The Internal Family Systems Model

Internal Family Systems℠ is at the forefront of a movement toward a more collaborative therapeutic approach that relies on clients’ intuitive wisdom. IFS℠ offers a clear, non-pathologizing, and empowering view of human cognitive and emotional life and provides a dynamic therapeutic approach that allows both therapist and client to enter into a transformational relationship in which healing can occur.

Richard C. Schwartz, PhD, has been developing the IFS model for more than 30 years, with IFS now practiced by thousands of licensed therapists and other professionals throughout the United States and internationally. Mental health care professionals and others trained in the IFS model can easily integrate it into a wide variety of practices using the unique methods IFS offers to create safe environments for clients to become Self-transforming. Internal Family Systems therapy is a simple yet sophisticated integration of psychology, spirituality, and intra-psychic and family systems theory that:

- Works well with couples, families, groups, and children;
- Can effectively treat trauma;
- Is a client-led approach that respects each client’s pace and goals;
- Establishes a productive, trusting, and collaborative partnership between therapist and client;
- Helps therapists remain centered and open-hearted.

Internal Family Systems: An Evidence-Based Practice

Internal Family Systems (IFS) is now posted on NREPP as an evidence-based practice. NREPP is the National Registry for Evidence-Based Programs and Practices, a national repository that is maintained by the U.S. government’s Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). Interventions listed in NREPP have been subject to independent, rigorous scrutiny, and are deemed to show significant impact on individual outcomes relating to mental health.

As a clinical treatment, IFS has been rated effective for improving general functioning and well-being. In addition, it has been rated promising for improving each of: phobia, panic, and generalized anxiety disorders and symptoms; physical health conditions and symptoms; personal resilience/self-concept; and depression and depressive symptoms.

These scientific findings and the listing of IFS on NREPP affirm the vast potential of IFS therapy for advancing emotional healing and mental well-being. In particular, they indicate promising effects on mind (depression, anxiety), body (physical health conditions), and spirit (personal resilience and self-concept).

IFS & Training Information Sources

This brochure contains many details about this program, including continuing education credit, certificate of completion attendance requirements, trainer biographies, finances, session and daily schedules, required readings, site information, and more.

For more information about IFS, please visit other tabs of our website.
The Center for Self Leadership’s contact information is at the end of this brochure and on the website. We invite you to contact us with any questions.

Training Location

Located in St. Edwards State Park, Bastyr University is rich in Pacific Northwest beauty. Just 10 miles from downtown Seattle, Bastyr is easily accessible and offers a relaxing and inviting training venue. Bastyr University has been a favorite IFS training location for many years. There are also optional lodging opportunities on campus on a limited basis - see the Travel Information section below for details.

Curriculum

Overview: In addition to thoroughly learning IFS theory and technique, the Internal Family Systems Level 1 training program invites participants to explore their own inner worlds in a safe, nurturing context. The training will help participants:

- Understand the conceptual base of the IFS model;
- Apply basic IFS techniques to various clinical populations; and
- Take advantage of the opportunities IFS offers for personal development.

Learning Objectives: Please visit www.selfleadership.org, FAQ page.

Format: The training includes lecture, discussion, demonstration, video review, experiential exercise, and small group practice.

Program Hours: This training comprises six, 3-day sessions over the course of 11 months, and totals 18 training days (108 program hours). Each 3-day session comprises 18 program hours. The daily schedule is listed later in this brochure.

Trainers

Lead Trainer: Kay Gardner, LCPC, is a longstanding IFS lead trainer who has been in private practice in Chicago for 30 years. In addition to teaching IFS Level 1 and 2 trainings, Kay has taught programs such as the Women’s Circle, Persephone’s Journey, and Men and Their Mothers. Kay is trained in Hakomi therapy, was a Hakomi teacher, and has a 40-year personal yoga and a meditation practice. Known for her passion for IFS, both as a trainer and practitioner, Kay uses a body-mind-spirit approach and integrates South American shamanism ideas into her work.

