

Integrative Behavioral Couple Therapy (IBCT) Level 1 Training

Venue:

This is a Hybrid program that consists of 12 hours of pre-recorded video content and four live webinar sessions taking place over videoconference call. Access instructions will be provided after registration.

Description:

Closed captioning is provided with this program.

This is an intermediate training series in Integrative Behavioral Couple Therapy (IBCT), a couples psychotherapy treatment modality for couples dealing with relationship distress. Because of its empirical base, IBCT has been adopted by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs as one of its evidencebased treatments. IBCT includes traditional couple therapy behavior change techniques augmented with newer acceptance strategies.

Participants will complete prerecorded video lessons covering basic treatment principles, interspersed with four live virtual sessions with an IBCT instructor. Live sessions will be used for discussion and role playing of IBCT concepts and implementation. Live sessions will be held weekly over the course of one month and will each run two hours in length. The pre-recorded video lessons will cover the following:

Learning Objectives:

- Describe at least two core features of Integrative Behavioral Couples Therapy (IBCT).
- Define the four components of the DEEP analysis (Differences, Emotional Sensitivities, External Circumstances, Pattern of Interaction) and how IBCT uses this conceptual framework to explain couple distress.
- Describe the assessment and feedback process in IBCT
- Describe the key components of a typical session during the active intervention phase of IBCT.
- Describe the strategy of Empathic Joining in IBCT.
- Describe the strategy of Unified Detachment in IBCT.
- Describe two Direct or Deliberate Change Strategies in IBCT.
- Describe IBCT's approach with couples with sexual problems.
- Describe IBCT's approach working with infidelity.
- Summarize the evidence base for the efficacy of IBCT.
- Describe the key features of couples with intimate partner violence who can participate safely in IBCT.
- Describe how the DEEP analysis can be adapted for work with diverse couples.
- Discuss how to use a principlesbased treatment to promote authentic emotional acceptance and enduring behavioral change.
- Demonstrate understanding of IBCT strategies and concepts and use of the DEEP Understanding through participation in clinical discussion and roleplays.

CE Credit:

20 hours. Credit will be awarded to participants who a) watch all videos and complete a quiz after each video, b) attend and participate in all four scheduled live sessions, and c) pass a final test and complete a course evaluation.

IBCT is approved by the American Psychological Association to sponsor continuing education for psychologists.

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