



THE CENTER FOR GROUP STUDIES

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WEEKEND TRAINING PROGRAM 2024–2025

The Center for Group Studies offers a Weekend Training Program as an alternative or addition to our on-going Training Program. It began in 1990 as an offsite pilot project in group training to students from all over the world outside of New York City. The weekend program was founded and designed under the co-leadership of Dr. Alice Brown and Dr. Lena Furgeri and has expanded to include local New York students.

This program provides training in modern group process: an integration of traditional methods and modern techniques developed by Dr. Louis Ormont, a licensed psychologist with over 40 years of experience leading groups. Our approach is psychodynamic and interactive with particular emphasis on interventions for difficult and pre-oedipal personalities.

PROGRAM OF STUDY

The three-year Training Program, culminating in a Certificate of Completion and Graduation, consists of the following:

1. Training Weekends

We offer three training weekends each year and a total of nine weekends are required to meet the criteria for Certification. Each weekend consists of psychodynamic process groups (experiential and didactic learning), lectures and/or workshops, a supervision group, and a training group.

2. Coursework/Reading *

The curriculum consists of nine blocks of readings and combines a guided and monitored reading program alongside the experiential Training Weekend component. Each student is assigned a faculty advisor to work with either in person or remotely. A faculty advisor is assigned to each student for a three-block segment, approximately one year. Each student keeps an ongoing log of their reactions to the readings and other experiences, to which the student's faculty advisor responds.

3. Supervision

Four supervision segments are required, which take place after the completion of reading blocks 1 through 3. Each segment consists of six one-hour sessions with an assigned supervisor.

4. Personal Group Experience (encouraged)

The personal development that comes from immersion in the modern analytic model is essential to successful modern group leadership. As such, students are strongly encouraged to participate in their own ongoing modern analytic treatment, therapy, or process group.

* There are nine blocks of readings, each of which consists of sixteen readings and may be completed in eight weeks or more:

Block 1– The Essence of Modern Group Process

Block 2– Forming a Group

Block 3– Introduction to Group Resistances

Block 4– Transference/Countertransference in Group

Block 5– Technical and Special Issues in Group Psychotherapy


Block 6– Working with Pre-oedipal Patients in Group

Block 7– Specialized Topics in Countertransference

Block 8– Dreams, Symbolic, and Non-verbal Communication

Block 9– Resolving Transference Resistances and Termination Issues

2024–2025 TRAINING WEEKENDS

	October 18–20, 2024 Block 2 Forming a Group	January 17–19, 2025 Block 3 Introduction to Group Resistances	May 2–4, 2025 Block 4 Transference and Countertransference
FORMAT	In-Person & Online	In-Person & Online	In-Person & Online
PROCESS GROUP	Aaron Black, Alice Brown, Jan Morris, TBD, TBD	Aaron Black, Jeanne Bunker, David Dumais, Ginger Sullivan, Ellen Wright	David Dumais, Jordan Price, Ronnie Levine, Marie Sergent, Ellen Wright
FRIDAY WORKSHOP	Wayne Ayers, Judy Charnet, Deborah Healy	Jan Morris, Jordan Price, Elliot Zeisel	Hilary Curtis, Jan Morris, Ginger Sullivan
SATURDAY WORKSHOP	Hilary Curtis, David Dumais, Joseph Acosta	Alice Brown, Jordan Price, Marie Sergent	Wayne Ayers, Aaron Black, Teresa Solomita
SUPERVISION	Gail Brown, David Dumais, Martha Gunzburg, Rhoda Shapiro, TBD	Alice Brown, Gail Brown, Ronnie Levine, Mrie Sergent, Mary Sussillo	Alice Brown, Gail Brown, Jan Morris, Ginger Sullivan, Elliot Zeisel
TRAINING GROUP	David Dumais, Ronnie Levine, Gil Spielberg	Jan Morris, Elliot Zeisel, TBD	Aaron Black, Elliot Zeisel, TBD

LOCATION

In-person events take place at the Michelangelo Hotel located at 152 W 51 Street, New York; Online events take place via Zoom.

