

# A New School of Higher Learning

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*To educate and enlighten a new standard of heart centered healer; combining the wisdom and practices of ancient masters with our newest understandings...this is the Mission Statement for Barron University, a self-created, fully accredited, new style of university that will be launching it's curriculum this fall at the UCLA campus.*

I first heard about this revolutionary institute geared towards the healing arts when I ran into an old acquaintance of mine while standing at the check-out counter in a Trader Joe's. "You must write about this and get the word out!" my friend insisted. "There are so many healers out there who could really benefit themselves and their community through getting a PhD in their chosen field thereby giving their practice credibility within our society." I definitely agreed with her that this sounded like an idea that was long over due. The past 20 years has seen a surge of practitioners operating in a variety of fields of medicine and therapies that have become lumped together as "alternative" medicine. What a great concept to be able to offer this community of healers a venue in which to become unified and legitimized. The next day I called up Dr. Colbey Forman, the man responsible for this brainchild, and arranged to meet with him at the Zenzu Café in Brentwood. During our discourse I became truly dazzled by the scope and vision of this extraordinary man.

Dr. Forman, a Professor of Behavioral Psychology, Master in the Martial Arts, ordained Rabbi and Kabbalist, and a Professional Seminar Speaker, is a true visionary whose list of credentials and accomplishments could fill a page. Originally started in Palestine, Israel and the U.K. in '97, the idea for Barron University came about as a result of his recognizing the

unmet need for professional training in the areas of alternative holistic medicine and psychology. Until now the only recourse for someone wishing to achieve a Doctoral Degree was through investing many years studying in the traditional modules of medicine and then exploring the newer advancements in these areas on their own.

It is BU's aim to massively accelerate the learning process and provide the resources and training that have until now been unavailable solely within one program.

There are two Doctoral Programs being offered at BU. The first is in the new field of Holistic Psychology TM that encompasses Identity Integration Therapy and Psycho-Neural Behavioral Therapy (PNBT) TM. These choice-driven as opposed to therapist-driven techniques are innovations from the traditional approaches in that their focus is solution-oriented rather than problem-oriented. Their applications are extremely effective towards creating transformation and change and take a relatively short time to master. The entire program can be learned in as little as 2 years. Classes will begin in September and will be headed by Dr. Forman himself, a pioneer in the field of PNBT.

The second program, Complementary Medicine and Alternative Healing, offers a Technical Degree much like an M.D. or Doctor of Chiropractic as opposed to a more academic degree such as a PhD (which requires a thesis). However, Barron U also offers a full PhD

program that will assist students in sharing their advances in their particular field of healing by giving them the opportunity to have their dissertation published in book form. Many successful careers have been launched in this manner. For the healers out there who do not possess a Bachelor's degree, the university will help applicants qualify for their Doctorate by providing credits for any relevant work experiences and life activities in the healing arts. In addition, students will be given all necessary guidance and support towards achieving their undergraduate requirements.

Courses of study in this program will provide training in such disciplines as Ayurvedic Medicine, Reiki, Homeopathy, Acupressure, Reflexology, Chinese Herbology, Kundalini Yoga, Chi Kung, Feng Shui and Kabbalah Healing Angel Forms, to name just a few. Experts from around the globe are being recruited to train in these various fields and classes are scheduled to start in January 2004.

Barron University fulfills its vision to unify and create credibility for the healing arts and sciences through offering a wide variety of courses that merge ancient healing wisdoms with contemporary knowledge and finding the universal commonality of all these disciplines. Its goal is to produce a community of healers that are skillfully trained in the broadest range of healing technologies available anywhere in the world and to move these philosophies to become mainstream.

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