

# Understanding and Treating Death Anxiety

## 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, ACE Approval Number: 1160, is approved to offer social work continuing education by the **Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB)** Approved Continuing Education (ACE) program. Organizations, not individual courses, are approved as ACE providers. State and provincial regulatory boards have the final authority to determine whether an individual course may be accepted for continuing education credit. Institute for Brain Potential maintains responsibility for this course. ACE provider approval period: 11/11/20 – 11/11/23. Social workers completing this course receive 6 clinical continuing education clock hours. Social Work Practice Level: Intermediate.

Institute for Brain Potential is approved as a provider of CE by **FL Board of Clinical Social Work, MFT and Mental Health Counseling**, by **IL Dept. of Professional Regulation MFT CE Sponsor Program**, Sponsor #168.000183, and by **TX 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. 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.

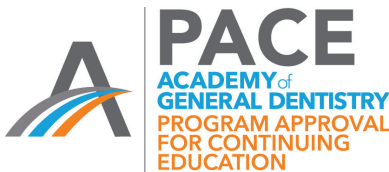


**CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY PROFESSIONALS:** This course has been approved by Institute for Brain Potential, as a **NAADAC Approved Education Provider**, for 6 CEs. NAADAC Provider #102949, Institute for Brain Potential is responsible for all aspects of its programming.



**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: 0492-0000-20-100-H04-P and 0492-0000-20-100-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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**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 0.6 AOTA CEUs or 6 contact hours. Content Focus: Domain of OT (Areas of Occupation, Client Factors, and Context and Environment). 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 **NY State Education Department's State Board of Physical Therapy** as an approved provider of physical therapy continuing education. This program is approved by Texas chapter of the **American Physical Therapy Association (APTA)** for 6 contact hours of continuing education credit. Approval Expires: 11/01/2023. 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 course meets the criteria for 6 contact hours of physical therapy continuing education in CT, IA, MO, MT, NE, NH, OR, and WA.

**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 **California Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Board (SLPAB)**, #PPDP247, and by **Kansas 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: 06/03/2023.

**NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS:** Institute for Brain Potential is approved as a provider of continuing education by the **Kansas Health Occupations Credentialing**. 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 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.

**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.

*Death anxiety is pervasive in many patients, family members and healthcare professionals. This program describes the nature of death anxiety, its impact, ways to effectively cope with end-of-life issues, and how we can use death anxiety to live more fully.*

*Participants including health professionals working in medical, dental and behavioral health settings should be able to:*

1. Identify key characteristics of death anxiety.
2. Describe Terror Management Theory and its alternatives.
3. Distinguish between adaptive and maladaptive forms of coping concerning death anxiety.
4. Name several brain areas that contribute to death anxiety.
5. Outline ways to help ensure that patients receive the kind of end-of-life care that fulfills their directives.
6. Describe how to channel a death anxiety into life-affirming choices and experiences.

## Understanding Death Anxiety

*"We are the dust of the universe trying to understand itself." — Pelligrino*

- What is Death Anxiety
- Impact of Death Anxiety
- Triggers
- Consequences of Death Anxiety

## Coping With Death Anxiety

*"The fact of death destroys life; the thought of death gives us life." — Yalom*

- Origins of Death Anxiety
- Mortality Salience and Terror Management Theory
- Maladaptive Coping
- Adaptive Coping

## Neuroplasticity and Death Anxiety

*"To invent the future is the purview of the prefrontal cortex." — Fuster*

- Existential Neuroscience
- Neuroplasticity

## Preparations

*"Understand this extraordinary thing called death – not when you are physically dying, but while you are living, while you are laughing, while you are climbing a tree, while you are sailing a boat or swimming."*

*— Krishnamurti*

- An Instructional Design for Dying
- Medico-Legal Decisions
- Endgame Strategy
- Ensuring Advanced Directives are Followed
- Preparation for Dying
- Being Present With Dying Patients

## Fulfilling Our Life Purpose

*"Those who fear death are the ones who approach it with too much un-lived life inside them." — Yalom*

- Living More Fully
- Living With Serenity
- Mindful Approach to Death Anxiety

## ABOUT THE INSTRUCTORS

*John D. Preston, Psy.D., is Professor Emeritus with Alliant International University: California School of Professional Psychology, Sacramento and formerly on the faculty of UC Davis School of Medicine. Dr. Preston is the author of twenty-two books addressing psychotherapy, mood disorders, neurobiology, and spiritual aspects of emotional healing. His books have been translated into 14 foreign languages. An outstanding speaker, Dr. Preston has given invited lectures to health professionals throughout North America and in several continents. His presentations are at once informative and inspiring.*

*Tom Nickel, Ph.D., is a cognitive psychologist and instructional designer. He has been extensively involved in the planning and administration of mental health services and the development of training programs for mental health professionals. He has served as a volunteer caregiver for the Kaiser Permanente Hospice program and currently serves with the Zen Hospice Project. He has also developed an online curriculum, "An Instructional Design for Dying." Dr. Nickel's presentations are both informative and deeply transformative.*

## **Policies and Procedures**

1. You may order the audio CDs or audio-visual DVDs before the planned expiration date listed on the program brochure. You will have at least one year from the date you placed your order to complete the program for continuing education credit.
2. Course materials including CDs or DVDs, course outline and handouts, evaluation form, and post-test are delivered to you within 5-7 days from the date we receive your order. You will need a CD player to listen to the lecture on CDs and a DVD player to view it on DVDs.
3. Successful completion to receive continuing education credit includes 1) watching or listening to the recorded lecture and reviewing the course handouts, 2) submission of the evaluation form and post-test, and 3) receiving a passing score of 70% on the posttest. No partial credit is given.
4. Post-tests are usually scored within 5 workdays of their receipt; please allow 10 workdays. You may retake the posttest without penalty or fee.
5. Course evaluation form and completed posttest can be submitted to us by email at [ceu@4brain.org](mailto:ceu@4brain.org), fax at (209) 710-8306, or by mail at IBP Distance Learning, PO Box 2238, Los Banos, CA 93635.
6. A certificate of completion is provided upon successful completion. Please indicate whether you wish to receive the certificate by email, fax, or mail on the registration form.
7. If you are not completely satisfied, you may return the course materials in a resalable condition within 30-days of your purchase and exchange it for another home study program of equal value or obtain a full refund minus a \$15 processing fee by submitting a refund request in writing or by email at [refund@ibpceu.com](mailto:refund@ibpceu.com). Tuition for continuing education credit is not refundable. Course materials should be returned to us at IBP Distance Learning, 245 W Pacheco Blvd. Ste. C, Los Banos, CA 93635.

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Call (888) 202-2938 or email [info@ibpceu.com](mailto:info@ibpceu.com) to inquire about course content, instructors, corrections, grading, or problem resolution, provide comments, request disability accommodations, submit a formal grievance, or remove your name from a list. Institute for Brain Potential complies with ADA requirements.

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