

# Xuan Men Xiang Sect Promotion System

## 1. Level Overview

| Grade | Fulu       | Corresponding Abilities                      | Incantation Level               | Recommended Promotion Time |
|-------|------------|--|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1     | Guan Xiang | Basic Four Pillar study                      | Blessing Level                  | 1 year (Cumulative)        |
| 2     | Xing Wen   | Writing Ceremony<br>Petition                 | Prayer Level                    | 1 year (Cumulative)        |
| 3     | Tan You    | Improving self-<br>cultivation               | Proclamation<br>Level           | 1 year (Cumulative)        |
| 4     | Lin Dao    | Personally practicing                        | Ascension Level                 | 1 year (Cumulative)        |
| 5     | Du Sheng   | Benefiting sentient<br>beings in person      | Preaching Level                 | 2 years                    |
| 6     | Mo Xing    | Managing Temple<br>Affairs                   | Temple Master<br>Level          | 2 years                    |
| 7     | Kou Yun    | Leading Ceremonies                           | Ritual Master<br>(Fa Shi) Level | 3 years                    |
| 8     | Xiu Qi     | Cultivate Qi and refine<br>nature            | Senior Master<br>Level          | 4 years                    |
| 9     | Wu Dao     | Awaken to the Dao and<br>illuminate the mind | Earth Master<br>Level           | 5 years                    |
| 10    | Shen You   | Roaming with the Spirit                      | Celestial Master<br>Level       | 10 years                   |

## **Key functions**

**Level 1 to Level 4 (Foundation Stage): Focus on learning Four Pillar-related knowledge and basic talisman/Incantation applications. Can generally be completed within 1 year.**

**Level 5 to Level 6 (Intermediate Stage): Enter the stage of preaching and temple management. Requires at least 2 years of practical experience to be granted corresponding temple management positions.**

**Level 7 to Level 10 (Advanced / Master Stage): Time requirements increase progressively. Requires long-term cultivation and real-world verification. Incantation levels rise in sync with disciple grades, progressing from “Blessing Level” to the highest “Celestial Master Level”.**

## **2. Temple Management and Ceremony Authority Requirement**

**Disciples at Level 6 and above are eligible for temple affairs management; Disciples at Level 7 and above may independently preside over ceremonies.**

### **Mandatory Assistant Certification Requirement :**

**To be appointed as a Level 6 Hall Master (Mo Xing) or Level 7+ Ritual Master (Fa Shi) (Kou Yun), the disciple must have at least two full years (24 cumulative months) of formal assistant experience under a current Hall Master or Incantation Master, then obtain official certification.**

### **Specific Requirements:**

- (1) Before promotion, serve as an assistant for no less than 24 months under guidance and receive formal certification.**
  
- (2) Main duties during assistant period:**
  - Assist in temple management and Daoist venue operations**
  - Participate in ceremony assistance, talisman application, and preaching**
  - Handle Four Pillar service recording, form emulation practice, and devotee services**

- **Complete various cultivation tasks assigned by the master**

**(3) Certification Process:**

- **Supervisor issues monthly Assistant Work Log with signature**
- **Temple conducts quarterly evaluations and creates Assistant Certification Records**
- **Total service time  $\geq$  800 hours. Average devotee satisfaction score  $\geq$  85 points**
- **Upon completion, Supervisor issues Assistant Completion Evaluation Letter**

**(4) Those who have not completed the two-year assistant requirement cannot be directly appointed even if academic and examination scores are met. They may at most be appointed as Acting Hall Master or Assistant Ritual Master (Fa Shi), then will be formally appointed only after completing the required experience.**

**(5) Special Circumstances: For disciples with exceptional aptitude or outstanding contributions, the term may be shortened to 1.5 years upon review and approval by the Taoist Elders Joint Meeting. This requires sufficient written documentation and public notice with no objections.**

### **3. Promotion Methods (Four Pathways)**

- (1) Direct Examination by Master (most common and direct)**
- (2) Temple-wide Taoist Examination (collective assessment)**
- (3) Direct Promotion by Senior Taoist (for those with special contributions or superior aptitude)**
- (4) Recommendation by Devotees (those widely recognized by the community for outstanding virtue)**

### **4. Graduation and Degree**

**Upon completing all courses, assessments, and practical requirements, the disciple will receive the Xuan Men Xiang Sect Degree and Graduation Certificate. Officially becoming a recognized Daoist practitioner; Highest Realm: Level 10 Celestial Master — symbolizing spirit roaming across heaven and earth, and the perfection of the Dao fruit.**