IN PERSON SCHEDULE

ONLINE SCHEDULE

Friday

3:00–3:45pm (Hybrid) Welcome Meeting
4:00–5:45pm Psychodynamic Process Group
5:45–6:00pm Break
6:00–7:45pm Workshop

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Saturday

10:00–11:45am Psychodynamic Process Group
11:45–12:00pm Break
12:00–1:45pm Workshop
1:45–3:00pm Meal Break
3:00–4:45pm Psychodynamic Process Group
4:45–5:00pm Break
5:00–6:45pm Supervision

Saturday

10:00–11:45am Psychodynamic Process Group
11:45–12:00pm Break
12:00–1:45pm Workshop
1:45–3:00pm Meal Break
3:00–4:45pm Psychodynamic Process Group
4:45–5:00pm Break
5:00–6:45pm Supervision

Sunday

9:00–10:45am Psychodynamic Process Group
10:45–11am Break
11:00–12:45pm Training Group
12:45–1:45pm Brunch
1:45–2:45pm (Hybrid) Student–Faculty Meeting
2:45–2:50pm Mini Break
2:50–4:35pm Psychodynamic Process Group

Sunday

10:00–11:45am Psychodynamic Process Group
11:45–12:00pm Break
12:00–1:45pm Training Group
1:45–2:45pm (Hybrid) Student–Faculty Meeting
2:45–3:45pm Meal Break
3:45–5:30pm Psychodynamic Process Group

Notes

- All times listed in Eastern Time Zone
- The Welcome Meeting and Student Faculty Meeting will occur as simultaneous, hybrid meetings
- First time students may attend a 2-session mentoring Zoom group the Thursday before & Monday following the weekend, to orient & debrief.
- The Center for Group Studies reserves the right to add, change or otherwise amend the schedule or faculty without notice

CONTINUING EDUCATION

The Center for Group Studies is approved to offer continuing education hours (nationally for physicians and locally for most mental health professionals). Navigate to the [Continuing Education](#) page on our website to learn more.



FACULTY

Joseph Acosta, MA, LPC, CGP, AGPA-F
Wayne Ayers, Ph.D., Licenced Psychologist
Aaron Black, Ph.D., Licenced Psychologist, CGP, AGPA-F
Michael Brook, Ph.D., LP, LMFT, CGP
Alice Brown, Psy.D., Licenced Psychologist, CGP
Gail A. Brown, MA, LP, CGP
Jeanne L. Bunker, LCSW, CGP
Judith Charnet, Ph.D., Licenced Psychologist, NCPsyA
Phyllis Cohen, Ph.D., LP, CGP, AGPA-F
Joan Coll, M.D., CP, CGA
Hilary C. Curtis, Psy.D., LMHC, CGP
David Dumais, MSW, LCSW, CGP
Susan Frankel, MSW, LCSW, CGP
Martha Gunzburg, MSW, LCSW, LP, CGP
Deborah P. Healy, M.D., CGP
Michael Hegener, MA, LCP, CGP, AGPA-F
Lucy Holmes, Ph.D., MSW, LMSW, LP, CGP
Nancy Kelly, Ph.D., LCSW, CGP
Jack Kirman, Ph.D., Licenced Psychologist
Elizabeth Lanier, DCSW, MSW, LCSW, LMFT, CGP
Ronnie Levine, Ph.D., Licenced Psychologist, ABPP, CGP, AGPA-F
Janice Morris, Ph.D., Licenced Psychologist, ABPP, CGP, AGPA-F
Jordan Price, MSW, LCSW, CGP
Janet Resnick, Ph.D., LP, LMFT, CFAAMFT
Wilma Selenfriend, MSW
Teresa Solomita, LCSW-R, NCPsyA
Marie T. Sergent, Ph.D., Licenced Psychologist, CGP, AGPA-F
George E. Shapiro, Ph.D., Licenced Psychologist
Rhoda Shapiro, MSW, LCSW, CGP
Gil Spielberg, Ph.D., Licenced Psychologist, ABPP
Ginger Sullivan, MA, LPC, CGP, AGPA-F
Mary Sussillo, MSW, LCSW, CGP, AGPA-F
Ellen Wright, Ph.D., Licenced Psychologist, NCPsyA
Elliot Zeisel, Ph.D, LCSW, LP, CGP, AGPA-DF

