



## 21<sup>st</sup> Century Shamanism and Energy Medicine™

### Guide to LightSong's Doctorate of Shamanism (ShD) ~Eagle~

Developed by the  
Advisory Council for LightSong



## Greetings Prospective Doctors of Shamanism!

LightSong and its Council Members welcome you and invite you to inquire for yourself, with the spirits—

*What is your deepest desire regarding your relationship with shamanism and energy medicine?*

What are you seeking? What do you hope to create for yourself?

Do you wish to be recognized and credentialed for your work in shamanism? Do you wish to be of service to others, to LightSong and help its community members, students, and teachers, to pursue healing and learning in a powerful way? Do you wish to commit yourself to a life of shamanism, healing, personal development, serving, and teaching, and be known for your exemplary success in your own unique area of healing?

At this point you are aware that beyond the core curriculum provided by the school, LightSong offers three principle programs to deepen your relationship with shamanism and to elevate your vibration as a human being, as a healer, as a teacher, as a vehicle for the divine. The Bachelor of Art in Community Shamanism Program, Licensed Master Practitioner Program (LMP), and the Doctor of Shamanism Program (ShD). Each program has a particular focus, and is appropriate for people at different places in their shamanic studies. **This Guide is designed to help you apply for, work through, and complete the Doctor of Shamanism program at LightSong.**

### How do you know if you are ready for the Doctorate of Shamanism Program?

You are ready for the ShD. program if you are at an advanced place in your shamanic studies, wish to devote your life to shamanism, to pioneer new techniques in healing in a highly successful practice, to expand LightSong's curricular offerings, and to teach in an area of specialty. The ShD Program is a doctorate level shamanic training, and the highest degree of certification LightSong offers. This program is for people who have completed all LightSong's courses, completed the BACS and LMP programs, and serves as a prerequisite for becoming an Associate Teacher for LightSong. ShD candidates accumulate extensive personal experience working with clients and mentoring LightSong students, provide a high level of leadership and support within the school, are effective and competent shamanic and energy medicine practitioners and teachers, and will be recognized as a Doctor of Shamanism.

This guide is designed to assist people to understand and apply to the ShD program. This program provides the highest level of certification that helps advance shamanism as an acclaimed form of healing, and supports a high standard of care for the people seeking healing. This program is rigorous and rewarding. Please remember that the council is here for you, to be in partnership with you—to help you attain your highest vision for yourself in shamanism, in healing, in life.

Good Luck. Please contact us if you have any questions.  
Much love and admiration to you,  
The LightSong Council



# LightSong's Doctorial Program Candidate's Requirements

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### Courses

- 101 Through the Rabbit Hole: Basic Shamanic Journey Skills
- 102 Sacred Callings of the Shaman: Invocation Training
- xxx Ascension and the LightSong Mystery School Approach courses (numerous offerings available)
- 111 Sweat Lodge
  
- 201 The Practical Shaman: Spiritual Techniques for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Shaman
- 211 Telepathic Communication Practicum
  
- 311 Medicine Wheel LEAD role at Telepathic Communication Practicum (2-3 year commitment)
- 301A The Universal Shaman: Beyond the Personal
- 302B The Universal Shaman: Beyond the Personal
- 303 Soul Retrieval
- 304 Compassionate Spirit Release
  
- 401 The Evolved Shaman: Sitting in Circle with the Gods
- 402 Advanced Soul Retrieval
- 403 Advanced Compassionate Spirit Release
- 404 Curse Unraveling
  
- 212 Awakened Grace
- 213 Focus the Mind
  
- 230 Shamanic Sound Healing  
or
- 231 Shamanic Sound Intensive
  
- 240 Spirit that Flows through All Things
- 241 Healing Gifts from the Earth
- 242 Seeing through Nature's Eyes
  
- 150 Reiki I
- 151 Reiki II
- 250 Reiki ART/Master
- 350 Karuna Reiki®

### Assisting

- 260 Assistant's Training
- 261 Through the Rabbit Hole: Basic Shamanic Journey Skills
- 262 The Practical Shaman: Spiritual Techniques for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Shaman
- 263 The Universal Shaman: Beyond the Personal
  
- 500 Ongoing Mentorship



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# LIGHTSONG VISION, MISSION, GOALS, AND PHILOSOPHY

## LightSong's Vision

LightSong School of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Shamanism and Energy Medicine is dedicated to the cultivation of thriving communities of well-beings through the exploration and practice of shamanism and alternative energy medicine.

## LightSong's Mission

LightSong's Mission is to provide excellence in shamanic and energy medicine education and to support personal growth for well-being, adapting ancient healing techniques to contemporary life in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. LightSong students and staff contribute to the growing body of shamanic knowledge and experience, and assist in the evolution and refinement of shamanism as a contemporary healing art form. Utilizing energy medicine and shamanic practices, all LightSong members participate regularly in focusing the vibration of love towards healing ourselves, each other and the planet.

