
CTP TRAINING PROGRAM SEMINAR
2021-2022

The Centre for Training in Psychotherapy offers in Canada a full program for training psychodynamic psychotherapists

Working With Trauma
CP-003-WWT

CTP Concentration
(30) Hours

Lecturer: Gord MacLeod RP
Location: The Centre for Training in Psychotherapy
21 Randolph Ave

Prerequisite: Clinical Phase – Graduate - CAPT Members¹

In recent years, the importance of the mind-body connection in the psychotherapy of trauma has been recognized as a key component in therapeutic work. In tandem with recent neurobiological findings, new ways have developed of including the physiological side of trauma in therapy. The blending of talk therapy, neurobiology, attachment theory, mindfulness and somatic processing has yielded encouraging results in the work with trauma clients.

One of the great challenges in working with clients with a history of trauma is that when we turn to some of our greatest skills as psychotherapists - insight, interpretation listening and helping our clients to put their feelings into words - we run into difficulties. The very act of telling the story of what happened runs the risk of our clients re-living the trauma, leading to re-traumatization.

The use of a phase-oriented approach, first proposed by Pierre Janet in the early twentieth century, provides a safe and gentle way to work with trauma.

Various contemporary therapies for the treatment of trauma agree on the effectiveness of this way of working.

¹ CAPT members must be interviewed by the faculty member(s) presenting the Concentration/Seminar

In this seminar we will study a phase-oriented approach to working with trauma, from the perspective of Pat Ogden's Sensorimotor Psychotherapy, Pierre Janet's psychology of action and the phase-oriented treatment outlined by Onno van der Hart, Suzette Boone, and Kathy Steele in their book, Treating Trauma-Related Dissociation.

By the end of the course students should be able to:

1. Understand and recognize the impact of trauma on psychological functioning.
2. Use the self in a safe way: identifying the signs of cognitive, emotional and physiological dysregulation in the client
3. Use the self effectively: demonstrating an ability to help the client to regulate emotions, thoughts and physiological responses.
4. Recognize the benefits of working therapeutically with the body and know how and when to apply this with clients.
5. Identify and respond appropriately to the client's strengths, vulnerabilities, resilience and resources.
6. Anticipate and respond appropriately to the expression of intense emotions and understand how to help the client to process and manage them.
7. Know how to support the client to explore a range of emotions and employ a variety of helping strategies.

Clinical material will be supplied by the instructor and by the students from their own work.

The Trauma Concentration reading list, as listed on the website, is incorrect . The revised list is:

- [Treating Trauma-Related Dissociation: A Practical, Integrative Approach \(Norton\)](#); K Steele, S Boon, O van der Hart 2016.
- [Trauma and the body: A sensorimotor approach to psychotherapy](#) (Norton); Ogden, Pat, Kekuni Minton, and Clare Pain 2006.
- [Healing the Fragmented Selves of Trauma Survivors: Overcoming internal self-alienation](#) (Routledge); Fisher, Janina. 2017.