

PHYSICAL HEALING MINISTRY 4 SYLLABUS SAMPLE

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Welcome to the **Christian Healing Certification Program** (CHCP) provided and sponsored by Global Awakening (GA). Physical Healing Ministry is one of three certification courses offered by GA, the other two being: deliverance and inner healing (referred to throughout the history of the Church more often as “Soul Care”). These courses are provided to equip the body of Christ in areas of healing ministry

This fourth level course in Physical Healing is the second of the advanced levels of training and certification within the Physical Healing program. Level 4 is offered to those who have received Physical Healing 1, 2 & 3 certificates of completion and now wish to become proficient in **teaching** others how to apply Christian based prayer for physical healing.

You will note as you go through course levels that some repetition for the purposes of review may occur. This is on purpose, knowing that learning takes place where there are multiple ways the information is being processed and review is an important part of the learning process.

CHCP Residency Program

The vision of Randy Clark and the instructors of this program is that the education and impartation each student receives from each CHCP track will be applied into a real life ministry context where the student will not only be applying the principles and concepts they have learned, but will train, equip, and release others to minister.

CHCP Residency has been created to encourage the practical application of all the student has received through the creation of a ministry manual and the training and equipping of a ministry team to expand the healing ministry in local churches, institutions of health care, and outreach ministries. Under the supervision of a CHCP mentor, and in cooperation with a leader in the local context, the student will have four months of a “hands on” experience, releasing others to minister in the power of the Kingdom of God. The objective of the residency is for the student to have a supervised experience of transferring all that they have learned in the CHCP track into their ministry context.

Beyond Residency

Upon the successful completion of this level, the highest levels for the Deliverance division and the Soul Care/Inner Healing division, a review would be arranged by representatives of the following, who would constitute a Board of Healing Ministries Certification Review. The Board would include people from the following areas:

- Professors or former professors at Harvard University Medical School or Indiana University

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- Medical Doctors
- Psychiatrists
- Professors from ATS accredited Seminaries or Divinity Schools
- Ministers noted for their ministry in Healing.

The focus of this course is the study of the relationship between Christian healing and the medical fields, and the importance of verification for medical case studies.

This fourth course in physical healing will focus on the four primary areas listed below.

1. The weakness in Hume's argument and its impact upon history and theology, as well as scientific studies.
2. The tremendous amount of evidence for healing today and a powerful argument against David Hume's non-belief in the miraculous.
3. Liberal theological and medical views regarding spirituality and healing – where it doesn't matter what the religion one believes in because they all have the same affect upon healing.
4. The value of spirituality for health.

Required Reading:

Benson, Herbert. *Timeless Healing: The Power and Biology of Belief*. New York, NY: Simon and Schuster, 1997.

Keener, Craig S. *Miracles: The Credibility of the New Testament Accounts*, 2 vols. Grand Rapids, Michigan: Baker Academic, 2011.

The below articles/essays below will be provided online under CONTENT area:

Brown, Candy. *Testing Prayer: Science and Healing*. Harvard, MA: Harvard University Press, 2012, pp. 21-63.

Burgess, Stanley M., Gary B. McGee, and Patrick H. Alexander, *The Dictionary of Pentecostal and Charismatic Movements*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishers, 1988.

Clark, Randy. *Syncretism and Political Correctness in Academia and the Medical Field* (9 pages).

Greig, Gary S. *New Age Healing Versus Christian Healing: Reiki Healing Invading Churches and Hospitals, So What's the Difference?*

Koenig, Harold G. *Religion, Spirituality and Public Health: Research, Applications, and Recommendations: Testimony to Subcommittee on*

Research and Science Education of the U.S. House of Representatives on September 18, 2008.

Koenig, Harold G., Michael E. McCullough, and David B. Larson. *Handbook of Religion and Health*. New York, NY: Oxford University Press, 2001, pp. 24-52.

Poloma, Margaret M. and Lynette F. Hoelter. "The 'Toronto Blessing': A Holistic Model of Healing." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, Vol. 37, No. 2 (June 1998), pp. 257-272.