## LightSong Goals

*All LightSong's trainings, workshops and ceremonies seek to:*

- encourage people to connect and gain wisdom from compassionate spirits for growth and healing;
- create a safe environment for personal and spiritual growth;
- inspire great acts of love and spread joy;
- invite and encourage the use of conscious intention and prayer;
- encourage people to transcend the limitations of their ego and to live from their true self or divine self perspective;
- help people strive and reach beyond the current paradigms of limitation and scarcity;
- assist people to persevere in difficult times, relying on inner knowledge and experiential strength; and
- create a network of people that are role models for the future of shamanism and energy medicine.

## LightSong's Principles and Philosophy

*All the Programs and Practices of LightSong are based on the following values and principles:*

- The complete expression of Love is the highest goal;
- Healing ourselves is central to facilitating the healing of others;
- The importance of acknowledging and respecting our teachers, the origins of our practices, and our mentors;
- Belief in compassionate spirits and the divine self as the basis for all healing;
- The united belief in the positive, generative nature of the universe;
- Utilizing the Laws of Attraction as a template for humanities highest good;
- Words and thoughts are always conscious, positive, constructive and respectful;
- Trusting completely in the Higher Power regardless of the name one chooses to call it;
- The willingness to open to spiritual guidance in developing honesty and clarity in one's thinking;
- The willingness to recognize prejudice, bias, or projection in oneself and replace it with truth and love;
- The conscious awareness of tempering the ego with persistence;
- Speaking the truth without judgment or blame;
- Respect for the right of others to form their own values and beliefs;
- Honoring your own learning from experience and inner guidance as well as those of your teachers;
- Basing the value of a theory or technique on the verifiable results it helps one achieve;



- Using negative *and* positive experiences to heal and grow;
- Being open to results rather than attached to them;
- Taking personal responsibility for one’s situation in life;
- Holding compassion for those who have decided not to do this;
- Realizing that transformative experiences are not limited to the course work, and contribute to a well-rounded healer;
- Appreciating the fact that healing and growth is maximized when we transcend the limitations of the ego and live from our true, divine self;
- Understanding that to strive and reach beyond the current paradigms of limitation and scarcity results in miraculous manifestation;
- Recognizing that healing requires a deep belief in oneself; and
- Knowing that there are always internal and external resources available to meet life’s challenges.

**LIGHTSONG ORGANIZATIONAL INFORMATION**

**Our Location**

LightSong School operates out of a variety of venues in the Portland, Oregon area.

**Our President**

Jan Engels-Smith

**Our Advisory Council**

Colleen Benelli	Pearl Pierce
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**ShD:  
SHAMANIC DOCTORATE PROGRAM**

**A Licensing Program for Professional Shamanic Practitioners**

**21st Century Shamanism and Energy Medicine™**



**Eagle Program**



## ABOUT LIGHTSONG'S SHD PROGRAM

### **Program Intent**

The ShD Program is a doctorate level shamanic training, and the highest degree of certification LightSong offers. This program is for people who have a) completed all LightSong's core courses, b) completed the requirements as outlined in the BACS program, and c) completed or are currently enrolled in the LMP program. The ShD program is also a prerequisite for becoming an Associate Teacher for LightSong. ShD candidates ("candidate" refers to someone who is in the program but has not yet received their ShD) accumulate extensive personal experience working with clients, and mentoring LightSong students. People who complete the program are effective and competent shamanic and energy medicine practitioners and teachers, and will be recognized as a Doctor of Shamanism (ShD).

People who enter the ShD program may have as their primary goal to experience (1) the highest level of professional development in shamanic studies, and/or (2) the greatest degree of personal transformation and personal growth. This program results in both outcomes; it is lengthy, thorough and designed for the very dedicated shamanic student. For those who make the commitment, the program is life-altering, educational and healing.

Practitioners or candidates from other programs in shamanism and energy medicine are encouraged to apply and will be evaluated for equivalence in training. The amount of time needed to complete this is unique to each individual and is dependent on the candidate's motivation, experience, and proven results in working with their spirits, clients and students.

When you are applying to this program, we recommend that you put thought and energy into your application process. Apply all your shamanic talents to this application process, including engaging the spirits, as this process is emblematic of your shamanic talents.

As a result of all their training and involvement at the ShD level, our practitioners will undoubtedly serve others with the highest possible integrity, are cooperative rather than competitive, and operate with ethical business-savvy. This program also assists those who passionately seek to apply a shamanic lifestyle to their personal and spiritual development to do so in a highly potent manner.

