

Understanding and Treating Death Anxiety

A 6-Hour Home Study Program for Health Professionals

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.



NURSES: Institute for Brain Potential (IBP) is accredited as a provider of continuing nursing education 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.



COUNSELORS, PSYCHOLOGISTS, SOCIAL WORKERS & MFTs: Institute for Brain Potential has been approved by NBCC as an Approved Continuing Education Provider, ACEP No. 6342. Programs that do not qualify for NBCC credit are clearly identified. IBP is solely responsible for all aspects of the programs. This program provides 6 clock hours.



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 for Pharmacy Education** as a provider of continuing pharmacy education. This knowledge-based activity is designated for 6 contact hours (0.6 CEUs). UANs: 0492-0000-18-018-H04-P and 0492-0000-18-018-H04-T. This program has been pre-approved by the **Florida Board of Pharmacy** for 6 hours of continuing education credit.



Academy of General Dentistry



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 Death Anxiety

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

- 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

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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.