



Mind, Science & My Health (MSMH) is a private enterprise established by Michelle Aniftos *BCN QEEGD* to advance the scientific study and professional practice of EEG-guided assessment and intervention in mental health, with accountability to relevant authorities and the field of applied neuroscience.



MSMH Q/EEG DIDACTIC by Distance + Practicum

[IQCB](#) accredited course



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Mind, Science & My Health (MSMH) has developed flexible training options toward completion of Quantitative Electroencephalography (QEEG) Didactic Training which is required for those seek preparation toward IQCB Certification in QEEG. This didactic program includes core modules (below) to be studied independently in advance of a **practicum** which is required to complete the didactic training certificate. Each module is accessible via Dropbox and will include self-guided reading, assessment items and online webinars and tutorial sessions with a QEEG-Diplomate and Mentor.

This course aims to provide the knowledge and skills training to enable delegates to independently record QEEG and ERP data to send for analysis (with access to appropriate technology being the responsibility of the course participant). It is expected that successful candidates will learn to complete foundation-level QEEG analyses under supervision of a QEEG-mentor.

Core Modules:

Ethics & Professional Conduct	Basic Neurophysiology & Neuroanatomy
Recording & Editing raw EEG and artifacts	Clinical and Cognitive Aspects
Drug Effects	Montages, Spectral & Topographic Aspects of EEG
Database Analysis	Record EEG & ERPs, artifact, view & display the data
QEEG Analysis & Neurofeedback Application	

Each online module will contain:

- a curriculum document to guide your reading and reflection
- a range of materials for reading and viewing (included recorded webinar for each module)
- a *Compulsory Review Task* to ensure your engagement with the course content
- questions which may be helpful for content review and exam preparation.

NB: To attain the *MSMH Course Certificate*, participants must complete *QEEG practical skills training* and demonstrate competency through completion of Modules 8 & 9, via onsite workshops **or** live-webinar sessions booked with an approved QEEG-D Mentor.

About the International QEEG Certification Board Certification

The **International QEEG Certification Board (IQCB)** was established to certify the competence of individuals in obtaining and interpreting a Quantitative Electro-encephalograph (QEEG). Certification candidates must:

- A. complete a 36-hour IQCB-accredited, didactic training program including practical skills training for EEG recording, artifacting, quantitative analysis and interpretation. The course must adhere to the following *Blueprint (IQCB, 2020)*:
 - I. Recording & Editing raw EEG and artifact detection (2 hours)
 - II. Basic Neurophysiology & Neuroanatomy; (4 hours)
 - III. Medication/Drug effects (2 hours)
 - IV. Database Analysis (4.5 hours)
 - V. Clinical and Cognitive Aspects (6.5 hours)
 - VI. Montages & Spectral and Topographic Aspects of the EEG (3 hours)
 - VII. QEEG Analysis & Neurofeedback Application; (6 hours)
 - VIII. Ethical & Professional Conduct (2 hours)
 - IX. Practicum, including artifact detection (6 hours)
- B. complete a minimum 10 hours with a QEEG-Mentor to establish practical competencies including the review of 5 completed QEEG case studies; and
- C. complete and pass an IQCB examination with a score of 70% or higher, addressing the following areas (*percent of questions, to be examined from each module, is indicated in brackets.*)
 1. Editing raw EEG and artifact detection (21%)
 - a. Physiologic
 - b. Extra-physiologic
 - c. Movements in the environment
 2. Drug Effects (14%)
 - Understand the effects of various drugs on the EEG/QEEG data.
 3. Database Analysis (19%)
 - a. Know the best subject inclusion and exclusion criteria for building a database
 - b. Understand fundamental statistical consideration within databases
 - c. Have knowledge about t-tests, alpha and P levels, correlational relationships, z-scores
 4. Clinical and Cognitive Aspects (27%)
 - a. Understand developmental changes in the EEG
 - b. Understand the origins of the EEG
 - c. Know what EEG signatures should be referred out to other professionals
 - d. Be knowledgeable about Brodmann area functions and network connections
 - e. Have an understanding of LORETA interpretation and training
 - f. Be knowledgeable about general cognitive and clinical changes that take effect after neurofeedback training based upon publications.
 - g. Understand how clinical presentation may affect the EEG.
 5. Montages and Spectral and Topographic Aspects of the EEG (17%)
 - a. Have a working knowledge of the montages, transforms and power displays along with the specific perspectives they can provide a reader of QEEG output.
 - b. Understand what defines the various montages and the circumstances of their use.
 - c. Understand sources in the brain from which various frequency bands normally emanate.
 - d. Understand phase and coherence, how they relate and what they can mean in the interpretation of the QEEG.
 6. Applications of QEEG in Neurofeedback and Connectivity questions (2%)