### **Program Goals:**

The ShD program advances the professional development of shamanic teaching and healing in a way that brings recognition and legitimacy to shamanism as a potent form of doctoring. Towards this end, the program seeks to:

- produce skilled, professional shamanic teachers at an advanced level;
- empower and support people to develop their unique shamanic specialty and style as a teacher-practitioner that will advance shamanism as a healing art;
- provide a framework for the establishment of peer groups where people give and receive shamanic healings, and offer valuable feedback to one another;
- prepare people to establish and maintain a successful career in Shamanism and energy medicine;
- advance the standards for both professional shamanic teachers and practitioners, and provide a means for assessing these standards;
- promote the investigation of new knowledge in shamanism for developing original and effective techniques for healing and learning; and
- provide a circle of advanced practitioners who support the inner workings of LightSong—its courses, its ceremonies, and its overall functioning as a school.



## **Description of the ShD Program and Expectations of Program Candidates**

**Specialty Area:** This program is particularly designed to encourage the development of new techniques and skills that are based on proven results. We recognize that shamanism is very fluid and is evolving. We honor all candidates' individual styles of healing and teaching, and their individual backgrounds, and seek to assist them in their professional growth in whatever unique direction of healing they endeavor. During the ShD program, people are actively engaged in pioneering their own specialty area of shamanic practice and/or teaching. These endeavors may include developing ceremony, instructional materials, healing methodology, and/or coursework in this specialty. The area of expertise cultivated by the ShD candidate offers an extension to LightSong and expands the offerings provided by the School. This highly focused work may lead to the candidate becoming an Associate Teacher for LightSong.

**LightSong Community Support:** The ShD provides behind-the-scenes support that contributes to the functioning of the school, as well as cultivating a healthy LightSong community. These activities may include organizational functions like managing assistants, interns, LMP candidates and applicants. ShD candidates play key roles in facilitating LightSong ceremonies. ShD candidates may also serve as mentors for LMP candidates and Interns, providing valuable support and feedback during their respective programs. ShD candidates regularly assume leadership roles in key ceremonies and programs such as the Practicum, LV2 Residential, and Lodge. Guest instructors and medicine people frequently need advanced students to assist them in the logistics of preparing for their ceremonies and teachings, so ShD students may be called upon for this special guest support. While not explicitly true for all ShD's, some candidates may be invited to sit on the LightSong Council and offer spiritual and logistical support in this more formal avenue of service to the School. Rich opportunities for learning how to lead a healthy, thriving, productive community are key components of the ShD Program, and of life in LightSong.

**Commitment to Coursework Completion:** Students in the LightSong ShD program commit to completing or have completed the same classes and requirements as those studying to become a graduate of the Bachelor of Arts in Community Shamanism (BACS), LightSong Shamanic Licensed Master Practitioner (LMP). These requirements ensure that LightSong ShD's encompass the elements of the LightSong curriculum for any practice or teaching specialty that they may develop, and contribute toward the development of consistent professional standards in the field of shamanism. The ultimate and complete ShD will have completed all course work, and will have assisted in all courses at least once.

**Ambassadors of Shamanism:** LightSong ShD's are ambassadors that go out into the world and represent shamanism and energy medicine in a professional manner. They have mastered the requisite skills and abilities to create their unique style of shamanic healing and teaching programs. The Candidate participates as a learner of curricular elements, as well as enjoying a greater-behind-the-scenes role in contributing to the development of LightSong through the exploration and sharing of their unique leadership qualities, and their specialty area of healing.

### **Other Specific Activities of the ShD Candidate**

*As a demonstration of their higher level of commitment and active involvement in the development of LightSong and Shamanism, ShD Candidates may be actively involved in the following ways:*

- assisting Jan Engels-Smith (LightSong Founder and Primary Instructor) and other Associate Teachers, working closely with students, classes, ceremonies, business practices, and program development;
- presenting the latest research, techniques, and findings for possible inclusion into LightSong classes and potentially contributing to the intellectual growth of LightSong;
- updating manuals, writing articles, creating professional conferences; and
- helping to establish a standardized, organized and consistent method of documenting learning and evolutionary changes in people, their spiritual practices, and world views.



