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The PCC offers rich and expanding Continuing Education and Extension Division Programs. The PCC also offers Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy Training: a One-Year Certificate Program taught in both Los Angeles and Pasadena, as well as a One-Year Certificate Program in Child Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy. In its outreach efforts it offers Clinic Services for those patients with financial difficulties.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Qualified applicants are required to have a graduate mental health degree. In addition, applicants must be licensed by the State of California to practice psychotherapy or have completed training in psychiatry, and must show evidence of current malpractice insurance. Research Psychoanalysts do not need to fulfill these requirements. An application package, which includes a catalogue of the training program, can be downloaded from the PCC website, or by request via email or telephone.

The deadline for applications is May 15. Upon submission of the completed application, a short autobiographical statement, a curriculum vitae, transcripts, copies of a current license to conduct psychotherapy, evidence of malpractice insurance and a \$100 application fee, the applicant will be invited to be interviewed by members of the PCC faculty.

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THE INSTITUTE

The Psychoanalytic Center of California (PCC) was registered as a Non-profit Organization in 1984 and founded a Training Institute in 1987. PCC was accepted as a Component Member of the International Psychoanalytical Association in 1993.

HISTORY AND PHILOSOPHY OF THE PCC

The PCC Training Institute was established in 1987 to provide training in the theory and clinical practice of psychoanalysis. Candidates, Members, and Faculty of the PCC share a common dedication to expanding psychoanalytic thought within various fields including mental health, the humanities, and social sciences.

As a result of the ever-increasing scope of psychoanalytic investigations into primitive states of mind, a special interest of the Psychoanalytic Center is to explore treatment modalities that reach beyond the realm of the classical neuroses. Research into and treatment of primitive mental states, including narcissistic, borderline, autistic and psychotic states, is an important addition to our understanding of the mind and to the development of more complete treatment of serious mental disorders.

The PCC approaches psychoanalysis as an expansion of the ideas of Freud formulated with a strong emphasis on an object relations orientation. This orientation includes the appreciation of the works of Melanie Klein, Wilfred Bion, Ronald Fairbairn, Donald Winnicott and those more contemporary analysts who have expanded their ideas. Other psychoanalytic perspectives are also addressed and encouraged.

CURRICULUM

The course of study at PCC emanates from a commitment to an understanding of early states of mind as revealed through personal analysis, psychoanalytic infant observation, clinical experience, and the study of psychoanalytic theories and practice.

In the first year of training, candidates observe an infant from birth onwards, spending an hour each week watching a baby, mother and family. Detailed notes are then presented for discussion in the weekly seminar. In the third and fourth years of seminars, candidates present and discuss clinical case material from their own analytic work.

Theoretical coursework includes classes on Freud, Melanie Klein, Wilfred Bion, the British Independents, American Psychoanalysis, Child Psychoanalysis, Psychosis, Perversions, Psychosomatics, Borderline and Narcissistic Disorders, Trauma, and the Theory of Psychoanalytic Technique. In addition a wide variety of post-seminar electives is available.

THE TRI-PARTITE TRAINING PROGRAM

Since the analyzed mind and personality of the analyst is the primary tool used in analysis, the individual personal analysis is the first priority. Subsequently, experience is gained by conducting analyses of training cases under supervision. Both of these experiences are grounded by concurrent academic course work.

THE PERSONAL ANALYSIS

All candidates will engage in a 4-5 times per week personal analysis which will continue through a major part of the training. Each candidate selects a Training Analyst approved by the PCC. To insure complete confidentiality, no aspect of the analysis is reported to the PCC, other than beginning and termination dates.

TRAINING CASES

Candidates are required to conduct three supervised cases, that is, analyses under the supervision of a designated Training Analyst. The candidate is free to select and reselect an approved supervisor from among the various perspectives represented at the PCC based on his/her preferences. Two of the cases must continue for a minimum of twenty-four months and one case for twelve months, with each gender represented. A child analytic case is welcomed as one of the three.

SEMINARS

The four years of academic study are conducted on Wednesday mornings from eight to noon. They are divided into trimesters each consisting of 12 weeks, with a break in December, in April and during the summer.

ADMISSION TO THE INSTITUTE

1. CERTIFICATION IN ADULT PSYCHOANALYSIS

To be admitted as a Candidate for a Certificate in Adult Psychoanalysis, the applicant must have an M.D. degree, a Ph.D. degree or Master's degree and hold a California license in a mental health field. A Research Psychoanalytic candidate has to meet the qualifications as stated below (3).

2. CERTIFICATION IN INFANT, CHILD & ADOLESCENT PSYCHOANALYSIS

To begin the ICA Psychoanalysis Program, the applicant must be a current PCC candidate and have completed the third year of the core curriculum. The applicant may also be a graduate of The PCC. A candidate interested in ICAPP training may declare their intention at the time of application to the PCC, or at any subsequent time during the course of the training.

3. CERTIFICATION IN RESEARCH PSYCHOANALYSIS

The PCC includes among its members and candidates those persons with advanced degrees in fields related to psychoanalysis (Anthropology, History, Literature, etc.). To be admitted as a Candidate for a Certificate in Research Psychoanalysis, the applicant must have earned a Ph.D. from an accredited institution of higher education, or show equivalent work. He or she must demonstrate achievement in his or her field of study. Based on approval from the California Medical Board these members are registered as Research Psychoanalysts. The California Medical Board will certify those candidates to devote a maximum of one third of their practice to clinical work while they continue to pursue their academic careers.

CERTIFICATES AND DEGREES

The Psychoanalytic Center of California is a private institute and is approved to operate by the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education to grant both a Certificate and Psy.D. in Psychoanalysis upon completion of the training program. The PCC is also authorized to grant a Ph.D. in Psychoanalysis. Those candidates selecting the Ph.D. track will meet all the basic requirements for psychoanalytic training as well as take additional seminars in research methodology and write a doctoral dissertation.