

# The Habits of Happy People

## A 6-Hour Home Study Program for Health Professionals

*Advances in positive psychology reveal how happy people develop habits that help them maintain positive emotions, thoughts and actions.*

*Happy people generally have better medical, dental and psychological health and improve the health of people around them.*

*Participants completing this evidence-based program should be able to:*

1. Identify habits that can lead to meaningful increases in happiness.
2. Discuss how happiness can increase resilience to psychological stress and physical disorders.
3. Describe how positive thoughts elevate mood and reduce anxiety.
4. Name several interpersonal habits that can enhance happiness.
5. Describe habits that calm the overactive brain.
6. List five brain challenges to maintain happiness-related habits.



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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.



**ACE** Institute for Brain Potential, provider 1160, is approved as a provider for continuing education by the **Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB)**, 400 South Ridge Parkway, Suite B, Culpeper, VA 22701. www.aswb.org. Social workers should contact their regulatory board to determine course approval. Social workers will receive 6 continuing education clock hours for participating in this course.

Institute for Brain Potential is approved as a provider of CE by **Florida Board of Clinical Social Work, MFT and Mental Health Counseling**, by **Florida Board of Psychology**, by **Ohio CSWMFT Board**, Provider #RCST030801, by **Illinois Department of Professional Regulation MFT CE Sponsor Program**, Sponsor #168.000183, and by **Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage & Family Therapists**, Provider #830. 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. This program provides 6 contact hours.



**SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROFESSIONALS:** Institute for Brain Potential is approved by the **NAADAC Approved Education Provider Program**, Provider #102949. Institute for Brain Potential is approved by **CCAPP-EI**, Provider Number 45-09-128-1217. This program provides 6 CEHs



**PHARMACISTS AND PHARMACY TECHNICIANS:** Institute for Brain Potential is accredited by the **Accreditation Council on Pharmacy Education** as a provider of continuing pharmacy education. This knowledge-based activity is designated for 6 contact hours (0.6 CEUs). UANs: 0492-0000-17-011-H04-P and 0492-0000-17-011-H04-T. This program has been pre-approved by the **Florida Board of Pharmacy** for 6 hours of continuing education credit.



**DENTAL PROFESSIONALS:** Institute for Brain Potential is designated as an Approved PACE Program Provider by the **Academy of General Dentistry (AGD)**. The formal continuing dental education programs of this provider are accepted by the AGD for Fellowship/Mastership and membership maintenance credit. Approval does not imply acceptance by a state or provincial board of dentistry or AGD endorsement. The current term of approval extends from 12/01/14 - 11/30/18. Provider ID# 312413. Subject Code: 557. 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**. Institute for Brain Potential is an approved provider with the **Florida Board of Dentistry**. This program provides 6 hours of CE credit.



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**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 provides 6 contact hours of CE 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 an approved provider by the **California Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Board (SLPAB)**, # PDP247. This program provides 6 CE hours

**RESPIRATORY CARE PROFESSIONALS:** RCPs in New York receive 6 hours of Category III credit through IBP's accreditation by the ANCC. IBP is approved by the **CA Board of Registered Nursing**, #CEP13896, and as such, its CE offerings are accepted by the **Respiratory Care Board of CA**. This program provides 6 CE hours.



**EDUCATORS:** Participants completing this program will receive 7.5 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.

## Understanding Happiness

*"Happiness depends less on what happens to us and more on how we view the past, enjoy the moment and create the future."*

- The New Science of Happiness • Sources of Happiness
- Unsustainable Sources of Happiness • Habits of Happy People

## Happiness and Health

*"Be happy for this moment. This moment is your life."*

- The Stress-Resistant Mindset • Developing Stress Resilience
- Enhancing Physical Resilience

## Positive Moods and Thoughts

*"The purpose of our lives is to be happy."*

- Depression-Resistant Mindset • Anxiety-Resistant Mindset
- Adaptive Coping • Acquired Optimism

## Interpersonal Awareness

*"Happiness is when what you think, what you say, and what you do are in harmony."*

- Expressing Needs • The Habits of Happy Couples
- Self-Compassion and Renewal • Acceptance of Others
- Self-Acceptance and the Gifts of Imperfection • Purpose
- Finding Humor in Everyday Life

## Calming the Overactive Brain

*"In the journey of life, take time to smell the roses and watch the sunset."*

- Healing Self and Others • Self-Calming • Mindfulness

## Attaining Happiness-Related Habits: Five Brain Challenges

*"The best kind of happiness is a behavior that becomes a habit."*

- Changing Reward-Based Habits • Healthy Activities
- Enhancing Resilience to Stress • Fulfillment
- Applying Positive Psychology

## ABOUT THE INSTRUCTOR



*Jaime Kurtz, Ph.D., is Assistant Professor of Psychology at James Madison University. Dr. Kurtz is an expert in the study of happiness and applying positive psychology. Her research on the psychology of happiness has been funded by the National Institutes of Mental Health. Dr. Kurtz is the coauthor of *Positively Happy: Routes to Sustainable Happiness*, a workbook describing the*

*best-researched methods for creating a happier life and how to implement them.*

*Dr. Kurtz has won numerous awards for teaching excellence. She is a recipient of the University of Virginia Psychology Department's Distinguished Teaching Fellowship, the Graduate Teaching Award, and the Rebecca Boone Teaching Award. Dr. Kurtz uses her skills as an actress to enhance the learner's experience. Health professionals commend her innovative teaching style and ability to impart practical information with insight and wisdom.*