## ETHICAL STANDARDS AND BENEFITS

**LightSong promotes and upholds the following ethical standards, and requires its Practitioners to do the same:**

1. Be in agreement with and working to fully express LightSong's Philosophy and Purpose.
2. Respect Shamanic practitioners and masters regardless of lineage or organizational affiliation. Refrain from making negative statements about other Shamanic practitioners or masters.
3. Actively work to create harmony and friendly cooperation between all Shamanic practitioners and masters regardless of lineage or organizational affiliation.
4. Encourage all clients to use their own inner guidance in deciding who to receive Shamanic healing from or who to study Shamanism with, including the possibility of receiving healing from more than one practitioner.
5. Openly encourage all practitioners to do the best job possible.
6. Always work to empower your clients to heal themselves and to encourage and assist them in their personal growth
7. Always treat clients with the greatest respect. Avoid all illegal or immoral activity with your clients; never touch their genital area or breasts, never ask them to disrobe, or never make sexual comments or references.
8. Abstain from the use of drugs or alcohol during all professional activities.
9. Practice Truth in Advertising. Be willing to openly discuss shamanic methods and practices, the fee that is charged, and the amount of time spent in sessions with any prospective clients. When listing your Shamanic training and/or qualifications in a bio or advertising for clients, include that you have completed the Shamanic Licensed Master's Program with LightSong School of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Shamanism and Energy Medicine.
10. Be open to the continuing process of enhancing your professional qualifications, training, experience and skills.
11. Be actively working on your own healing so as to embody and fully express the essence of a shamanic lifestyle in everything you do.
12. Educate the client regarding the value of shamanism and energy medicine and explain that it does not guarantee a cure, and is not a substitute for medical or psychological treatment. Acknowledge that Shamanism and Energy Medicine works in conjunction with other forms of medical or psychological care. If a client has a medical or psychological condition, suggest, in addition to giving them Shamanic healings, they see a health care practitioner if they are not already seeing one.
13. This licensure does not qualify you as a counselor or therapist, or any other kind of practitioner. Thus, you should never diagnose medical or psychological conditions or prescribe medications. Never suggest that a client change or end dosages of substances prescribed by other licensed health care providers or suggest the client change prescribed healing or interfere with the healing of a licensed health care provider.
14. We commit to assisting in advertising and promoting each other, realizing that gain for one is the gain for all.
15. To advance the healing art of Shamanism, we are also committed to establishing a standardized, organized and consistent method of documenting learning and evolutionary changes in people, their spiritual practices, and world views.



## **Benefits of Being a LightSong ShD**

*When you complete your LightSong ShD program, you receive the professional benefits of:*

- earning an advanced credential (ShD) that indicates your skills and your commitment to Shamanism and energy medicine;
- being recognized as a qualified professional practitioner and teacher of shamanism and energy medicine;
- gaining all the skills and experiences offered through the BACS program;
- being certified as an LMP;
- potentially becoming a LightSong Associate Teacher with your own satellite shamanic program;
- developing and running your own shamanic ceremonies;
- listing of your email and phone number in LightSong News for clients to directly contact you about healing sessions (if you wish);
- use of the LightSong's logo in your personal advertising;
- association with a professional organization that has national recognition; and
- membership in a support network, which includes the Staff and Community of LightSong.

*When you complete your LightSong ShD program, you will also enjoy the practical and spiritual benefits of:*

- utilizing shamanic practices for your own personal development and growth;
- enhanced opportunities to build community;
- exploring consciousness development;
- singing and channeling spirit in song and practice;
- speaking and singing articulately, with heart, in public;
- a higher vibrational perspective when actively listening to students, clients and spirit;
- understanding group dynamics, classroom management, classroom instruction, how to organize and manage a group;
- reading the energy of a room and group and how to hold space; achieving and maintaining a high vibration, in thought and action; and
- participating in life with a greater sense of well-being.



## PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

### An Overview of the Program:

*There are three main phases and associated sets of requirements described in this document:*

#### **Applicant----->Candidate----->ShD**

- 1) requirements to fulfill as an Applicant to be considered for entry into the program;
- 2) requirements to fulfill as a Candidate while in the program to be considered to become certified, and
- 3) requirements to pass and become a ShD

The requirements as an **Applicant** are the first to consider, and are listed in a checklist format below. Upon completion of this checklist, you will have fulfilled all the requirements *to be considered for admission into the ShD Program*. The LightSong Council will evaluate your application upon receipt of all required submissions. After we thoroughly review your application, you will be advised of your status.

Upon acceptance into the program, you will be asked to fulfill the required elements of the program. These requirements as a **Candidate** are listed in this document.

People who are accepted into the program will be assigned a LightSong Mentor. Your LightSong Mentor will be a valuable resource for you as you progress through the program. They will assist you in the **Candidate** phase of your program as a mentor, teacher, and coach.

Once you complete the requirements as a **Candidate**, the LightSong Council will convene and evaluate your materials and activities. You may be called upon to instruct a course and be evaluated by your learners. You may also facilitate ceremonies for LightSong and have mentors interview the participants for potency. It is our hope and goal that your activities and mentorship through the Candidate phase will ensure your advancement to ShD.

