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Institute of Contemporary Psychoanalysis is now accepting applications for psychoanalytic training for the academic year 2009–2010. The deadline for completed applications is May 1, 2009.

INTRODUCTION

The Institute of Contemporary Psychoanalysis was founded in January 1991 by a group of senior psychoanalysts in the Los Angeles area who saw the need for a new approach to psychoanalytic training. There are currently over 250 members and candidates at ICP.

ICP is a center for inquiry, clinical training and research; we offer the full scope of psychoanalytic training to individuals with those personal, intellectual, and ethical qualities that make a good psychoanalyst. We welcome applicants from a variety of disciplines who wish to obtain psychoanalytic training that incorporates the following principles:

CONTEMPORARY PSYCHOANALYSIS

A spirit of critical inquiry infuses all aspects of the training program, which ranges across theory and practice from Freud to the most recent and innovative psychoanalytic contributors. The weight of the program rests on contemporary developments in theory, technique and research.

ACADEMIC FREEDOM

The organization and course of study at ICP encourages active participation and exploration of different points of view among candidates and faculty. Candidates have a significant impact on the form and content of their education. The model is postgraduate university education with a relatively small number of required courses and considerable freedom to shape one's own program from electives and independent study projects.

PARTICIPATORY DEMOCRACY

The Institute is organized in a non-hierarchical manner; decision making is vested in a Board of Directors, elected by members and candidates, and representative of each constituency. The Institute is free-standing; it is our conviction that a democratic, contemporary and open psychoanalytic education can best be effected independently of existing national and international psychoanalytic organizations.

THE TRAINING PROGRAM

The program of study consists of the personal analysis, the conduct of analysis under supervision, and four years of seminars.

COURSE OF STUDY

There are four years of seminars, each year divided into two 15 week semesters. The course of study at ICP encourages candidate independence, along with responsibility to master a core body of psychoanalytic knowledge.

CURRICULUM

The ICP curriculum is derived from its guiding principles: a critical consideration of the diverse theory and practice of contemporary psychoanalysis combined with respect for the academic freedom of candidates and members. The course of study should lead to informed and independent thinking; we instill a learning process that will continue long after graduation. The curriculum gives candidates considerable freedom to choose among seminars: half the course offerings are case conferences and electives. In addition, candidates are encouraged to propose their own electives and to engage in independent study. Candidates will demonstrate clinical skill and understanding of psychoanalytic principles through written case reports, participation in supervision and seminars, and the graduation project.

THE PERSONAL ANALYSIS

Candidates will engage in a minimum of four per week personal analysis, with an ICP-approved analyst, concurrent with their training. We believe that a meaningful training analysis must be a personal analysis separated completely from the evaluation of the candidate's progress in the Institute program.

SUPERVISED CASES

Candidates are required to conduct a minimum of three psychoanalyses under the supervision of an ICP-approved training analyst, each case typically seen four or five times a week. In keeping with our principle of academic freedom, candidates may change their advisor, training analyst or supervisors at their discretion, without prejudice.

THE PART TIME PROGRAM

Candidates may enroll part time, spreading the regular first year of training over a two year period. Where two 15 week courses are required each semester in full training, the candidate in the part time program would take only one course each semester. In addition, part time candidates are not required to be in a full training analysis (four or five times per week) though they are required to be, at a minimum, in one or two times per week individual psychotherapy with an ICP training analyst. Candidates remain in the part time program for a maximum of two years, after which they must be in a full training analysis. Entrance requirements for the part time program are the same as for the full time program.

WEEKEND PSYCHOANALYTIC TRAINING PROGRAM

This program is designed for those who live at a distance or work full time. Courses are taught one weekend per month, 10 months per year. Courses are equivalent to the weekly psychoanalytic training program. All other requirements are the same as for the weekly program except that part-time enrollment is not available.

DOCTORATE IN PSYCHOANALYSIS

Candidates completing the regular program will receive a Psy.D. (Doctorate in Psychoanalysis). The Ph.D. is a special educational track. Those who elect this track will complete the full training program, take additional research courses, and write a doctoral dissertation.

RESEARCH PSYCHOANALYST PROGRAM

The Institute has approval from the California State Board of Medical Quality Assurance to register Research Psychoanalysts. Persons with Ph.D.s in fields related to Psychoanalysis (Anthropology, History, Literature, etc.), who are not licensed to practice psychotherapy, can be trained in this category. Research candidates must have taught or done research.

COURSES IN CHILD ANALYSIS

ICP is committed to offering a range of courses in child analysis. Consistent with contemporary thinking, ICP's child courses, while preserving important psychoanalytic concepts, such as transference, interpretation, and insight, shift to a developmental approach which views the child within a relational context. Thus understanding of and work within family and environment are conceived as critical and essential to optimal treatment. All candidates can take child courses as electives.

CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDIT

Most ICP core courses and some electives, as well as most public education programs, are approved for Category 1 Continuing Education Credit by the California Medical Association, the Board of Behavioral Sciences, and the California Psychological Association.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Application materials may be obtained by writing or calling:
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A graduate mental health degree or the equivalent is required. Applicants must be licensed in the state in which they practice. In addition, they must have a sufficient amount of postgraduate experience to prepare them for psychoanalytic training. Requirements for research candidates are described above. Applicants who have experience and training beyond the minimal requirements in another psychoanalytic institute will be considered for advanced candidacy. Applicants to all programs are asked to submit a completed application form, a brief psychological autobiography, a curriculum vitae, academic transcripts, copies of their license and malpractice insurance, and a \$300 application fee. Following a review of these materials, those applicants who are accepted for the next stage of admission will be interviewed by three ICP members and one candidate member. Interviews will assess personal and professional qualifications; at least one interview will require the presentation of case material.

FEES

Application for training: \$300 if application is submitted by May 1st, \$400 if submitted by June 1st, and \$500 if submitted by June 15th. No applications will be accepted after June 15th. Application fees are non-refundable. Tuition: \$100 administration fee and \$1,250 per semester (programs of scholarship and tuition deferral are available based on meeting specific criteria).