About the IQCB CERTIFICATION PROCESS

N.B.: Please visit the IQCB website to review the current details of the certification process - <https://qeegcertificationboard.org/certification-process/>

For Board Certification, candidates must:

- 1] meet minimum qualifications
 - degree in an acceptable health care field (required for Diplomate status)
 - be credentialed for practice in a health care field OR work under supervision of a credentialed provider (for Technician status)
- 2] apply for online accounts access:
 - a. for IQCB at <https://qeegcertificationboard.org/account/log-in/> (this is where you will be given access to the latest exam reading list) and;
 - b. a Certemy profile to track your certification progress <https://iqcb.certemy.com/entry/self-enrollments/QEEG-Candidate/595d6334-756e-4d28-9ded-9a0ef477af71> and **make payments**.
 - c. Go to the **[IQCB Examination step and pay for the exam](#)**, and commit to the IQCB [Professional Standards and Ethical Principles](#) by endorsement online.

After completing your application and paying the application fee, you will be assigned a credential path (QEEG-Diplomate or QEEG-Technician) based on your application.

If you have completed these steps, you will receive an email from the IQCB Administrator to confirm your readiness to sit the exam.

3] recruit a Diplomate of the IQCB to complete mentoring. Complete 5 QEEGs with a summary report of each, written by the applicant. The diplomate reviews the 5 QEEGs and summaries to determine that they are technically adequate and provides confirmation and referral of the candidate to the QEEG Board.

4] complete an accredited didactic course adhering to the 36-hour course blueprint.

5] [register for the exam](#) and pass certification exam with 70% or higher.

Although it is recommended that candidates complete their didactic training and mentoring program prior to the exam, you may [register for the exam](#) and complete it at any stage of your candidature (i.e., must have completed step 2 above prior to registration and payment for exam.)

QEEG Certification Reading List – updated February 2021

Required Books:

Collura, T.F. *Technical Foundations of Neurofeedback*. Routledge, 2013. Chapters 1-6

Garey, L.J. (1994). [Brodmann's Localisation in the Cerebral Cortex: The Principles of Comparative Localization in the Cerebral Cortex Based on Cytoarchitectonics](#). A translation of the 1909 original. Springer, London.

Rowan AJ. & Tolunsky E. (2003) *Primer of EEG: with a mini-atlas*, Philadelphia; [Oxford]: Butterworth-Heinemann.

Thatcher, R. (2012). [Handbook of Quantitative Electroencephalography and EEG Biofeedback: Scientific Foundations and Practical Applications](#). AniPublishing, Inc. Chapters 1, 2, 4 and 5 (no charge to QEEGCB candidates).

For the full list of exam readings, you must be a registered IQCB Applicant

MSMH Didactic Course in QEEG: Core Modules

<p>Q1: Ethical & Professional Conduct (2hrs self-guided plus webinar & review task)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> IQCB Ethical Principles, Standards & the Law Clinical Compliance, & OHS Scope of Practice (Competence & Responsibility) Client rights, feedback & complaints Culture & Diversity Confidentiality, Communication, Advertising/PR Professional relationships & research Record keeping & reports <p>Q2: Basic Neuroanatomy & Neurophysiology (4hrs plus webinar & review task)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Neurophysiology of an individual neuron Neuronal synapses & neurotransmitters Cellular learning and Hebbian plasticity Brain anatomy and its functions Three axis of brain functions: cortex-subcortex, left-right, anterior-posterior Brodman areas Graph theory, networks & connections: – functional and structural pathways <p>Q3. Recording & Editing raw EEG and artifacting (2hrs plus webinar & review task)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> IFCN Guidelines Impedance & Electricity Artifacts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physiologic (EMG, EOG, EKG, etc) • Environment (AC noise, acquisition gear/gel; temperature; electrical; etc) • Transients (state changes, movement, abnormal morphology, normal variants) • Correction methods (PCA & ICA) • Definition of Filters Recording, editing & artifacting methods Case Study <p>Q4. Clinical and Cognitive Aspects (6.5hrs plus webinar & review task)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> developmental changes in the EEG origins of the EEG Definition of QEEG Examples of several types of QEEG report The basic concepts of statistics for QEEG Matching exercise of QEEG with raw EEG Concepts for research in QEEG: sample size and effect size; sensitivity and specificity Measures for QEEG interpretation: amplitude and magnitude, absolute power and relative power, power ratio, coherence and comodulation, phase, power symmetry, LORETA, mean frequency Review previous research: ADHD, Epilepsies, TBI, Autism, AoD dependence, Anxiety, Depression, Dementias 	<p>Q5. Medications/Drug Effects (2hrs self-guided plus webinar & review task)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Half-life and washout Classification of medication and drugs: <i>Anxiolytics, antidepressants, antipsychotics, antimanics, antiepileptic drugs, stimulants, hallucinogens, opioids, recreational drugs, alcohol, thyroid hormone, other medications, heavy metals, insecticides, methanol and solvents</i> EEG changes associated with meds & drugs: background slower, excess beta, epileptiform, triphasic waves, theta and delta, coma patterns <p>Q6. Montages, Spectral & Topographic Aspects of the EEG (3hrs self-guided plus webinar & review task)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> understand montages, transforms, and power displays & the perspectives they provide of QEEG output; understand what defines various montages and circumstances guiding montage selection; understand frequency sources in the brain; & view phase and coherence of frequency bands, how they relate and their interpretation of the QEEG. <p>Q7. Database Analysis (4.5hrs self-guided plus webinar & review task)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Database Conception & History Database Gold Standards Statistical Considerations Inclusion/Exclusion Criteria <p>Q8. QEEG Practicum (<i>see essential skills next page</i>) (6hrs via workshop or online mentoring)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Client/Patient Orientation Intake & Assessment Design QEEG Software/hardware Setup & Application Recording, Artifacting, Basic Analysis Data Management Maintenance, Hygiene & Aseptic Techniques <p>Q9. QEEG Analysis & Neurofeedback Applications (6hrs via workshop or online mentoring)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> client background and presentation recording, artefacting & analysis (raw, Q & LORETA) Protocol design for neuromodulation Case Presentations, for example <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Epileptiform • Attention & learning Disorders • Mood Disorders • Cognitive Decline <p>All modules require delegates to complete Compulsory Review Tasks to demonstrate engagement and learning.</p>
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Practical Skills Training (Modules 8 & 9)