### Applicant Requirements

In most cases, the people applying to the ShD program have taken all the LightSong courses, assisted and engaged in the Bachelor of Arts in Community Shamanism (BACS) program, and have demonstrated an outstanding commitment to LightSong and a shamanic way of life. Below you will find the requirements to apply to enter the ShD program. Special circumstances may intervene which contribute to or prevent your acceptance into the program.

To enter the program, you must:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Have completed the training outlined by LightSong School or comparable **CORE** curriculum, including: 101, 201, 301A, 301B, 401, 303 Soul Retrieval, 304 Compassionate Spirit Release, 402 Advanced Soul Retrieval, 403 Advanced Compassionate Spirit Release, and 404 Curse Unraveling;
- \_\_\_\_\_ Be accepted into and making progress in the Licensed Master Practitioner (Falcon) Program;
- \_\_\_\_\_ Be actively practicing shamanism and still attending shamanic classes for well-rounded personal mastery;
- \_\_\_\_\_ Be actively working on your own healing and personal growth—taking workshops and engaged in a spiritual practice as part of your lifestyle;



- \_\_\_\_\_ Be in agreement with LightSong's Principles and Philosophy;
- \_\_\_\_\_ Agree to honor and abide by the Ethical Standards set by LightSong;
- \_\_\_\_\_ Submit your letter of intent;
- \_\_\_\_\_ Schedule an appointment with Jan to gain a complete understanding of the program intention, goals, benefits, requirements, and expectations (*This is a paid appointment.*); and
- \_\_\_\_\_ Pay a non-refundable application fee of \$150.00 to the Program Director with your letter of intent and application.

**Candidate Requirements to be fulfilled within a 5-year period**

*Upon Acceptance into the Candidate Program, you are required to:*

- \_\_\_\_\_ Complete the LMP and BACS Programs;
- \_\_\_\_\_ Continue to be in agreement with LightSong's Philosophy and Purpose, and contract to honor and abide by LightSong's Ethical Standards;
- \_\_\_\_\_ Continue to be actively working on your own healing—taking workshops and engaged in a spiritual practice as part of your lifestyle;
- \_\_\_\_\_ Pay a monthly fee of \$150 to your LightSong Mentor for their supervision (in person or on the phone consultations) of your progress;
- \_\_\_\_\_ Commit to continue with LightSong classes;
- \_\_\_\_\_ Commit to development of LightSong's growth;
- \_\_\_\_\_ Have personal appointments with Jan Engels-Smith quarterly (*these are paid appointments*);
- \_\_\_\_\_ Participate in regular communications with other Candidates about LightSong activities, ceremonies and classes;
- \_\_\_\_\_ Assist or manage interns, assistants, and other Candidates to organize help for Jan with classes, ceremonies, practicum;
- \_\_\_\_\_ Track and pay attention to potential interns, practitioners, and Candidates and their progress;
- \_\_\_\_\_ Attend and assist with all LightSong ceremonies;
- \_\_\_\_\_ Demonstrate and participate as a leader in the LightSong community;



- \_\_\_\_\_ Receive reviews from 5 different clients on the Shamanic healing they received from you, using the Client Shamanism Energy Medicine Healing form-- to ensure advancement in your specialty area of healing;
- \_\_\_\_\_ Write a paper on your specialty area of healing or teaching with a minimum of five and maximum of ten, double-spaced pages (11-point type);
- \_\_\_\_\_ Create a video presenting your specialty area of shamanic techniques that can be used on youtube.com or other places;
- \_\_\_\_\_ Propose and implement a project that supports the growth and development of the LightSong School;
- \_\_\_\_\_ Conduct 6 shamanic sessions with clients with your Senior Mentor present. Make sure that permission has been granted beforehand from your client and that the mentor has plenty of time to plan for the sessions;
- \_\_\_\_\_ Conduct 6 shamanic sessions with your Senior Mentor (as clients) using your specialty area of shamanism and energy medicine;
- \_\_\_\_\_ Attend a Commitment Ceremony\*, and
- \_\_\_\_\_ Submit a monthly progress report to your mentor with a copy sent to the Program Director. This monthly report should list the number of healings you have given, the type of healing (client, distant, personal), any client review forms that you have received back from your clients, and a brief description of any other activities related to Shamanism that you participated in during that month.

\*The Commitment Ceremony will be scheduled by and with the LightSong Council.

**The maximum time from acceptance into the Program and completion of all requirements is 5 years.** At the conclusion of your ShD program, your Senior Mentor will conduct a proficiency evaluation. Then, there will be an assessment by the LightSong Council, during which you will present techniques that you have been developing. You will also have a completion ceremony with Jan.

