

Course 200SG Basic Clinical Training in Imago Relationship Therapy

Admission Requirements and Procedures

To apply for this course, be sure that you meet the requirements listed below, then locate your desired course online at <http://gettingtheloveyouwant.com/professionals/course-schedule> and follow the online registration process. Please note that these requirements and procedures apply to trainings conducted within the United States and may vary slightly for international trainings. If you are planning to attend a non-U.S.-based course, please contact the course instructor or the Imago Relationships International Training Department to verify requirements and procedures.

Admission requirements for certification include:

1. **Participation In a “Getting the Love You Want Couples Workshop”** led by a Certified Couples Workshop Presenter® **prior to admission into training.** (Note: Participation should be with one’s committed, intimate partner. Single therapists may attend with a close friend, relative, or colleague of either gender). You can locate an upcoming workshop in your area at <http://gettingtheloveyouwant.com/couples/workshops>.
2. **Possession of an advanced degree** (masters or doctorate) in the mental health field. The common degrees are M.A. or M.S. in counseling or psychology, M.S.W. in social work, M.Div. in pastoral counseling, Ph.D. or Psy.D. in clinical psychology, and M.D. in psychiatry). **Please note that we also require applicants to have earned 300 hours of post-graduate supervision (150 hours may consist of group supervision).**
3. **Membership in a recognized professional association** (e.g. NASW for clinical social workers, AAMFT for marriage and family therapists, AAPC for pastoral counselors, APA for psychologists, AMA for psychiatrists).

About membership in a professional association:

All Imago therapists must be active members of an established and well recognized professional organization that maintains standards of ethics and supervision. This organization will be the “gate keeper” of your membership in Imago Relationships International and certification as an Imago therapist. All Imago Therapists must maintain memberships in their professional organization at all times.

Training in Imago Relationship Therapy should be considered as specialty training and not as general training in the formation of becoming a psychotherapist. We recognize that many in the helping professions receive training and certification in massage therapy, rebirthing, gestalt therapy, psychodrama, alcohol and chemical addiction therapy, and psychiatric nursing, among other therapies, but these sub-specialties do not qualify one to enter into our training program on the clinical track. Our program is not designed to educate an individual to become a fully qualified psychotherapist in the highest meaning of the term.

Potential trainees must have already obtained all qualifications, certificates, and licenses to have reached the level needed to join a professional psychotherapy organization. We will enroll an individual who is in the later stages of psychotherapy training, in which he/she is able to see clients under supervision, but he/she cannot become a Certified Imago Therapist® until he/she has been accepted into a professional organization.

We also recognize that countries outside the United States adopt different standards and requirements for recognition as a psychotherapist. We are in the process of developing our own regulations to meet these standards. Please contact the Training Department if you have any questions about admission requirements.

4. **Establishment or development of a clinical practice with couples.**
5. **Submission of required documents**, which can be uploaded directly onto our registration page or sent to us via fax or regular mail.
 - Completed registration form
 - A current curriculum vitae/resume
 - Two letters of recommendation from colleagues who are familiar with your clinical work
 - A copy of your graduate degree
 - A copy of your professional license to practice psychotherapy
 - A copy of your liability insurance, including policy number (We recognize that countries outside the United States adopt different standards and requirements for insurance. We are in the process of developing our own regulations to meet these standards.)
 - A signed copy of the training agreement, which you can find here:
<http://gettingtheloveyouwant.com/uploads/10.1%20Training%20Agreement%2020%20May%202009.pdf>

Each applicant will be considered according to his or her own merits. If you do not meet all of the above credentials, please attach a cover letter addressing

the exception. Please note that admission to this program does not guarantee certification.

Non-certification admission to this course – for audit only

This course is intended primarily as an advanced training for fully qualified professionals. However we also welcome the following individuals to audit the course, with no certification available:

- Graduate Students working toward becoming therapists. (Certification may be available once licensure is achieved.)
- Partners of therapists who wish to educate themselves about Imago Relationship Therapy