

COURSE DETAIL

HEALERS AND HEALING

Country

Ireland

Host Institution

University College Dublin

Program(s)

University College Dublin

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Celtic Studies

UCEAP Course Number

147

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

HEALERS AND HEALING

UCEAP Transcript Title

HEALERS & HEALING

UCEAP Quarter Units

5.00

UCEAP Semester Units

3.30

Course Description

This course examines the practice of folk medicine in Ireland, in the past and in the present. Irish popular tradition includes a great richness of material on this subject, encompassing a wide range of healing agents and media, from botanical remedies to prescribed rituals and actions, and from specific locations to particular individuals who were credited with special powers. The importance of ritual behavior will be examined, as will the position of the healer in the community. The course looks at what we might learn about the dynamics of popular tradition, and the ways in which popular tradition functions, from an examination of folk healing practices. The remarkable resilience of many such practices is also explored.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

IRFL20050

Host Institution Course Title

HEALERS AND HEALING

Host Institution Campus

UC Dublin

Host Institution Faculty

Irish, Celtic Studies and Folklore

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

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