Tournier, Paul. *Notes on the Meaning of Persons*. Compiled by Dr. Randy Clark.

SHI 3 Spiritual and Medical Perspectives Manual (Mechanicsburg, PA: Apostolic Network of Global Awakening, 2008).

Required Videos to watch/audio to listen to:

- Audio 1 – Dr. Randy Clark: Mt. Carmel (40m)
- Video 1 – Dr. Randy Clark: Biblical Basis for Healing (1h 8m)
- Video 2 – Dr. Randy Clark: Overview of New Age Healing (1h 9m)
- Video 4 – Dr. Randy Clark: Thrill of Victory (57m)
- Video 5 – Dr. Randy Clark: Agony of Defeat (37m)

Recommended Optional Reading:

Colbert, Don. *Deadly Emotions: Understand the Mind-Body-Spirit Connection That Can Heal or Destroy You*. Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson Publishers, 2003.

Kelsey, Morton. *Healing and Christianity*. San Francisco, CA: Augsburg Fortress Edition, 1995. (Only the first 2/3 of the book is recommended).

Koenig, Harold G. and Harvey J. Cohen, eds. *The Link between Religion and Health: Psychoneuroimmunology and the Faith Factor*. New York, NY: Oxford University Press, 2002.

Levin, Jeff. *God, Faith And Health: Exploring The Spirituality-Healing Connection*. New York, NY: John Wiley and Sons Inc., 2001.

Numbers, Ronald and Darrel W. Amundsen. *Caring and Curing: Health and Medicine in the Western Religious Traditions*. Baltimore: The John Hopkins University Press, 1998.

Tournier, Paul. *The Healing of Persons*. San Francisco, CA: Harpercollins, 1983.

Weatherhead, Leslie D. *Psychology Religion And Healing*. New York, NY: Stewart Press, 2008.

Required Activities:

For the practical ministry part of this course, students will be required to compose a 45-60 minute lecture on the “Biblical Basis for Healing” and a 45-60 minute lecture on “The History of New Age Healing and Its Rejection of Christian Doctrines.” If a student will be teaching in a non-English language, the lecture will need to be interpreted as the student gives the lecture. A translated lecture will need to be between 60-120 minutes. Each lecture will require 5-8 pages of notes submitted in week six.

Notes should be made in Microsoft Word 2003 or higher. Font should be Times New Roman, size 12. The notes must be the student’s own work. If they draw upon the videos or past reading assignments (which is highly encouraged) the student is responsible to properly cite which resources are used and quotes properly documented as another author’s thought. If they draw upon the videos or past reading assignments (which is highly encouraged) the student is responsible to properly cite which resources are used and quotes properly documented as another author’s thought. Use Turabian style formatting. For the final paper, please save your file with your last name, first name and assignment (i.e. Martini, Paul – Biblical Basis).

Each lecture will need to be recorded via *video* and also uploaded for the facilitator to view in week *six*. In this fourth level, instructors will be looking for a student’s ability to learn the information and to effectively communicate the information to others. Instructors will be giving feedback on presentation style along with the quality of teaching. Most laptops have an audio/video recording device. Many universities or libraries rent out devices to record if a student does not own a recording device. Note: the recording device must be compatible to transfer the file to a computer and then to be uploaded to a computer. Note: it is highly encouraged to do a practice run of the recording device before recording your lecture the first time.

There is flexibility in the location of where the lectures are held. Some ideas are: local church, home group (at least 8 people), YMCA, local library, medical facility, etc... It is highly encouraged that each student give both lectures in the same day, and also have a time of questions and answer along with ministry time focused on praying for healing.

In week *eight*, a final paper will be due on the last day of class. Students will expand on their notes from the two lectures to create two chapters (total of fifteen pages) working towards the ministry manual that is to be completed in the CHCP Residency Program after level four.

For this paper, please use Times New Roman, font size 12. Double space and cite using Turabian Format (see the pdf document on Turabian format under the section labeled “Helpful Citation Resources”). This paper will require a full bibliography using at least five sources. The bibliography does not count towards the final page count. Scripture verses and quotes from other resources are encouraged, however, no more than 25 percent of the paper can be quotes or typed out Scripture verses. Also, personal examples of prayers are encouraged, but no more than 25 percent of the assignment can be written

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out prayers, personal examples, or testimonies. Both chapters should be compiled into one final document. For the final paper, please save your file with your last name, first name and assignment (i.e. Martini, Paul – Final Paper).

