

Psychological Approaches to Managing Pain

A 6-Hour Home Study Program for Health Professionals



NURSES: Institute for Brain Potential (IBP) is accredited as a provider of nursing continuing professional development by the **American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation**. IBP is approved as a provider of continuing education by the **California Board of Registered Nursing**, Provider #CEP13896, and **Florida Board of Nursing**. This program provides 6 contact hours.



PSYCHOLOGISTS: Institute for Brain Potential is approved by the American Psychological Association to sponsor continuing education for psychologists. Institute for Brain Potential maintains responsibility for this program and its content. This program provides 6 CE credit. Institute for Brain Potential is recognized by the **New York State Education Department's State Board for Psychology** as an approved provider of continuing education for licensed psychologists #PSY-0090. IBP is approved as a provider of continuing education by **FL Board of Psychology**. This course provides 6 contact hours of CE credit.



COUNSELORS, SOCIAL WORKERS & MFTs: Institute for Brain Potential, Provider Number: 1160, is approved as an ACE provider to offer social work continuing education by the **Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB)** Approved Continuing Education (ACE) program. Regulatory boards are the final authority on courses accepted for continuing education credit. ACE provider approval period: 11/11/23 - 11/11/26. Social workers completing this course receive 6 clinical continuing education credits.

Institute for Brain Potential is approved as a provider of CE by **FL Board of Clinical Social Work, MFT and Mental Health Counseling** and by **IL Dept. of Professional Regulation MFT CE Sponsor Program**, Sponsor #168.000183. Institute for Brain Potential (IBP), SW CPE is recognized by the **New York State Education Department's State Board for Social Work** as an approved provider of continuing education for licensed social workers #0341. Institute for Brain Potential (IBP) is recognized by the **New York State Education Department's State Board for Mental Health Practitioners** as an approved provider of continuing education for licensed mental health counselors. #MHC-0134. Institute for Brain Potential (IBP) is recognized by the **New York State Education Department's State Board for Mental Health Practitioners** as an approved provider of continuing education for licensed marriage and family therapists. #MFT-0068. The **Ohio CSWMFT Board** accepts ASWB-approved continuing education programs for social workers. This program provides 6 contact hours.



CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY PROFESSIONALS: Institute for Brain Potential (IBP) is accredited as a provider of nursing continuing professional development by the **American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation**. IBP is approved as a provider of continuing education by the **California Board of Registered Nursing**, Provider #CEP13896, and **Florida Board of Nursing**. This program provides 6 contact hours.



PHARMACISTS AND PHARMACY TECHNICIANS: Institute for Brain Potential is accredited by the **Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education** as a provider of continuing pharmacy education. This knowledge-based activity is designated for 6 contact hours (0.6 CEUs). UANs: 0492-0000-22-077-H04-P and 0492-0000-22-077-H04-T. This program has been pre-approved by the **Florida Board of Pharmacy** for 6 hours of continuing education credit.

DENTAL PROFESSIONALS: This program provides 6 CE hours. Institute for Brain Potential, provider RP-4261, is authorized to confer continuing dental education for Dentists, Dental Hygienists and Dental Assistants by the **Dental Board of California**. IBP is approved as a provider of CE by the **Florida Board of Dentistry**.



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AGD Subject Code: 340.



OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS AND ASSISTANTS: Institute for Brain Potential is an American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) Approved Provider, #6050. The assignment of AOTA CEUs

does not imply endorsement of specific course content, products, or clinical procedures by AOTA. This program provides 6 contact hours (0.6 AOTA CEUs). Content Level: Intermediate. Content Focus: Domain of OT (Client Factors) and Occupational Therapy Process (Intervention). This course is approved by the **Florida Board of Occupational Therapy** for 6 hours of credit.

PHYSICAL THERAPISTS: Institute for Brain Potential is approved as a provider of the physical therapy continuing education by the **Physical Therapy Board of California**. Institute for Brain Potential is an **Illinois Department of Professional Regulation** Approved CE Sponsor for PTs and PTAs, #216.000210. Institute for Brain Potential is recognized by the **New York State Education Department's State Board of Physical Therapy** as an approved provider of physical therapy continuing education. This program is pending approval by Texas chapter of the **American Physical Therapy Association (APTA)** for 6 contact hours of continuing education credit. The physical therapy boards in AK, AZ, DE, GA, ID, IN, KS, KY, MS, MO, NC, ND, RI, SC, OR, TN, UT, VA, WI, and WY accept courses approved by APTA chapters. This program meets the criteria for physical therapy continuing education in CT, IA, MO, MT, NE, NH, OR, and WA. This program provides 6 contact hours of continuing education credit.

MASSAGE THERAPISTS: Institute for Brain Potential is approved as provider of continuing education by the **Illinois Department of Professional Regulation**, #245.000045, and by the **Florida Board of Massage Therapy**. This program provides 6 CE hours. This program counts as 'General' hours in Florida.

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS: Institute for Brain Potential is approved as a provider of continuing education by the **CA Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Board (SLPAB)**, #PPDP247, and by **KS Health Occupations Credentialing**. This program provides 6 CE hours.