KEY TO CREDENTIALS

ABPP	American Board of Professional Psychology	IGA	Institute of Group Analysis
AGPA	American Group Psychotherapy Association	LCSW	License in Clinical Social Work
AGPA-DF	AGPA-Distinguished Fellow	LMSW	Licensed Master of Social Work
AGPA-F	AGPA-Fellow	LP	Licensed Psychoanalyst
CFAAMFT	Clinical Fellow American Association of MFTs	LPC	Licensed Professional Counselor
CGA	Certified Group Analyst (IGA)	LMFT	Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist
CGP	Certified Group Psychotherapist (AGPA)	MFT	Marriage and Family Therapist
CP	Certified Psychotherapist (FEAP)	MSSW	Master of Science in Social Work
DCSW	Diplomate in Clinical Social Work	MSW	Master of Social Work
FEAP	European Association for Psychotherapy	NCPsyA	Nationally Certified Psychoanalyst (NAAP)



WEEKEND TRAINING PROGRAM 2024–2025 REGISTRATION

Click [here](#) to register online or complete and return the registration form below to the address above.

The Center strives for diversity, equity, and inclusion. We seek a rich range of students who work in social service, educational, organizational, and private practice settings. Tuition assistance for the Weekend Training Program is available.

Name (please print): _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Alt. Phone: _____ Email: _____

Prof. Discipline and/or Degree _____ Work Setting _____ New Student

License # _____ State _____ Discipline _____

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How did you hear about us? _____

Training Weekends	Tuition (includes all weekend events)	Amount
Block 2: October 18–20, 2024	\$750 I plan to attend (check one) <input type="checkbox"/> In person or <input type="checkbox"/> Online	\$
Block 3: January 17–19, 2025	\$750 I plan to attend (check one) <input type="checkbox"/> In person or <input type="checkbox"/> Online	\$
Block 4: May 2–4, 2025	\$750 I plan to attend (check one) <input type="checkbox"/> In person or <input type="checkbox"/> Online	\$
Registration Fee	\$50 each weekend \$50 for all three when paid in advance	\$
Late Fee	\$15 (Applies if tuition received after registration deadline)	\$
Certificate of CME and MOCs for Physicians	\$250 per certificate upon successful completion	\$
Certificate of Completion for NYS licenses	\$0 (Check all) <input type="checkbox"/> LCAT <input type="checkbox"/> LMFT <input type="checkbox"/> LMHC <input type="checkbox"/> LP <input type="checkbox"/> PSY <input type="checkbox"/> LCSW	\$
CGS Certificate of Completion	\$0 applies to out-of-state mental health licenses and all other professions	\$
Coursework and Supervision Programs (Separate from Training Weekends)		n/a
Coursework/Reading	Indicate Block (1-9) _____	\$375
Supervision	Indicate Unit (1-4) _____	\$450
Charitable Donations of any amount are appreciated and help fund tuition assistance		\$
Total		\$

REGISTRATION DEADLINES

October Weekend - September 20, 2024 | January Weekend - December 20, 2024 | May Weekend - April 4, 2025

CANCELLATION POLICY & FEES

14 days in advance (\$50); 8-13 days in advance (\$150); Up to 7 days in advance (\$250); No refunds after the program begins

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION

Students must attend all events and complete all required paperwork to receive a certificate of completion for any program.

ACCEPTED PAYMENT METHODS

Check: Made out to “The Center for Group Studies”

Online: PayPal or Zelle using our email address info@groupcenter.org

Credit Card #: _____ Exp: _____ Sec: _____ Amex | Mastercard | Visa

Name (as it appears): _____ Signature: _____

