



## DSA Certification FAQs

**Q: How do you become certified?**

A: Here's a link to information about how to become a DSA-certified Astrologer:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1EM4TGjTwOMroQe28UQkEDyHnShFK4N97/view?usp=sharing>

**Q: What are the benefits of becoming a DSA Astrologer?**

A: You are listed on the DSA website which provides promotional quality as Debra has a large market reach. Debra receives hundreds of requests for chart matching and she makes recommendations to each of the Certified Astrologers.

**Q: Do you need to be certified to start a business?**

A: No

**Q: Approximately how many referrals per month do you receive as a DSA certified Astrologer?**

A: 8-10, but not all sign up.

**Q: How can we continue our studies to prepare for Certification?**

A: Preparing for Certification is really about practice, practice, practice. Each chart you prepare for a client, you learn something new. Each time you do a reading, you become more comfortable with the role and the knowledge. Create resources for yourself as you begin to study. Perhaps guides on the aspects that you learn about how they appear in the lives of your clients. To submit and receive feedback on your readings is an important step in the process as well. Follow the guidelines in your Level 3 handbook.

**Q: What's the best way to record readings?**

A: On zoom.

**Q: I have my clients record the reading - Can I submit a reading that my client recorded if I have permission?**

A: Yes.

**Q: How can I schedule mentor help for feedback on my readings?**

A: You can always schedule a one-on-one tutoring session. Here's the info:

#### 1-ON-1 LEVEL 3 MENTORING

If you would like additional support, Debra Silverman's most experienced mentors are available for students who would like extra support in preparing for their practice client reading. One-on-one tutoring sessions are \$100 per 45-minute session.

The Level 3 mentors listed below have been endorsed by Debra. Simply click a mentor's name to book a session.

#### PARTICIPATING LEVEL 3 MENTORS

- Debra Donnally: <https://debra-silverman-astrology.appointlet.com/s/one-on-one-tutoring-45min/debra-d>
- Hokulani Beale: <https://debra-silverman-astrology.appointlet.com/s/one-on-one-tutoring-45min/21449>
- Kristen Masi: <https://debra-silverman-astrology.appointlet.com/s/one-on-one-tutoring-45min/kristen-masi>
- Malika Semper: <https://debra-silverman-astrology.appointlet.com/s/one-on-one-tutoring-45min/malika-semper>
- Sarah L'hrar: <https://debra-silverman-astrology.appointlet.com/s/one-on-one-tutoring-45min/sarah-lhrar>
- Sara Elise Gordon: <https://debra-silverman-astrology.appointlet.com/s/one-on-one-tutoring-45min/sara-gordon>
- Tara Vogel: <https://debra-silverman-astrology.appointlet.com/s/one-on-one-tutoring-45min/tara-vogel>
- Valeria Torres: <https://debra-silverman-astrology.appointlet.com/s/one-on-one-tutoring-45min/valeria-torres>

[Tutoring Policy](#)

*If you need to cancel or reschedule for any reason, you must do so a minimum of 24 hours prior to your appointment in order to receive a refund of payment or schedule a new date. If you fail to show up, you will not receive a refund or receive a complimentary makeup session. If you realize you cannot make your appointment time slot and it is less than 24 hours prior to your appointment please email [info@debrasilvermanastrology.com](mailto:info@debrasilvermanastrology.com) and the mentor.*

**Q: If you have a client that does not know the exact time of birth, but has a 2 to 3 hour window, what time do you choose?**

A: You make your best guess by identifying the rising sign and share some of the descriptors with the client. Sometimes, a client will be able to see themselves as the rising sign. If you want more accuracy, you can learn rectification or recommend they seek out this service. Also ask them if they cannot obtain the birth time information through other routes such as a reliable witness or requisitioning their birth certificate. I would not use the details of the houses and angles in the reading.

**Q: What do you use for timing if Saturn is in an Intercepted House?**

A: Use the ephemeris to locate Saturn. It is at a particular location in the sky at a particular degree in a sign. Houses are a system of organization and don't need to be relevant to this discussion. DSA uses Placidus.

**Q: How do you address intercepted houses and mystic rectangles?**

A: Both are advanced concepts and not necessary for a DSA certified reading. I would keep the reading very simple and address a mystic rectangle if it is relevant by offering the client the insight that there is a harmonious aspect in their natal chart that can be activated. For information on each of these examples it is best to study in a continue learning platform such as text books, articles or webinars on the subjects that interest you.

**Q: How do you \*land the plane\* as Debra speaks so people feel like they really know what their work is and feel inspired to take action?**

A: Landing the plane refers to guiding someone into their growth edge. It requires understanding of the theme of the chart as well as listening to the client and their needs. The two mesh and the growth edge appears. Landing this is intuitive as well as practical and measurable. Be sure to give guidance that the client will walk away with knowing how to implement it immediately.

**Q: Is there a healthy pace I should aim for in being consistent with readings?**

A: Yes, absolutely. Consistency is the key to confidence. At first it can take a while to prep the chart for a reading so consider that time, but the more you prep especially if you develop a system, the easier it gets. Eventually I would aim for a minimum of two per week and keep adding to this. If you plan to make this a primary business you will, of course, need more to sustain a living.

**Q: How to prepare for a longer reading than we are used to (going from 30-minute readings to 50/60 minutes)?**

A: In a 30 minute reading it is the Reader's Digest. There is a lot left out of the experience to get to the punch. In a 45-50 minute reading it allows you to have the same theme but bring in more discovery and time to validate how the client feels with the information being shared. Keep in mind that the goal of a reading is 50-50 conversation and while that is usually not the case and the astrologer speaks more, we are aiming for dialogue with the client.