## REQUIRED SKILLS

**Below is a list of the healing techniques that a practitioner must know how to perform and proficiencies they should have:**

- Assessment of client's spiritual and energetic condition/root causes;
- Invocation and clear communication with helping spirits;
- Clear and effective partnership/teamwork with the spirits;
- Extractions of various types;
- Curse- and spell-unraveling;
- Power animal retrieval;
- Divination;
- Soul retrieval;
- Compassionate Spirit Release;
- Distance healing;



- Filling ceremonies;
- Merging skills: practitioner is able to merge and hold a merge for extended amounts of time, and
- Develop a specialty area unique to you.

### **Necessary Forms and Paper work for the ShD Program**

You will find the following forms, explanations, and solicitations for paper work for completing the program:

Letter of Intention  
 Application  
 Applicants Consent and Release  
 Personal Reference Letter  
 Client Reference Letter  
 Teacher Reference Letter  
 Client Review Form for Shamanic Session

### **Instructions/Solicitation for Writing Your Letter of Intention to Become a LightSong ShD Candidate**

Dear Prospective ShD candidate—

We appreciate your interest in becoming a ShD through the LightSong School of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Shamanism and Energy Medicine. To begin the application process, you must first submit a letter of intention. This letter will help us get to know you as a person, and as a prospective Candidate. We ask that you include some idea of your basic philosophy in your letter of intent.

We ask that you connect with your higher self to ensure that ego and personality motives along with your soul's purpose are not in conflict. Please meditate/pray/ journey over your letter of intent and include your responses to these questions in your letter:

Why do you wish to become a ShD with LightSong School?

What does becoming a ShD mean to you? What does it convey to the public?

What strengths and weaknesses do you bring with you to the program?

How do you see yourself growing emotionally, mentally, spiritually, and professionally through becoming and being an ShD?

Please mail this letter along with your application to the LightSong Corporate Office. (Page 7)



## APPLICATION FOR ADMITTANCE INTO THE ShD PROGRAM

### Contact Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_  
State/Country \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Office Address: Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_  
State/Country \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Office Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Personal website \_\_\_\_\_

### List Your Shamanic Training in Detail

101 or equivalent: Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ \*Certificate Enclosed \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

201 or equivalent: Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ \*Certificate Enclosed \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

301 or equivalent: Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ \*Certificate Enclosed \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

401 or equivalent: Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ \*Certificate Enclosed \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

Soul Retrieval: Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ \*Certificate Enclosed \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

Advanced Soul Retrieval: Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ \*Certificate Enclosed \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No



Compassionate Spirit Release or equivalent: Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ \*Certificate Enclosed \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

Advanced Compassionate Spirit Release or equivalent: Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ \*Certificate Enclosed \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

\* Certificates must be submitted for these classes before your application can be considered.



**PLEASE PROVIDE ANSWERS TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTION ON A SEPARATE PAGE:**

**Shamanic and Spiritual Training with other Schools**

On a separate sheet of paper, please list classes, dates, and teacher of all your previous Shamanic training and hours of training at each level. Copies of your certificates (if you have them) should be sent to the address on Page 6.

Please include other spiritual healing training you have attended: address and dates of attendance, teacher/facilitator, certificates or degrees awarded.

**Progress on concurrent programs—BACS and LMP**

Please describe your progress to date on BACS and LMP programs.

Attach sample client and mentor review forms.

**Other Certifications or Licensures**

Do you hold any certifications, licenses in traditional medicine, complementary medicine, or psychology? If so, on a separate page, list your training.

**Employment History**

Please list your employment record for the past five years, stating how long at each position, name of supervisor and phone number. Describe your work responsibilities at each position. (Use a separate sheet of paper)

**General Health/History** *(Please us a separate piece of paper if needed to complete your answers)*

Have you ever undergone psychotherapy or counseling for emotional or mental reasons? \_\_\_\_yes \_\_\_\_no  
If yes, generally speaking, can you say a few words about this?

If yes, do you feel that the situation was resolved? \_\_\_\_yes \_\_\_\_no

Are you currently undergoing healing? \_\_\_\_yes \_\_\_\_no  
If yes, in general, how is the healing process going for you?

Do you currently have a medical condition, which in any way impairs or limits your ability to practice shamanism with reasonable skill and safety? \_\_yes \_\_no. If yes, please briefly describe:

Are you currently free of disease that could be transmitted by giving or receiving a Shamanic healing? \_\_yes \_\_no. If yes, please briefly describe:

Have you ever been convicted of a felony or a misdemeanor other than a minor traffic violation? If yes, please explain.



