANY STUDENT MAY REGISTER AND JOIN THESE CLINICAL PRACTICUMS for your own ongoing study of casework using German Auricular Medicine. This is one new option for those wishing to refresh or improve their work in this medicine.

[Seminar III](#), during which we teach the advanced method for identifying and clearing blockages, will now be a longer seminar - to give us time to cover and integrate the whole method, and also to make it possible for students traveling from afar to be able to complete Level Two with only one visit to Canada. Seminar III will be held over a 5-day period. We will evaluate how people respond to this format when we try it for the first time this fall.

Also, we are offering another [Advanced Clinical Retreat](#), this year in June in Mahone Bay. We are also bringing Master Li Jun Feng for a 2-day [Qigong Training](#) immediately following the Advanced Retreat, for those who wish to have a fuller respite in Nova Scotia that includes spending time with a Master for self-healing.

All of these courses will have ceu credits attached to them. For more details visit the website. We look forward to seeing many of your wonderful faces in 2012!

Course Selections for Upgrading Training

Level One:

- Seminar I (online) or Seminar II (onsite) with 40% discount; or
- Clinical Practicum I (online) - Coming in 2012

Level Two:

- Advanced Clinical Retreat (onsite) or Laser Therapy Course (online); or
- Clinical Practicum II (online) - Coming in 2012

Have more to say? Send us an email, we're always happy to hear from you!
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