Modules 8 & 9 are available via distance education, onsite group workshops when available **or** individually by live-webinar sessions booked with an approved QEEG-D Mentor to address all of the Essential Skills – see p6.

Q8. Recording Practicum – *Essential Skills* to record EEG & ERPs, artifact, view & display the data (6 hrs)

- Client preparations before the assessment
- Caps/Electrodes & the 10/20 System
- Aseptic Techniques, reducing impedance (prep, gels & pastes)
- Software options: Intro WinEEG
- The EEG Signal & Amplifiers
- Signal Acquisition techniques to reduce artifact
- Recording EEG in various conditions: eyes closed, eyes open, task

Q9. QEEG Analysis & Recommendations – *Essential Skills*

- Observing the raw EEG: Normal EEG, variants, morphology
- Reviewing montages (bipolar and referential)
- Identifying artifacts; procedures for editing & removing artifacts
- Clinically significant raw EEG waveforms (e.g. Mu, spike & wave, SMR, sleep spindles)
- Filtering methods and subjective characteristics of frequency bands
- Spectral analyses: FFT, frequency, amplitude, morphology, power, magnitude
- Source localization (LORETA inverse solution, Laplacian analysis)
- Database Analysis & Reporting QEEG

Preliminary Reading

Arns, M. and E. Gordon (2014). "[Quantitative EEG \(QEEG\) in psychiatry: diagnostic or prognostic use?](#)" *Clinical Neurophysiology*, **125**(8): 1504-1506.

Hammond, D.C. (2011). "[What is Neurofeedback: An Update.](#)" *Journal of Neurotherapy* **15**(4): 305-336.

NB: Finalising your IQCB certification

In addition to didactic training, delegates pursuing IQCB Certification in QEEG must:

- successfully complete the Board Exam
- complete a minimum 10 hours of mentoring in [Essential Skills](#) to demonstrate competency; &
- present 5 completed case reports addressing:

Client Background

- a clinical profile of the client including behavioural symptoms
- referral reason/purpose of assessment
- what you might expect to find in QEEG.

EEG Assessment

- Professional rapport, reassurance and readiness
- Procedures and mechanics of conducting assessment
- observations during assessment (where significant)
- artifacting & analysis

Analysis & Interpretation

- methods of analysis (include at least two montage views)
- interpretation of findings relevant to clinical presentation
- protocol development for neuromodulation (NFB); and
- final report with indications for onward referral and/or other intervention.