Assistant Trainer: Katelyn Staecker, LCSW, is a psychotherapist, teacher and workshop leader who is also a certified practitioner of Psychodrama, Sociometry and Group Psychotherapy. Katelyn facilitates workshops and retreats on spirituality, conscious eating, and personal growth and relationship skills. She also has a special interest in developing communities of all types and teaching the interpersonal skills necessary for their sustainability. Katelyn has been in private practice in Oregon for over 20 years. She works with her gifted co-therapist, Sophie, who is a Labradoodle and “oh so cute”.
Training Schedule

2019: July 19-21, Sep 6-8, Nov 15-17
2020: Jan 10-12, March 27-29, June 5-7

Daily Schedule:

TIMES LISTED BELOW ARE FOR SEATTLE LOCATION. YOUR TRAINING WILL MEET ON ZOOM ACCORDING TO THIS SCHEDULE AND TIME ZONE.

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Certificate of Completion

A Certificate of Completion (non-CE) is awarded by The Center for Self Leadership and a participant must complete 90 of the 108 program hours offered in order to be eligible to earn this certificate. Participants are responsible for ensuring that they attend sufficient training hours to earn the Certificate of Completion and track their own attendance. The daily schedule is available later in this brochure.

IFS Certification

Participants are not Certified IFS Therapists or Practitioners until they successfully complete the IFS Certification process. Information about the criteria and procedures for becoming IFS Certified is available on the CSL website certification page, or by emailing certification@selfleadership.org.

Eligibility for Future Trainings

By earning The Center for Self Leadership’s certificate of completion for this training, a participant is eligible to apply for a Level 2 IFS training program. Participants are not required to be Certified IFS Therapists or Certified IFS Practitioners to enroll in IFS trainings.

To Apply

Who Should Apply: We welcome applications from:

- Mental and medical health care practitioners
- Pastoral counselors
- Business and academic professionals
- Masters or doctoral students
- Dance, art, and music therapists
- Health care professionals in allied fields

Application Form: Please use the application form for this training found on our website.
ONLINE CONTINUING EDUCATION CONTACT HOURS (revised 3.24.20)

Our CE sponsor, The Institute for Continuing Education, reports that the licensing/certification boards listed below, in recognition of this time of national crisis, are allowing the awarding of CE hours for IFS training sessions that are moving to online formats, as they allow for live interaction between the trainer(s) and the participants.

CE credit is offered for the following professions:
- Psychology (APA)
- Counseling (NBCC)
- Social Work (NASW-MA Chapter) – NASW-MA approval covers most social workers, but please make sure to review the details on your website brochure. If you have additional questions, please contact ICE at instconted@aol.com.

MFTs will have to be determined based on the state in which licensure is held. Please see below, and contact ICE at instconted@aol.com for MFT information if you need it. MFTs should submit your completed CE forms using the information below even if you’re not sure if you’re eligible – we will process your forms to see if you can get CE. Please note that you need to meet the deadlines others need to meet as explained in this email.

- This training program is co-sponsored by The Center for Self Leadership (IFS Institute) and The Institute for Continuing Education (ICE).
- Continuing education contact hours are offered for the professional disciplines as listed below.
- The training offers 18 contact hours per session, for a total of 108 contact hours. CE covers all scheduled course sessions.
- CE hours are awarded on a session-by-session basis, with full attendance required at sessions attended. Partial session CE credit is not offered. Attendees must attend each scheduled session in full, sign in/out daily, and complete a session evaluation and all CE materials.
- Applications for continuing education contact hours will be available at the initial course session, along with other required continuing education information.
- If you want CE credit for this training, you need to sign up for it at the first session – you must bring your license information (as applicable) if you want CE credit. If you are not sure you need CE, you may want to sign up for it, just in case.
- CE verification is mailed to participants by the Institute for Continuing Education following each session, within 30 days of receiving completed CE materials.
- There is no additional charge to make application for continuing education credit.
- It is the responsibility of attendees to check with their state licensing/certification board to determine if CE credit offered by The Institute for Continuing Education meets the regulations of their state board.
- Learning objectives by session are available on the FAQ page at www.selfleadership.org.
- If you have questions regarding continuing education credit, the program, agenda, faculty, please
**Psychology:** The Institute for Continuing Education is approved by the American Psychological Association (APA) to sponsor continuing education for psychologists. The Institute for Continuing Education maintains responsibility for this program and its content. (This is the same as if the training were in-person.)

