

SPSI Adult Psychoanalytic Training Program Didactic Curriculum

YEAR	Fall Term (9 Weeks)	Intersession (4 Weeks)	Winter Term (9 Weeks)	Spring Term (9 Weeks)
1	Identity and Groups I (G, SC) (8 weeks + CAAO meeting)	CAAO Symposium – 1 Writing (W) – 3	Cont. Case Conference (C) (8 weeks + CAAO meeting)	Cont. Case Conference (C) (8 weeks + CAAO meeting)
	Freud I (T)		History of PSA (T)	Ego Psychology (T)
	Analytic Core Concepts I (P/T, E, C):	PSA Theory of Groups (T, G)	Beginning Analysis (P/T, E)	Psychopathology I: Neurotic Psychopathology (P)
2	Infant Observation (IO)** OR Cont. Case Conference (C)	CAAO Symposium – 1 Infant Observation (IO)** OR Writing (W) – 3	Infant Observation (IO)** OR Cont. Case Conference (C)	Infant Observation (IO)** OR Cont. Case Conference (C)
	BOR I: Klein, Bion and related contemporary theorists (T)	Special Topics* – 4	BOR II: Middle School and American Object Relations (T)	Deepening Analysis (P/T)
	Analytic Core Concepts II (P/T, E)	Community PSA	Human Development I: Birth to Latency (HD)	Psychopathology II: Borderline-level Character Pathology (P)
3	Cont. Case Conference (C)	CAAO Symposium – 1 Writing (W) – 3	Cont. Case Conference (C)	Cont. Case Conference (C)
	PSA Theories of Social Context and Intrapsychic Dynamics (T)	Special Topics* – 4	Human Development II: Middle Childhood to Early Adulthood (HD)	Psychopathology III: Severe Character Pathology / Psychotic level syndromes (P)
	Theory and Process of Dreams (T, P/T)	Child Analysis (T, P/T)	Self Psychology (T)	Gender and Sexuality (T, HD)
4	Cont. Case Conference (C) OR Infant Observation (IO)**	CAAO Symposium – 1 Infant Observation (IO)** OR Writing (W) – 3	Cont. Case Conference (C) OR Infant Observation (IO)**	Cont. Case Conference (C) OR Infant Observation (IO)**
	Human Development III: Middle Adulthood to Senescence (HD)	Special Topics* – 4	Psychopathology IV: Special Topics (P)	Ending Psychoanalysis (P/T)
	The Relational Orientation w/ Interpersonal & Intersubjectivity (T)		Field Theory (T) (4 weeks) Freud II: Contemporary Freud (T) (5 weeks)	Integrative Seminar: Comparative Theory and Technique (T, P/T, G)

KEY	T – Theory	P/T – Process and Technique	C – Clinical and Presentation	P – Psychopathology
	HD – Human Development	E – Ethics	G – Groups	SC – Sociocultural Context
	CM – Community PSA	IO – Infant Observation	W – Writing	

* Special Topics may include multiple offerings in each intersession, based on input and ideas from candidates and faculty members regarding topics of interest to them. The goal is to allow space for analysts of candidates to teach and for a greater variety of special topics. The CAAO may also wish to propose use of the special topics space for longer symposia and/or opportunities for candidates to present.

** Infant Observation is a required full-year course that will be offered every other year at the same time as case conferences. Candidates may choose to take the infant observation course during their 2nd or 4th year of didactics in place of case conferences, or may take the course prior to or after completing didactics.