

Ecology of Resilience: Self-Regulation, Growth & Interconnection

A Virtual 10-Hour Continuing Education Course for Health Professionals

Dates: November 12-13, 2020

Location: Virtual

In collaboration with Mercy Center Auburn Retreat & Conference Center

Description

The system's view of health expands the understanding of well-being beyond the homeostatic focus on mechanisms by placing health and disease on a continuum and considering individuals within their biopsychosocial contexts. This program introduces foundational neurobiological principles that impact individual and interpersonal resilience and provides practical skills based in positive psychology, cognitive behavioral therapy, and mindfulness practice that support the brain-body system's natural capacity to heal and to anticipate new challenges.

Objectives

At the end of the program, participants will be better able to:

1. Explain the key principles and applications of allostasis.
2. Explain the nature, importance, and indicators of biological rhythms.
3. Apply strategies for improving patient mood, health, and performance based on biological rhythms.
4. Describe individual therapeutic resistance and design strategies that initiate movement toward purpose, meaningful action, and a sense of belonging.
5. Describe key principles of individual resilience.
6. Demonstrate methods that expand physical, emotional and cognitive capacity.
7. Describe external factors affecting individual health and resilience.
8. Assess the causes, symptoms, and responses to persistent toxic stress and apply strategies that support systemic health and well-being.

Teachings are appropriate for healthcare professionals as well as the general public. Healthcare professionals will be able to incorporate the tools and practices offered in this program in ways beneficial to clients or patients.

Continuing Education (CE) credits for psychologists are provided by the Spiritual Competency Resource Center (SCRC) which is co-sponsoring this program. The SCRC is approved by the American Psychological Association to sponsor continuing education for psychologists. The Spiritual Competency Resource Center maintains responsibility for this program and its content.

The California Board of Behavioral Sciences accepts CE credits for LCSW, LPCC, LEP, and LMFT license renewal for programs offered by approved sponsors of CE by the American Psychological Association.

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Allostasis

- Limitations of homeostatic model
- Principles of allostasis
- Physiological mechanisms of predictive adaptation
- Re-defining health
- Obesity, addiction and attention
- Evolutionary basis of purpose and meaning
- Reversing dysfunctional habits
- Tension between autonomy and belonging
- Cohesive function of connection

Physiological Resilience

- Importance of biological rhythms
- Human body clocks
- Clock genes and chronotypes
- Social implications
- Implications for patients, healthcare providers, marginalized communities
- Intervention and Optimization

Cognitive Resilience

- Principles of resilience
- Window of tolerance
- Response to stress and trauma
- Post-traumatic growth
- Expanding capacity to adapt
- Practical resilience skills

Interpersonal Resilience

- The nature of networks
- Polyvagal theory and the science of connection
- Mirror neurons and emotional contagion
- Attachment theory
- Ecopsychology

About the Instructors



*Jessica Del Pozo, PhD is clinical psychologist who has worked in medical settings for the past 20 years. She has established and directed several functional pain management programs in physical medicine and gastroenterology, as well as provided integrative care within cardiology and primary care settings at Kaiser Permanente, the University of Miami, and Chapa De Indian Health. She has taught hundreds of workshops on various topics for patients and clinicians regarding the complex issues around pain and fatigue, stress, anxiety, depression, burnout, and coping with complex chronic medical conditions. She has studied biopsychosocial interventions for cardiovascular disease at Scripps Center for Integrative Medicine, including research on heart rate variability and coronary artery disease. She co-authored the book *The Gut**

Solution that was featured on NPR's Second Opinion and a book of interest by IFFGD and presented at Digestive Disease Week. She now has a private practice for individuals, groups, public and private organizations specializing in health care providers, attorneys, and other professionals.



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