**Counseling:** The Institute for Continuing Education and the Internal Family Systems Institute, Inc., are cosponsors of this program. This co-sponsorship has been approved by NBCC. The Institute for Continuing Education is an NBCC approved continuing education provider, ACEP Provider No. 5643. This program has been submitted, reviewed, and approved by NBCC. The Institute for Continuing Education solely is responsible for this program, including the awarding of NBCC credit. (This is the same as if the training were in-person.)

**Social Work:** This program has been approved for 18.00 social work continuing education hours per session for re-licensure, in accordance with 258 CMR Collaborative of NASW and the Boston College and Simmons Schools of Social Work. Authorization: D-80807-1 – D-80807-6. **New Jersey:** CE credit is not offered for New Jersey social workers. (This is the same as if the training were in-person.)

**Marriage/Family Therapy:** The Institute for Continuing Education, Provider 56590, is approved by the California Association of Marriage and Family Therapists to sponsor continuing education for LMFTs, LCSWs, LPCCs. The Institute for Continuing Education maintains responsibility for this program and its content. This Course meets the qualifications for 18.00 hours per session of continuing education credit for LMFTs, LCSWs, LPCC, as required by the California Board of Behavioral Sciences. (This is the same as if the training were in-person.)

Instruction Methodology: May include didactic, lecture, audio-visuals, demonstrations, experiential exercises, case examples, small and large group discussions.

**Required Pre-Training Reading and Other Materials**

1. **Reading Materials:** All books listed below are available at The Center for Self Leadership’s website store ([www.selfleadership.org](http://www.selfleadership.org)). Bundle pricing may be available. If you need assistance with the Store, please call 708.383.2659 or email info@selfleadership.org.

   **Required reading before the training begins:**


   **Suggested reading before the training begins:**

designed on the assumption that the reading is completed.

Other suggested reading:


2. **Additional Training Materials:** Each program’s trainers may ask participants to purchase up to $20 in additional training materials. If additional training materials are required, participants will be notified by the trainers as the starting date of the training approaches.

**Financial Assistance**

**Payment plans:** Extended payment plans are available as listed on the program application. If you have questions about the plans, please contact CSL Controller, Mary Mitrovich, at mary@selfleadership.org.

**Costs for the training may be tax-deductible:** Please consult with your tax advisor.

**Employers can be a good source of funding for continuing education.** Please check with your supervisor and/or human resources department.

**Tuition scholarships:** Details and CSL’s scholarship application form are on the website’s Training FAQ page.

**Tuition and Fees**

**Note:** Tuition rebates are being made and additional IFS content will be available to participants in this training as a result of the Covid-19 situation. You don’t need to do anything at this time regarding these things – we’ll be in touch!

**Program Tuition:** $3,800 ($500 of which is the program deposit)

**Program Deposit:** The $500 deposit is charged when you are accepted into the training, and this is required to secure your place. Flexible payment plans are available for the balance (see program application for details).

**Room and Board** are not included in tuition.

**Application Fee:** A $45 non-refundable, non-transferrable application fee is charged when your application is received.