**ACKNOWLEDGE OF UNDERSTANDING: SHD PROGRAM**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, affirm that I have read and that I understand the guidelines for admission into the ShD program at LightSong School of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Shamanism and Energy Medicine. Upon completion of the requirements to become Candidate, I agree to and abide by the items listed in the Professional Contract. By signing this contract, I agree to the Ethical Standards as outlined. I state my intent and commitment to uphold LightSong’s Purpose and Philosophy in my Shamanic Practice and Teaching.

Therefore this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_\_

I so affirm by my signature.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Witness

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

Mentor’s Name, phone number and email:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



**AUTHORIZATION OF APPLICANT'S CONSENT AND RELEASE**

**LIGHTSONG SCHOOL OF 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY SHAMANISM AND ENERGY MEDICINE  
DOCTOR OF SHAMANISM**

In applying for ShD candidacy with LightSong School of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Shamanism and Energy Medicine, I,  
\_\_\_\_\_ hereby:

- 1) Authorize LightSong, their staff and representatives to consult with my prior and current students, teachers, and others who may have information bearing on my professional competency, character, health status, ethical qualifications, ability to work cooperatively with others and other qualifications;
- 2) Consent to the Release of such information, and
- 3) Release from liability LightSong, its staff and their representative for their acts performed and statements made in good faith and without malice in connection with evaluation of my application, my credentials and my qualifications. I acknowledge that I as an applicant for licensure have the responsibility of producing adequate information for a proper evaluation of my professional, ethical, and other qualifications and for resolving any doubt about such qualifications.

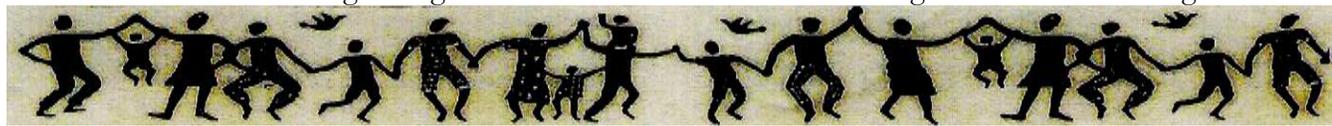
THIS CERTIFIES THAT THE INFORMATION SUBMITTED BY ME IN MY APPLICATION IS TRUE AND COMPLETE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature of Applicant**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Name Printed**

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature of Witness**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Witness Name Printed**



## REFERENCE LETTERS

**To: Prospective ShD Candidates**  
**From LightSong Mentor Staff**  
**Re: References**

Please present the letter of reference forms on the following pages to: five personal references, and five clients you worked with in the last 12 months and the Teacher from whom you took most of your shamanic training.

Ask them to fill out the reference form and return it to the corporate office in the self addressed stamped envelope, which you provide for them. The self-addressed stamped envelopes should be made out to:

Program Director - Margie McMahan  
1788 SE Eagle Lane  
Gresham, OR 97080



**Personal Reference Letter for Applicants  
to LightSong School of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Shamanism and Energy Medicine ShD Program**

Dear \_\_\_\_\_;

Thank you for your time in completing and mailing in this reference form. You have been asked to fill this out as personal reference for: \_\_\_\_\_, who is applying to become a Doctor of Shamanism (ShD) with LightSong School. Please carefully respond to what the questions below. Your responses will help us determine the applicant's admission into our certification program, which strives to provide highly qualified practitioners in Shamanism and Energy Medicine. All your responses will be kept confidential. A member of our staff will be contacting you by phone during this selection process. We look forward to talking with you.

QUESTIONS FOR PERSONAL REFERENCE *(Please use the other side of this page or another piece of paper if needed to complete your answers)*

- How long have you known this person? In what capacity do you know them?
  
- How would you describe this person as to their honesty, their interactions with the public, commitment to following through with any undertaking they commit to?
  
- Describe your impressions of this person's commitment to their practice of Shamanism:
  
  
- Please describe if and how they would be an asset to the healing community:

Please mail your responses to: Program Director - Margie McMahan, 1788 SE Eagle Lane, Gresham, OR 97080

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Name Printed \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ Best time to call \_\_\_\_\_

*Thank you for your assistance!*



**Client Reference Letter for Applicants  
to LightSong School of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Shamanism and Energy Medicine ShD Program**

Dear \_\_\_\_\_;

Thank you for your time in completing and mailing in this reference form. You have been asked to fill this out as a client reference for: \_\_\_\_\_ who is applying to become a Doctor of Shamanism with LightSong School. Please carefully respond to each question/section. Your responses will help us determine the applicant's admission into our certification program, which strives to provide highly qualified practitioners in Shamanism and Energy Medicine. All your responses will be kept confidential. A member of our staff will be contacting you by phone during this selection process. We look forward to talking with you. Please use the back of this page or another piece of paper if needed to complete your answers.

When and for how long did you receive Shamanic healings from this practitioner?

