

Therapist Certification Association

For Clinical Professionals who want to take their careers to the next level!

Dear Subscriber, This month's news and events:

FALL CLASSES BEGIN SEPTEMBER 9TH



International Institute of Clinical Sexology
Earn a PhD in Clinical Sexology

Incorporate Clinical Sexology into your practice by earning a Ph.D. in this exciting field!

Choose a Specialty
Addictions Therapy
Hypnotherapy
Transgender Care
Kink Aware Training

IICS

ClinicalSexologyPhD.org Visit us online to Register!

"Knowledge of human sexuality leads to a better understanding of humanity"

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Earn Your PhD in Clinical Sexology! Fall classes begin September 10th. Visit us at! ClinicalSexologyPhd.org

Transgender Care Registration! 40-hour Certification Training
November 18-20, 2016 and January 20-22, 2017

REGISTER HERE!

Earn Ethics CEU's: Legal, Ethical, and Forensic Issues Oct. 29th and Nov. 5th

Kink Aware Therapy Certification: Classes start February 21, 2017

STTI adds classes: 5 day tracks every other month

Monthly Article: Are Our Politicians Addicts?

The International Institute of Clinical Sexology (IICS) is a private, for-profit, educational institute that offers a Ph.D. in Clinical Sexology to licensed and license-eligible professionals in the healthcare field who intend to practice Sex Therapy, Consulting or Coaching, or provide Sex Education as an adjunctive service to their clinical specialty.

Choose from four specialty concentrations: Transgender Care, Sex Addiction and Compulsivity, Kink Aware Therapy, and Hypnotherapy and Sexuality. Become Board Certified as you earn your Ph.D. in Clinical Sexology.

IICS offers several options for Basic Clinical Sexology class attendance, including one day per week, 5 days per alternate months, or a one-month intensive. Choose an individualized payment option to pay for the cost of the program, which is \$12,000 until 2017.

IICS is licensed under the Florida Department of Education by the Commission for Independent Education (CIE) and is authorized to grant a Doctor of Philosophy in Clinical Sexology degree.

Email or call us now for an application or for more information! IICSPhD@gmail.com or [305-891-1827](tel:305-891-1827)

Continuing Education provided by Dr. Carol L. Clark.

Florida Department of Health, Medical Quality Assurance Provider #50-550/BAP585.

Florida Board of Nursing, expires 10/17

Florida Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy, and Mental Health Counseling, expires 3/17

Florida Board of Psychology, expires 5/18

Florida Certification Board #5094-A

American Association of Sexuality Educators, Counselors, and Therapists (AASECT) #11-112B



This course is designed to give medical professionals and therapists the fundamentals of the various types of alternative sexual and relationship expression that they may come into contact with in their medical and therapeutic practice and their role as clinical providers.

The Course begins February 21, 2017. Classes will be held for 2 days on alternate months. (See Calendar)

This program is now included as a Specialty Concentration in the [IICS Doctoral Program](#) and may be taken in its entirety for Certification with that program.

You may also register for the Kink Aware Professional Certification by emailing Patsy Evans at harmonyusinc@gmail.com !!

Please go to the [IICS calendar](#) for course descriptions

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[What Is the Difference Between Abstinence and Recovery?](#)

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UPCOMING WORKSHOPS
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Transgender Care Registration! *40-hour Certification Training*
Nov 18-20, 2016 + January 20-22, 2017

When you take this 2-part, 6-day program, combined with case consultation, you will earn the title *Certified Transgender Care Therapist* and be recognized as an expert in this field.

The training takes place at 9620 NE 2nd Ave, Ste 205, Miami Shores, FL 33138 or you may attend via LIVE webinar from anywhere in the world.
REGISTER HERE!



The [Sex Therapy Training Institute](#) had added an additional track to accommodate students who don't want to give up their Saturdays or who would like to travel to Miami. Classes are held for 5 days – Thursday through Monday – on alternate months. Please [click here to see our calendar](#). Join us for a [Free Class](#) and see if STTI and a Certification in Sex Therapy is right for you!

Call 305-891-1827 for more information.

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“Are Our Politicians Addicts?” By Dr. Clark

“Obsessive, compulsive, out of control behavior done in spite of negative consequences to self and others” is the simple definition of addiction. At its heart, addictive behavior is driven by the need to feel good about oneself and to overcome those messages from early childhood which we have internalized – “I’m not good enough,” “I’m worthless,” “I’m a failure,” and “I’m not important” to name a few. When parents are critical, when we are compared to our siblings and found lacking, or when we are simply ignored, we take in these messages and carry them into adulthood and all subsequent events are filtered through them.

While quite a few public servants enter the political ring from a genuine desire to help people, others are seeking external validation to salve internal wounds and often think and behave addictively, as defined in my book [Addict America: The Lost Connection](#).

So it's no wonder that sons (mostly) of powerful men continually need more and more external validation to prove their worth. They reach their positions of authority *because* of their continual striving for self-worth, but nothing is ever enough, because they are trying to fill an internal emptiness with external gratification. Therein lies the addiction. Women who are trying to gain validation in a man's world also fall prey to the addictive cycle.

When we see a governor, senator, or other high-ranking politician who is wealthy and powerful and could do an enormous amount of good and yet sucks up to big businesses that are trying to swell their own coffers (companies run by addicts) while destroying the environment and harming people, we ask, “What is that all about? How does this make sense?” In terms of addiction, though, it makes perfect sense, because these politicians are trying to make the world see that they are important, good enough, worthwhile, and successful enough to finally earn Daddy’s approval. The problem is, it doesn’t work. No amount of money or power will ever be enough to fill that hole in the soul that characterizes addiction, and so the negative consequences are that these people still carry their pain and shame and everyone around them and under them suffers.

We have had some heroes in the political world – Abraham Lincoln and Franklin D. Roosevelt quickly come to mind. These are men who entered politics by doing something they enjoy and at which they naturally excel, not from a compulsion to beat everyone else and prove their own worth. The Prime Minister from Australia, John Howard, risked his career to stand up for gun legislation after a mass shooting 20 years ago because he believed it would help his country. (There have been no mass shootings since). These men wanted to make the world a better place, and they did. We have politicians today – men and women - who have that motivation for service and we watch them struggle valiantly against those who are as irrational and selfish as any drunk in the street fighting for his car keys.

We need to personally define success as it relates to our own quality of life, which is an internal value, rather than success as defined by what we think others admire. When we enjoy what we are doing and we are being creative or helping others, we will not be focused on what we don’t have. We can be in recovery, be in the moment, and feel fulfilled.

Let’s pray for that light to come into those political souls and shine on everyone whose lives they effect.

Be In Light

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