COURSE SCHEDULE:

WEEK 1

Listen to the following audio message:

Audio 1: Dr. Randy Clark: Mt. Carmel

Read the following material:

Miracles, Introduction, 1-17.

(The four articles/essays below will be provided online under CONTENT area).

Syncretism and Political Correctness in Academia and the Medical Field

Testing Prayer: Science and Healing, pp. 21-63.

Dictionary of Pentecostal and Charismatic Movements, pp. 353-374.

Handbook of Religion and Health, pp. 24-52.

Recommended Reading

Handbook of Religion and Health, 18-23, especially 19.

Respond to the following discussion questions posted in the weekly outline.

Q1 is due Tuesday by midnight EST
Q2 & Q3 are due Thursday by midnight EST
Q4-Q6 are due Sunday by midnight EST

Q1 Introduce yourself and tell us where you are from, what your occupation is, and what you hope to get out of the course.

Q2 From Dr. Clark's lecture: What is wrong with the Evangelical position of concluding the lying signs and wonders the Bible speaks of are those occurring in the Pentecostal and Charismatic movements? Why have dispensationalist views of the book of Revelation

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made it more difficult for people to believe in healings and miracles to be done by Christians and difficult to believe in a great revival in the end times? (250 words)

Q3 Why is it important to verify Christian spiritual healings? Why does Randy believe the hospitals are the new Mount Carmels?

Q4 Based upon the article from the Dictionary of Pentecostal and Charismatic Movements article on the healing movement, list ten new insights you gained from the article. If there was anything in the article you believe was inaccurate describe what it was. (250 words)

Q5 Introduction – What does Keener emphasize needs further research in the introduction? (Familiarize yourself with the website www.globalMRI.org).

Q6 From Koenig’s article: Summarize the good and the bad relationship between Christianity and the medical profession. End the answer with your evaluation of what the relationship is today and the challenges each face from the other. (300 words)

WEEK 5

Watch the following videos:

Video 5 – Dr. Randy Clark: Agony of Defeat

Read the following material:

Timeless Healing, 151-191.

Miracles, 603-644.

“The 'Toronto Blessing:’ A Holistic Model of Healing,” pp. 257-272. ***(This article will be provided online under CONTENT area).***

Notes on the Meaning of Persons by Paul Tournier compiled by Dr. Clark (25 pages). ***(This article will be provided online under CONTENT area).***

Recommended Reading:

Handbook of Religion and Health, 382-396.

Respond to the following discussion questions posted in the weekly outline.

Q25-Q28 are due Thursday by midnight EST
Q29-Q32 are due Sunday by midnight EST

Q25 Which Agony of Defeat story impacted you the most? Explain why.

Note from Dr. Clark: Dr. Benson states that the people who had the greatest health benefits were the ones who had the most spiritual sensations, i.e. 1) they experience “the presence of an energy, a force, a power – God – that was beyond themselves, and 2) this presence felt close to them.” Then he states, “Regardless of their professed faith, people eliciting the response who experienced these sensations – an energy that seemed both internal and external to their bodies, and that felt good – had better health as a result” (p. 157). Randy is concerned about these types of statements, and believes they don’t portray reality; or if they do, then the experience they are having is a psychological experience, at best, and at worst demonic, rather than an experience with God. It does make a difference what the faith of a person is and it does make a difference whether or not the faith is in Jesus, Buddha, or Mohammad.

Q26 Some have found several statements that Dr. Benson made in chapter 7 to be syncretistic; accepting and following Jesus, yet believing that Christianity is not unique or the only way. Do you believe he believes people are experiencing God in other/all religions through their meditative prayer or meditation? Do you believe the scientific studies he quotes are true? Do you believe his interpretation of these facts are accurate? Do you believe the people of other cultures who experience this “energy” are

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