



Auriculotherapy teaching in France

The technique of auriculotherapy is taught in France since 30 years. Today, we can see **three types of formation** in this healing method:

The classical teaching, which is given to medical doctors, who are interested in practising this healing method in their medical clinic. The complete formation requires six week ends, after which the student shall be acquainted with the fundamental scientific knowledge of this healing technique, as well as be confident in cartographies and master the treatment techniques of the points, the different strategies and treatment indications. This type of teaching addresses all medical doctors, midwives and dentists, as professions allowed to place needles in human body (other healing professions can be an exception in respect to the law in different countries). Practical work and studying of clinical cases represent a strong part in this teaching.

The **paramedical formation**, which addresses kinesitherapists, ergotherapists, orthophonists, podologues, who would like to use the treatment of certain points in order to improve their clinical results. In this case the offered teaching is adapted to the competences of the students. Here also, the teaching emphasizes on practise.

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The **formation given at the university** during two years, which addresses medical doctors only. It is about to go deeper into this technique. A large space is attributed to theory: neuroanatomy and neurophysiology. In my opinion, it is an excellent complement of information for those, who wish to deepen their knowledge.

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