

THE AUSTRALIAN CENTRE FOR PSYCHOANALYSIS PROGRAM OF THEORETICAL AND CLINICAL STUDIES IN PSYCHOANALYSIS

The Australian Centre for Psychoanalysis offers a well established four-year program of studies in the theory and clinical practice of psychoanalysis. The aim of the program is to engage participants in a systematic study of the key concepts and questions crucial for the ethics, theory and clinical practice of psychoanalysis. For those with a desire to practice as analysts the four-year program provides an orientation and firm theoretical foundation to their formation as analysts. The program's four-year cycle consists of **FOUNDATION SEMINARS**, corresponding to four major areas of study that will examine a number of key questions and topics relevant to psychoanalytic practice. The course provides a rigorous program of study and is one of the three and essential components of analytic training.

1. FUNDAMENTAL CONCEPTS OF PSYCHOANALYSIS – YEARS 1 & 2

- Theory of the unconscious from Freud to Lacan—the psychoanalytic experience: history and epistemological questions; analysis of the formations of the unconscious; the psychoanalytic experience as a discourse: language, speech, discourse, *lalangue*; from the subject to the “speakingbeing”.
- Repetition—the Freudian model; the structure of the signifier and the instance of the letter; need, demand, desire, drive
- Theory of the drive—Freudian theories of sexuality; Lacanian theories of sexuality; the function of castration: desire, fantasy, love, jouissance
- Transference—Freudian discoveries and developments; post-Freudian interpretations; the direction of the psychoanalytic treatment according to Lacan

2. PSYCHOPATHOLOGY- YEARS 2 & 3

- The Freudian clinical structures—neuroses, psychoses, perversion: post-Freudian contributions; Lacan's critique and original contributions; melancholia, schizophrenia and autism
- Other clinical problems

3. ETHICS AND PRAXIS - YEAR 3

- Fundamental ethical questions: psychoanalytic contributions
- The ethics of psychoanalysis and the psychoanalyst's desire

4. PSYCHOANALYSIS WITH CHILDREN – YEAR 4

- Childhood and adolescent psychopathology
- Special Clinical problems
- Clinical and ethical questions

TIME, LOCATION & FEES

The program is taught across two fourteen week semesters ON Saturday morning between 8.45am – 11.45am.

All teaching is conducted at the Treacy Centre, 126 The Avenue, Parkville, Victoria 3052

[link to google map, treacy centre site]

Fees are paid in advance per subject, per 14 week semester as follows:

The cost for each fourteen week semester is: Non-ACP members \$1,300 (approx \$93 per session) ACP members \$1,200 (approx \$86 per session)

APPLICATION PROCESS

The Foundation Seminars are open to those who are eligible to undertake post-graduate study. A degree in a relevant discipline from an approved tertiary institution is required. Admittance to the Program will be based on professional and/or academic experience, and personal interviews the the Program co-ordinator.

The Program of Theoretical and Clinical Studies in Psychoanalysis is one of the three essential components of analytic training with the Australian Centre for Psychoanalysis. The other two components of analytic training are personal analysis and clinical supervision.

For further information and/or application contact Dr Serena Smith, Co-ordinator of the Program, at serena.smith@psychoanalysis.org.au. OR phone 0409 191404.