ACUPUNCTURISTS: This course is approved by the **California Acupuncture Board**, Provider Number 565, for 6 hours of Category 1 distance education (home study) credit. Approval Expires: 10/13/2024.

NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS: IBP is approved as a provider of continuing education by the **Kansas Health Occupations Credentialing**. This program provides 6 CE hours.

DIETITIANS: Institute for Brain Potential is accredited as a CE provider by **American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation** and **Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education**. The **Commission on Dietetic Registration (CDR)** accepts enduring (home study) activities from CE providers accredited by these organizations. IBP is approved as a CE provider by the **Florida Dietetics and Nutrition Practice Council** and **Kansas Department of Health and Environment**, Provider# LTS D1270. This program provides 6 CE hours.

RESPIRATORY CARE PROFESSIONALS: RCPs in New York receive 6 hours of Category III credit through the ANCC. Institute for Brain Potential is accredited as a provider of nursing continuing professional development by the **American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation**. Institute for Brain Potential is approved by the **California Board of Registered Nursing (CA BRN)**, Provider #CEP13896, to provide continuing education. Programs offered by the CA BRN approved providers of CE are accepted by the **Respiratory Care Board of California**.



EDUCATORS: Participants completing this program will receive 3 clock hours of professional development credit through a cosponsorship agreement between Alliant International University and IBP. Alliant International University's graduate programs are accredited by the **Accrediting Commission of Senior Colleges and Universities of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges**. Please contact your school district if you need prior approval for this program.

COLLEGE EDUCATED PUBLIC: This program is recommended for individuals who wish to add to their personal and professional knowledge and to improve their health and wellbeing. Participants will receive a certificate of completion for 6 hours.

This program presents and demonstrates psychological methods to reduce pain. Emphasis is placed on techniques that can help to enable patients to reduce dependence on prescribed opioid and other analgesics, reduce fear of medical or dental procedures, reduce catastrophic reactions to unanticipated pain, and develop effective self-management strategies.

Participants completing this program should be able to:

1. Discuss why psychological treatments are a key component of a comprehensive approach to reducing pain.
2. Describe approaches to evoking a pain-reducing relaxation response.
3. Discuss the importance of mindset, belief, and expectation in the perception of pain.
4. Demonstrate one or more approaches to relieving pain through self-compassion, mindfulness, cognition, and acceptance.
5. Discuss how relationships impact pain.
6. Outline several approaches to improving sleep, overcoming trauma, improving the outcome of surgery and managing flare-ups.

The Role of Psychology in Pain and Pain Relief

- Pain is a Psychosensory Experience
- The Biopsychosocial Perspective
- Reducing Dependence on Analgesics and Opioids

The Connection between Pain and Stress

- Chronic and Recurrent Stress
- Identifying Pain-Evoking Stressors
- Evoking the Relaxation Response
- Applying Advanced Relaxation Technology
- Neuromuscular Repatterning

Why Mindset Matters for Pain Relief

- Integrative Medicine
- Psychological factors
- Cognitive Pathways to Pain Relief
- Shifting Awareness
- Shaping Your Brain Toward Pain Relief

Pain Relief Treatments:

Shared and Individual Pathways

- Compassion Meditation
- Mindfulness-Based Pain Reduction
- Cognitive-Behavioral-Based Pain Management
- Chronic Pain Self-Management
- Meaning-Based Pain Management Strategies
- Acceptance and Commitment

How Relationships Impact Pain

- The Importance of Relationships
- Relationship Stress
- Sourcing Meaning Through Relationship

Additional Strategies

Sleep, Trauma, Surgery and Flare-Ups

- Improving Sleep
- Trauma as a Critical Therapeutic Target for Pain
- Management
- Mindset and Medical or Dental Surgery
- Coping With Pain Flare-ups

ABOUT THE INSTRUCTOR



Beth Darnall, PhD is Clinical Associate Professor in the Departments of Anesthesiology and Perioperative and Pain Medicine at Stanford University, and is faculty in the Stanford Systems Neuroscience and Pain Lab. She is a pain psychologist and researcher. Dr. Darnall is a past President of the Pain Society of Oregon and Co-Chair of the Pain Psychology Task Force at the American Academy of Pain Medicine.

Her NIH-funded research investigates mechanisms of pain catastrophizing, cognitive behavioral therapy for pain, and the effectiveness of a single-session pain catastrophizing treatment she developed. Additional projects are focused on preventing post-surgical chronic pain and on opioid reduction in outpatients with chronic pain. Dr. Darnall is sought by healthcare organizations to develop and enhance pain-focused psychology treatment programs.

She is author of the text published by the American Psychological Association entitled, Psychological Treatment for Chronic Pain and two other texts, The Opioid-Free Pain Relief Kit (2016) and Less Pain, Fewer Pills: Avoid the dangers of prescription opioids and gain control over chronic pain (2014). These books are designed to improve pain education for patients and healthcare providers alike and to improve access to evidence-based, low-cost behavioral pain treatment.