

Dedication ritual for Wiccid Academy of Witchcraft

After years now of observing behavioural patterns of students passing through the Academy I believe that one of the hardest parts for many is committing to the study.

Witchcraft is a practice that takes dedication and commitment no different to if you were studying to be a teacher or naturopath. My craft is something I connect with and practice in some form every day – a Witch is who I AM, not just a hobby I dabble in here and there.

I understand that we all come from different paths with different backgrounds and histories so I know for some there are blocks to study that may stem from past lives, upbringing or societal programming.

So this ritual is designed to help you release any of these blocks, negative beliefs or programs of behaviour around study. It will also help you set the intention to immerse yourself in your lessons and stay focused. This is to be done **before** you begin your learning journey with the Academy.

Please note that the directions and elemental correspondences may be different for you according to where you live. For example: West is usually water in the southern hemisphere but I live on the coast where the ocean is to the East – so it makes more sense to me to associate East with Water. Please check what the correspondences are for your situation or go with your intuition.

You will need:

- Something to cleanse your energy and space with like a smudge stick, palo santo or incense
- A lighter or matches
- This ritual printed for guidance
- A candle for focus
- A bowl of salt and a separate bowl of water (purified or spring)
- A crystal of your choosing – rainbow fluorite for mental clarity and retaining information would be excellent

Note: If you already have an altar set up you might already have these items on there

The Ritual:

1. **First you will dedicate to yourself.**
2. Find a time and space where you can have privacy and quiet. You can be indoors or outdoors, whatever feels best.
3. Set up your supplies on a small table (altar) or on the ground
4. Light your cleansing tool and smudge yourself, your space and your ritual items
5. Light your candle, sit quietly for a moment, close your eyes and bring your focus within. Think about the journey that is ahead of you and allow any feelings to come to the surface whether that is excitement, fear or a little trepidation
6. Visualise yourself connecting with your magick daily - See yourself doing rituals and weaving magick through everything you do – See and feel it becoming a part of who you are
7. Now see yourself sitting down to study at least every week. See yourself focused and productive. See yourself performing any of the practical tasks (like making incense or doing a ritual) and feel the excitement of learning new things. Then see yourself integrating what you've learnt into your daily life.

8. If you feel you have a block around studying or around being involved in witchcraft at all – tune into where that block is living inside your body and visualise it leaving you like dust – let it fall to Mother Earth to be transformed and healed
9. Now incant (say):

*I am ready to dedicate to my magickal craft
It is time for me now to step onto my path
Any fears or blocks I banish you now
I'm ready to grow and to make a new vow
To my study I commit to you from this day forth
I commit to walking the path as I find my true north
Nothing and no one will block my path
I am dedicated now to learning my craft
Blessed Be*

10. Now make your dedication to the Guardians of the directions and the Elements

11. Pick up your candle, face North (or whatever direction Fire corresponds to for you ie: South if you're in the Northern Hemisphere). Hold the candle high in front of you and say:

Guardian of the North and element of Fire

I ask you to keep the flame of inspiration alight atop my head and boost my motivation to remain consistent with my studies.

In return I dedicate myself to honouring you, the old ways and learning the wisdom required to practice my craft to the best of my abilities

12. Place the candle back on the altar and pick up your censor, light whatever cleansing tool you have (like your smudge stick) until it's smoking. Turn to the West, hold the censor high in front of you and say:

Guardian of the West and element of Air

I ask you to cleanse me and keep me clear of anything that might block my studies so that I remain consistent and focused.

In return I dedicate myself to honouring you, the old ways and learning the wisdom required to practice my craft to the best of my abilities

13. Return the censor to the altar and pick up your bowl of salt. Turn to the South, hold the bowl high in front of you and say:

Guardian of the South and element of Earth

I ask you to help me stay grounded and feeling safe to explore new ideas and ways of being

In return I dedicate myself to honouring you, the old ways and learning the wisdom required to practice my craft to the best of my abilities

14. Return the bowl of salt to the altar and pick up the bowl of water. Turn to the East, hold the bowl high in front of you and say:

Guardian of the East and element of Water

I ask you to help me find my flow with my studies in order to enjoy my journey and remain present to what I'm learning

In return I dedicate myself to honouring you, the old ways and learning the wisdom required to practice my craft to the best of my abilities

15. Now turn to the centre and say:

And to you Spirit, you who rules the spaces in between, the void

I ask you to help me remember to allow space to integrate my learnings so that I can move onto the next part of my journey with a clear head and balanced energy

In return I dedicate myself to honouring you, the old ways and learning the wisdom required to practice my craft to the best of my abilities

16. **Finally, make your dedication to Goddess and God.** Hold your hands out high with palms facing upwards.
Say:

Goddess and God of all that is

I dedicate myself to you and in turn to my studies

I dedicate myself to staying true to my path,

learning and integrating as much new knowledge as I can

In order to practice my magick with respect and integrity

while honouring my journey and creating my own craft

thank you and blessed be

Pick up your crystal and speak your intentions into it (you could again recite the first incantation if you wish) – your breath empowers it. Keep your crystal close by whenever you're going to study to help you focus.

Snuff out your candle, your ritual is complete.

I recommend doing this ritual anytime you feel yourself losing focus or connection.

Blessings, Bella

Additional tips: After this ritual create a sacred space within your home for you to work and study in