

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.



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Institute for Brain Potential is approved as a provider of CE by **FL Board of Clinical Social Work, MFT and Mental Health Counseling**, by **FL Board of Psychology**, by **IL Dept. of Professional Regulation MFT CE Sponsor Program**, Sponsor #168.000183, and by **TX 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. Institute for Brain Potential (IBP) is recognized by the **New York State Education Department's State Board for Mental Health Practitioners** as an approved provider of continuing education for licensed mental health counselors. #MHC-0134. Institute for Brain Potential (IBP) is recognized by the **New York State Education Department's State Board for Mental Health Practitioners** as an approved provider of continuing education for licensed marriage and family therapists. #MFT-0068. The **Ohio CSWMFT Board** accepts continuing education programs approved by NBCC for counselors and ASWB for social workers. This program provides 6 contact hours.



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DENTAL PROFESSIONALS: This program provides 6 CE hours. 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**. IBP is approved as a provider of CE by the **Florida Board of Dentistry**.



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ACUPUNCTURISTS: This course is approved by the **California Acupuncture Board**, Provider Number 565, for 6 hours of Category 1 distance education (home study) credit.



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.

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Understanding Death Anxiety

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

- 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 unlived life inside them." — Yalom

- Living More Fully
- Living With Serenity
- Mindful Approach to Death Anxiety

ABOUT THE INSTRUCTORS

John D. Preston, Psy.D., is Professor Emeritus with Alliant International University: California School of Professional Psychology, Sacramento and formerly on the faculty of UC Davis School of Medicine. Dr. Preston is the author of twenty-two books addressing psychotherapy, mood disorders, neurobiology, and spiritual aspects of emotional healing. His books have been translated into 14 foreign languages. An outstanding speaker, Dr. Preston has given invited lectures to health professionals throughout North America and in several continents. His presentations are at once informative and inspiring.

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.

Policies and Procedures

1. You may order the audio CDs or audio-visual DVDs before the planned expiration date listed on the program brochure. You will have at least one year from the date you placed your order to complete the program for continuing education credit.
2. Course materials including CDs or DVDs, course outline and handouts, evaluation form, and post-test are delivered to you within 5-7 days from the date we receive your order. You will need a CD player to listen to the lecture on CDs and a DVD player to view it on DVDs.
3. Successful completion to receive continuing education credit includes 1) watching or listening to the recorded lecture and reviewing the course handouts, 2) submission of the evaluation form and post-test, and 3) receiving a passing score of 70% on the posttest. No partial credit is given.
4. Post-tests are usually scored within 5 workdays of their receipt; please allow 10 workdays. You may retake the posttest without penalty or fee.
5. Course evaluation form and completed posttest can be submitted to us by email at ceu@4brain.org, fax at (209) 710-8306, or by mail at IBP Distance Learning, PO Box 2238, Los Banos, CA 93635.
6. A certificate of completion is provided upon successful completion. Please indicate whether you wish to receive the certificate by email, fax, or mail on the registration form.
7. If you are not completely satisfied, you may return the course materials in a resalable condition within 30-days of your purchase and exchange it for another home study program of equal value or obtain a full refund minus a \$15 processing fee by submitting a refund request in writing or by email at refund@ibpceu.com. Tuition for continuing education credit is not refundable. Course materials should be returned to us at IBP Distance Learning, 245 W Pacheco Blvd. Ste. C, Los Banos, CA 93635.

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