

Course 210: Imago Community Educator Program

In 1988, Harville Hendrix and his partner, Helen LaKelly Hunt, published *Getting The Love You Want*, a book that established Imago as a leader in the field of relationship education. Since then, *Getting The Love You Want* has sold more than two million copies and has helped hundreds of thousands of couples develop more passionate and committed relationships. As Imago has continued to evolve as both a theory and a method for developing relational skills, its application to community, organizational, and educational settings – in addition to romantic relationships – has flourished.

Several of Imago's existing educational programs are offered by professional therapists; however, we believe that many people have the ability and inspiration to help other couples by providing relationship education. The courses described below are customized to meet the training needs of various lay and professional groups. They are designed to apply the Imago perspective on human relationships to a vast number of organizational and cultural contexts.

The Imago Community Educator Program enables individuals who are passionate about relationship education to present Imago-based seminars to couples and groups within their respective communities. Imago Community Educators will be trained over a four-day period in the fundamentals of Imago Relationship Theory and will develop their presentation skills and marketing techniques in order to present these seminars in community centers, churches, synagogues, schools, and other institutions.

Who is the Imago Community Educator Program for?

Imago Community Educator training is designed for those who wish to present educational seminars that equip people with the skills they need to build a stronger relationship. Some couples seek intensive, individualized help, such as therapy or counseling, to apply these skills to problems and issues they are struggling with in their relationship. In such cases, we believe that Certified Imago Therapists have the best skills and training to work closely with these couples around specific issues. However, Imago education programs may also be a helpful component in many couples' journeys.

Imago Community Educator Training is suitable for a wide range of people seeking to help others in their community by presenting educational seminars. Imago Community Educator Training is appropriate for:

- *Couples who attended “Getting The Love You Want” weekend workshops and other Imago programs*
- *Ministers, pastors, and faith-based leaders*
- *Teachers*
- *Public health nurses*
- *Community agency staff members*
- *Non-Imago-Certified counselors and therapists who wish to provide education programs in addition to their therapy services*
- *Retirees who wish to serve their community*
- *School and college counselors and Employee Assistance counselors*

We also welcome those interested in deepening their general knowledge of Imago Relationship Therapy for general use, including:

- *Lawyers*
- *Physicians and other healthcare professionals*
- *Family advisors in legal and financial fields*
- *Professional divorce mediators*
- *Counselors – in nutrition, school, childhood development, and other areas*
- *Couples interested in self-growth without a specific application in mind*

The Imago Community Educator training program is also open to those who would like to study Imago Relationship Theory in greater depth, and perhaps learn how to apply it to their own lives.

Pre-Requisites for Enrolling in the Course:

- Attendance at a “Getting The Love You Want” Weekend Workshop for Couples or a “Keeping The Love You Find” Weekend Workshop for Singles. You can find a list of upcoming workshops in your area here: <http://gettingtheloveyouwant.com/couples/workshops>
- Curriculum Vitae or Resume
- Two reference letters from individuals who know you well and can attest to your potential as a Community Educator

*Please note that admission to the training is at the sole discretion of the trainer.

Registration:

You may register online here: <http://gettingtheloveyouwant.com/professionals/course-schedule>

Please note that you will be asked to submit a payment of \$260 to Imago Relationships International (which represents a \$160 deposit fee plus a \$100 materials fee). This fee is non-refundable.

Certification and Membership Requirements:

Upon successful completion of the four-day training program (including full attendance and active participation in discussions as well as a favorable evaluation from the course instructor), you will be asked to complete an online test based on the fundamentals of Imago Relationship Theory as well as content of Imago-based seminars and presentation skills. If you have not already attended a Weekend Workshop prior to the start of training, you must attend one before achieving certification. Certified Community Educators must also maintain annual membership in Imago Relationships International. Membership is complimentary for one year; thereafter, there will be an annual fee associated with continuing membership in the organization. The features and benefits of membership as a Certified Community Educator will be fully explained to you during the course.

Cost:

\$900 total, which includes:

- \$640 to be paid directly to the course instructor
- \$160 deposit paid to Imago Relationships International
- \$100 materials fee*

The materials fee provides trainees with personal copies of Imago program materials, including *Through Conflict to Connection; ImagoConnects – A Three-Hour Introduction; Start Right, Stay Connected; Couplehood as a Spiritual Path: A Jewish Guide for Couples; and A New Way to Love: Living God's Purpose for Your Marriage.*

A description of these programs can be found here:

<http://shop.gettingtheloveyouwant.com/>