**Withdrawal/Refund Policy:** Participants who wish to withdraw from the training program must do so in writing. Participants are responsible for paying for sessions attended or missed prior to withdrawal. Deposit: The $500 deposit is refundable if written notice of withdrawal is received by the CSL office 45 or more days before the 1st day of the program. The deposit is transferable to another CSL-organized Level 1, 2, or 3 training program if written notice of withdrawal is received by the CSL office 44-15 days before the 1st day of the program. A transferred deposit must be used within 18 months of withdrawal or else it is forfeited; a transferred deposit may only be used by the participant who is withdrawing. The deposit is forfeited if written notice of withdrawal is received by the CSL office 14 or fewer days before the 1st day of the program, or if withdrawal occurs after the program begins. **Tuition Balance:** The tuition balance (total tuition less deposit) is refundable if...
written notice of withdrawal is received by the CSL office 8 or more days before the 1st day of the program. One-sixth (1/6) of the tuition balance is forfeited if written notice of withdrawal is received by the CSL office 7 or fewer days before the 1st day of Session 1, and 8 or more days before the 1st day of Session 2. The full tuition balance is forfeited if written notice of withdrawal is received by the CSL office 7 or fewer days before the 1st day of Session 2. The application fee and payment plan carrying fee are non-refundable. CSL reserves the right to postpone, cancel or otherwise change any training program schedule prior to the beginning of Session 1. At no time is CSL responsible for training students’ travel, lodging, or incidental expenses.

**ADA** If you have special needs, please contact The Center for Self Leadership.

**TRAVEL INFORMATION**

**Training Site:** Bastyr University  
14500 Juanita Drive NE  
Kenmore, WA 98028  
(425) 602-3075  
[www.bastyr.edu](http://www.bastyr.edu)

If you need additional travel information, please visit websites such as MapQuest or Google Maps.

You may wish to visit [priceline.com](http://priceline.com), [orbitz.com](http://orbitz.com), [kayak.com](http://kayak.com), or other websites to find travel deals for airfare, hotels, rental cars, etc. While CSL is not affiliated with any of these sites, many people have success with them.

**AIRPORTS:**

Seattle- Tacoma International Airport  
Approximately 60 minutes from site.  
For directions from Seattle-Tacoma International Airport click [HERE](http://HERE).

**DRIVING and PUBLIC TRANSIT:**

For driving or public transit directions from…

- Vancouver click [HERE](http://HERE).
- Portland click [HERE](http://HERE).
- Spokane click [HERE](http://HERE).

**SITE PARKING:** Bastyr offers onsite parking with parking passes that will be sent via email to participants prior to training. Should you not receive the parking pass in a timely manner, please contact the CSL office at 708-383-2519 for further assistance.

**MEALS:** Bastyr has an award-winning, vegetarian cafeteria, serving breakfast and lunch, and has limited hours during the year. Bastyr has given the below schedule as to when the cafeteria will be open during this training. Bastyr also has vending machines with healthy snacks and a Bookstore that offers light snacks and beverages. Additionally, the restaurants at the link below may be of interest to you.

Bastyr Cafeteria during CSL training (info from Bastyr):

**2019:**  
July 19-21 Cafeteria open  
September 6-8 Cafeteria closed  
November 15-17 Cafeteria open
2020:
January 10-12 Cafeteria open
March 27-29 Cafeteria most likely closed
June 5-7 Cafeteria open

To see restaurants in the area please click HERE.

**LODGING:** Bastyr has a limited number of overnight rooms available on campus during the training. For more information and fees, please contact Bastyr’s Conference Services Department at 425-602-3075 or confer@bastyr.edu. For other lodging near the site please click HERE.

**OTHER SITE INFORMATION & REQUIREMENTS:**

- Bastyr is a non-smoking campus.
- Bastyr prohibits the use of marijuana in any form on its campus.
- Bastyr is a fragrance-free campus, including perfumes, incense and essential oils.
- This training is not sponsored by Bastyr University.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

- **WE ARE NOW CALLED IFS INSTITUTE.**
- **PHONE NUMBERS, FAX, AND POSTAL ADDRESS REMAIN THE SAME AS LISTED BELOW.**
- **EMAIL ADDRESSES ARE DIFFERENT – PLEASE VISIT WWW.IFS-INSTITUTE.COM ‘CONTACT US’ PAGE FOR CORRECT EMAIL ADDRESSES. THANKS!**

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       IFS Circle/Continuity Webinars: 708.383.2659
       IFS Store & Everything Else IFS: 708.383.2659

Fax: 708.383.2399

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 3969, Oak Park, IL 60303

Email: Level 1, 2, 3 Trainings in the US and Canada:
       training@selfleadership.org or Maryanne@selfleadership.org
       For best service, please write to only one email address at a time - thanks!

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