How much time did your practitioner spend talking with you before and after your Shamanic session? To what degree do you feel the practitioner heard you and understood your needs?

To what degree did you feel your practitioner is competent with the techniques they were using? Why?

To what degree do you feel better as a result of the work you did together? Please be as specific as you can.



**Client reference letter (continued)**

Was it easy to reach your practitioner to make an appointment? \_\_\_yes \_\_\_no.·

How long did it take your practitioner to call you back when leaving a message for them: \_\_\_ within a day, \_\_\_ week, or \_\_\_ longer?·

Was your practitioner on time, in keeping your appointment? \_\_\_ yes \_\_\_no.·

Do you feel the fees you pay are reasonable? \_\_\_yes \_\_\_no

Please add any other comments about this practitioner that you think would help us assess the level of care you received and help us with our selection process for licensure.

Please mail your responses to:  
Program Director - Margie McMahan  
1788 SE Eagle Lane  
Gresham, OR 97080

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name printed: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number and or email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Best time to call \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you for your assistance**



**Teacher Reference Letter for Applicants  
to LightSong School of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Shamanism and Energy Medicine ShD Program**

Dear \_\_\_\_\_;

Thank you for your time in completing and mailing in this reference form. You have been asked to fill this out as a Teacher reference for: \_\_\_\_\_ who is applying to become a Doctor of Shamanism with LightSong School. Please carefully respond to each question/section. Your responses will help us determine admittance into our training program. All your responses will be kept confidential. A member of our staff will be contacting you by phone during this selection process. We look forward to talking with you. Please use the back of this page or a separate piece of paper if needed to complete you answers.

How long have you known this student?

What classes has this student taken from you?

Please describe this student regarding their apparent knowledge of shamanism, healing practices and principles, responses to challenges, degree of acceptance of different or difficult people, openness to new ways of doing things, aspects of their personality/ego that may affect their work as a shamanic practitioner.



## Teacher Reference Letter (continued)

How did this student interact with others in class?

How would you describe this student's commitment to shamanism?

Please give your assessment of this student as a healer.

Please add any other comments on the back of this page about this student that you think would help us in our selection process.

Please mail your responses in the envelope provided to:

Program Director - Margie McMahan, 1788 SE Eagle Lane, Gresham, OR 97080

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name printed: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number and or email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Best time to call \_\_\_\_\_



## CLIENT REVIEW FORM FOR A SHAMANIC SESSION

Name \_\_\_\_\_ (optional)

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Practitioner \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Session \_\_\_\_\_

*Please feel free to use the back of this page or a separate piece of paper if needed to complete your answers.*

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- How long did it take for you to obtain a session with this Practitioner from your initial phone call?
  - How long was it from the time you called for an appointment until the Practitioner returned your call to schedule a session: (please circle one) {The day you called} {within 2-3 days} {within 4-7 days} {longer}

***Please comment, and also rate your practitioner on a scale from 0-10 on the following qualities. 0=not competent at all, 10=miraculous & amazing!***

- Please comment on your impression of the openness and warmth of the Practitioner. Rating: \_\_\_\_\_
- Please comment on how comfortable you felt talking to your Practitioner: Rating: \_\_\_\_\_
- Please comment on how well your practitioner gave you have a clear idea of what was expected of you to prepare for your session: Rating: \_\_\_\_\_



Please comment on how well your practitioner described to you what you might expect or experience during the session? Rating: \_\_\_\_ Explain the healing process or the techniques they would be using? Rating: \_\_\_\_

- Please comment on how thoroughly your practitioner talked with you about your concerns before the session? What did they do to make it apparent they heard and understood your needs? Rating: \_\_\_\_
- Did you feel comfortable, respected and nurtured during your session? Rating: \_\_\_\_ How so or why not? Was there anything that concerned you about your session?

. Please comment on how well your practitioner connected with you to see how you felt and how well they were able to convey his/her impressions of your session. Rating: \_\_\_\_

- Please comment on how well your practitioner addressed your after care? Rating: \_\_\_\_
- On a scale from 1-10, with 10 being a most miraculous healer, how would you rate this Practitioner as a Professional? \_\_\_\_

Please mail your responses in the envelope provided to: Program Director - Margie McMahan  
1788 SE Eagle Lane  
Gresham, OR 97080

**Thank you for your assistance**



**List Names of References and Phone numbers:**

We ask that you solicit people who can speak accurately about you to write letters of reference. We may contact these people by phone or email as well, so we ask for their phone numbers below. It is recommended that you contact all your references ahead of time; it is required that you get consent from your clients.

*Personal References (5):*

- 1) Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

*Client References (5)*

- 1) Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address \_\_\_\_\_



5) Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Shamanic Teacher:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