QEEG ESSENTIAL SKILLS Training Guide

1. Client-Therapist Interface: client orientation & engagement in QEEG

- i. what is a QEEG and when is a QEEG recommended
- ii. why might the QEEG findings be useful to the client, therapist, or others client care providers
- iii. how is the QEEG conducted: intake, recording, analysis, reporting & feedback
- iv. explain client's role and responsibilities in the QEEG process
- v. obtain written client permission for QEEG using a thorough Informed Consent form
- vi. document a biopsychosocial client history and presentation, hypothesis, and management plan

2. Prepare to Perform a QEEG Assessment

a. Technician-Instrument Interface

- i. make correct hardware connections and start hardware
- ii. make correct electrode connections to the hardware
- iii. accurately select, install, and run QEEG software
- iv. identify components, applications, and limitations of selected software package
- v. troubleshoot common equipment failures according to manufacturer's recommendations.

b. Client-Instrument Interface

- i. purpose and steps involved in skin preparation, electrode attachment, and recording conditions
- ii. assure client about safety of "sensors"/electrodes
- iii. demonstrate occupational hygiene and aseptic techniques
- iv. prepare scalp and ears to attach an electrode cap and ear sensors
- v. measure, name and locate, on the scalp, each site of the International 10-20 System
- vi. check, improve and stabilise low impedances

3. Recording the QEEG Maximising Client Safety and Data Quality: the client-technician-instrument triad

- i. provide initial orientation and instructions to client
- ii. perform all steps to collect a QEEG recording (eyes-open and eyes-closed *and task if time permits*)
- iii. monitor recording and provide coaching and feedback to client (quality control & client safety) *e.g., relationship between client activity and on-screen information, especially artifacts*
- iv. save session data per equipment & clinical data management guidelines, *e.g., save deidentified raw file to clinic database, save a copy to specific client file, create a client-file copy for editing.*
- v. maintain rapport by soft-review of raw observations (*e.g., great work; I noticed a variety of activity ... times when you were settled and sometimes not. Describe your experience for me? Any questions?*), offer reassurance re next steps, end the session.

4. Artifacts and Analysis of the QEEG (montages, spectra & topographies)

- i. inspect the raw & describe dominant activity
- ii. identify and remove (or control for) sources of common artifacts in the raw EEG signal
- iii. conduct analyses *e.g., absolute power, relative power, phase, coherence, z-score comparisons*
- iv. summarise analysis in relation to the reason for referral
- v. identify activity that may warrant a neurological consult (*e.g., epileptiform, etc*)

5. Preparing a Report of QEEG Assessment Findings & Implications

- i. include client history and intake presentation, preliminary hypothesis, and current assessment findings (raw and computed, qualitative and quantitative) in formulation and report preparation
- ii. recommend intervention/management including an initial neurofeedback protocol
- iii. provide feedback to client and explain rationale for findings and recommendations

** Workshop delegates are encouraged to bring for collaborative review, any existing documents that support your implementation of clinical EEG assessment or intervention *e.g., information flyers, consent forms, intake questionnaires, report templates, deidentified case study examples, etc.*

MSMH QEEG DIDACTIC REGISTRATION FORM

1. Personal Details

Surname:	Given names:		
Postal address:			
Email:	Mobile:		

2. Academic Qualifications

Please indicate your profession and/or demonstrate suitability to participate in this post-graduate professional training in applied neuroscience.

I have completed higher education studies in: _____

I have Professional Registration in the field of: _____

I have attached a copy of my current licence/registration as a healthcare professional.

3. Registration Options

Please register _____ (*First and LAST name*) as a participant in the MSMH QEEG Didactic Course by distance education.

I understand that Modules 1-7 of the course are delivered as an online, self-guided learning materials including readings, recorded tutorials and compulsory review tasks with personalised feedback from a QEEG Mentor.

I understand that to complete Modules 8 & 9, I must access face-to-face online mentoring and/or attend a group workshop when these become available.

I elect to complete the following registration option:

MSMH QEEG Didactic Modules 1-7 Package, \$1400 AUD + GST

OR

Individually Selected Modules as indicated below, AUD ex GST total = \$ _____

1. 3hrs Ethics & Professional Conduct - \$150 [*approved for BCN Recertification Applicants*]
2. Basic Neurophysiology & Neuroanatomy - \$240
3. Editing raw EEG and artifacts - \$150
4. Clinical and Cognitive Aspects - \$380
5. Drug Effects - \$150
6. Montages, Spectral and Topographic Aspects of the EEG - \$190
7. Database Analysis - \$240

Practical Skills Training [choose either ONLINE or WORKSHOP below]

Module 8: Practicum, recording EEG & ERPs, artifacting, montages & displaying the data

Module 9: QEEG Analysis & Neurofeedback Application

Online, individual training with 10 hours supervision, \$1800 AUD + GST

2-day Workshop (when available*), @ \$360/day + GST

**Practical Skills Workshops currently scheduled: please enquire*

Submit your Registration Form to Mind Science and My Health, michelle@msmh.com.au

Your Tax Invoice/Receipt will be dispatched following receipt and approval of your registration.