Contemporary Psychoanalysis offers extraordinary opportunities for personal growth and healing. Recent developments in the areas of attachment, trauma, neuroscience, philosophy, infant research, consciousness, and complex dynamic systems expand the domain of psychoanalysis in ways never before imagined.

The Institute of Contemporary Psychoanalysis affords candidates the excitement of advances in psychoanalytic thought built on our rich heritage of psychoanalytic theory. Appreciation of our embeddedness in contexts of diversity, culture, and history informs our thinking and teaching. Many of our instructors are widely regarded authorities in the field and contribute regularly to the literature.

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We welcome applicants from a variety of disciplines to take part in this unique exploratory adventure that will increase knowledge, expand self-awareness, and enhance clinical skills.

We are not able to guarantee admission in September, nor are we able to guarantee admission in September, self-awareness, and enhance clinical skills.

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, clinical applications, and research.

ACADEMIC FREEDOM
The ICP education is modeled on postgraduate university seminars, with two years of core, foundational classes. Candidates then shape their own program of study with the academic freedom to engage in their own interests through electives, independent study projects, and candidate-generated classes.

PARTICIPATORY DEMOCRACY
A Freestanding institute, ICP endorses a democratic, contemporary, psychoanalytic education. Decision-making is vested in a Board of Directors elected by members and candidates represented by each constituency. Candidates maintain complete freedom over their choice of ICP-approved training analyst, supervisors, and advisor, all of whom they may change at their own discretion, without prejudice.

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COURSE OF STUDY
ICP offers candidates two modes of classroom participation:

- In the Weekday Program, seminars meet weekly on Thursdays, from September through May. The program also offers a part-time option that allows for completing the first year of seminars and analysis over 2 years, and then entering the full-time program.

- In the Weekend Program, meet for 6 weekends (Friday through Sunday) of intensive study over the course of 9 months. This attracts candidates from all of the world, as well as local clinicians who are employed (outside of private practice) in full-time jobs.

There are four years of seminars in these programs, as well as the same training and supervision requirements. The course of study at ICP encourages independence of thought and gives candidates the responsibility for mastering a core body of psychoanalytic knowledge.

THE GRADUATION PAPER OR PROJECT
Candidates reinforce their training experience at ICP by completing a scholarly paper that captures and expresses their growth as clinicians and their mastery of a psychoanalytic body of knowledge and mindset.

PERSONAL ANALYSIS
ICP believes that a meaningful training analysis must be conducted completely external to any evaluative processes guiding the candidate’s progression through the institute training program. Candidates engage in their personal training analysis for a minimum of four times per week with an ICP-approved training analyst.

SUPERVISED CASES
Candidates conduct a minimum of three analyses under the supervision of ICP-approved training analysts. Each case is conducted at a frequency of three or four times per week.

CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDIT
ICP core courses, elective seminars and public programs are approved for Category 1 Continuing Education Credit by the Board of Behavioral Sciences, which regulates LMFTs, LCSWs and LPCs. ICP is approved by the American Psychological Association to sponsor continuing education for psychologists which is accepted by the Board of Psychology. ICP maintains responsibility for this program and its content. ICP is approved by the Institute for Medical Quality to offer CMLEs for its public programs.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE
Application materials may be obtained by writing or calling the Institute of Contemporary Psychoanalysis.

PROGRAM FOR LICENSED MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS
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. 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 the 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.

RESEARCH PSYCHOANALYST PROGRAM
The Institute has an archival program for students and graduates of its Research Psychoanalyst program to register with the Medical Board as 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 conducted research.

FEES
Application for training: $115 if application is received before June 1, 2015 and $125 if application is received after June 1, 2015. We cannot guarantee a September, 2015 admission for applications submitted after August 1, 2015. Application fees are non-refundable.

Tuition: $3,000 administration fee and $7,000 per semester (programs of scholarship and tuition deferral are available based on meeting specific criteria).

ICP admits qualified applicants, and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, gender, sexual orientation, religion, age, handicap, national or ethnic origin in the administration of its educational or admission policies or other programs.

The Institute of Contemporary Psychoanalysis (ICP) is approved by the Bureau of Private Postsecondary Education (BPPE). ICP’s school code with the Bureau is 25168. Receiving a Psy.D. or Ph.D. from ICP does not make students eligible to sit for applicable licensure exams in California or other states. Receiving a Psy.D. or Ph.D. from ICP may not be recognized for some employment positions with the State of California.

A student enrolled in a degree program at ICP is not eligible for federal financial aid programs.

All psychoanalytic programs in the state of California that offer Psy.Ds and/or Ph.Ds are affected by the following regulations:

NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE DEGREE PROGRAM STUDENTS:
This institution is approved by the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education to offer degree programs. To continue to offer degree programs, this institution must meet the following requirements:

• Become institutionally accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education, with the scope of the accreditation covering at least one degree program.

• Achieve accreditation candidacy of pre-accreditation, as defined in regulations, by July 1, 2017, and full accreditation by July 1, 2020.

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If this institution stops pursuing accreditation, the following will happen:

• The institution must cease enrollment in its degree programs, and

• Provide a teach-out to finish the educational program or provide a refund.

An institution that fails to comply with accreditation requirements by the required dates shall have its approval to offer degree programs automatically suspended.