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--CE Information Packet--

Attachment Focused EMDR Basic Training: Level 1-2
Laurel Parnell, PhD
At the Omega Institute
July 18-25, 2025

****Please review the updated schedule at the end of this document***

Target Audience:

This course is applicable for 1) Licensed Psychologist, 2) Licensed Clinical Social Worker, 3) Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, 4) Licensed Professional Counselor, 5) Licensed Psychiatrist, 6) Licensed Psychiatric Nursing, 7) Licensed Mental Health Practitioners, 8) Physicians. This course is at a beginner-intermediate level.

Overall Objectives:

At the end of the course, participants will better:

1. Name and define the five basic principles of Attachment-Focused EMDR
2. Demonstrate EMDR procedural steps using the modified AF-EMDR protocol.
3. Discuss with clients the neurobiology of trauma and how EMDR works.
4. Construct and practice protocols and procedures for using AF-EMDR with a variety of clients and presenting problems.
5. Demonstrate the clinical application of EMDR and AF-EMDR concepts and procedural steps.
6. Evaluate client selection criteria and cautions necessary for safe use of AF-EMDR.
7. Identify techniques for working with blocked processing and strong emotional releases.
8. List methods for working with dissociation.
9. Organize a full history-taking from an A-F EMDR perspective.
10. Conceptualize cases and develop targets for AF-EMDR
11. Apply the client-centered and culturally adaptive use of the Parnell Modified Protocol
12. Utilize Resource development and installation in cases of challenging current life situations, blocked beliefs, or for performance enhancement.
13. Identify methods for developing inner resources used for interweaves and client closure.
14. Construct AF-EMDR targets using the bridging technique, including working with phobias.
15. Construct protocols and procedures for using AF-EMDR with clients with phobias
16. Identify methods for developing inner resources used for interweaves and client closure
17. Construct AF-EMDR targets using the bridging technique
18. List how to integrate AF-EMDR into clinical practice with a range of clients and presenting problems
19. Explore tools and EMDR adaptations to support those with diverse cultural background
20. Explain how intergenerational and ancestral traumas can be targeted and reprocessed with AF-EMDR
21. Identify at least two culturally sensitive EMDR adaptations
22. Identify strategies for culturally responsive interventions that will promote efficacy in using AF-EMDR.
23. Identify how to integrate AF-EMDR modifications to work with specific cultures.
24. Use two protocols for working with recent traumas cross-culturally.

25. Identify ways to learn if your client has medical procedure trauma and discuss how to use AF-EMDR for these clients.
26. Explain and discuss the professional, legal, and ethical issues including scope of practice, consent, and standards of practice.
27. Explain the abreaction and how to manage this during EMDR processing.
28. Demonstrate and practice EMDR Therapy session body scan, closure followed by a re-assess the target the next session.

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AF-EMDR Comprehensive Training (Parts 1 and 2)

Omega Institute

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Friday:

8:00 - 10:00 pm Group Introductions, Introduction to EMDR, History and Development of EMDR

Saturday:

9:00 - 10:30 am Meditation, EMDR Research, Theoretical Model, Neurobiology of Trauma: Lecture

10:30 - 10:50 am **Break - 20 minutes**

10:50 - 12:00 pm Continue Morning Lecture, Neurobiology of Trauma

12:00 - 1:30 pm Lunch

1:30 - 2:45 pm Introduction to Resource Installation. Assessment Phase: Lecture

2:45 - 3:15 pm **AF-EMDR Demonstration – Resource Development Demo**

3:15 - 4:05 pm **Break - 20 minutes**

4:05 - 6:00 pm **Practicum 1: Resource Tapping Practice: Four Foundational Resources**
AF-EMDR Resource Tapping Worksheet

Sunday:

9:00 - 10:30 am Meditation, Introduction to the Eight Phases of Treatment w/ AF-EMDR

10:30 - 10:50 am Protocol **Break - 20 minutes**

10:50 - 12:00 pm **Demonstration. Questions, Discussion**

12:00 - 1:30 pm Lunch

1:30 - 2:20 pm Procedural Steps and Intro to Desensitization, Closing Incomplete Sessions

2:20 - 3:00 pm **Group Practice-Vignettes**

3:00 - 3:15 pm **Break - 15 minutes**

3:15 - 6:00 pm **Practicum 2: SUDs 5 or higher SUDS for single incident trauma to learn the procedural steps or Working with Trauma**
(AF-EMDR Protocol Worksheet)

Monday:

Morning free

1:00 - 2:45 pm Lecture: Case Formulation: History taking, preparation and assessing readiness for EMDR, **Introduction to the Three-Pronged Protocol**

2:45 - 3:00 pm **Break - 15 minutes**

3:00 - 6:00 pm **Practicum 3: Anxiety or behavior**
(AF-EMDR Three-Pronged Protocol without Bridging Worksheet)

Tuesday:

9:00 - 10:30 am	Mediation, Lecture: Working with blocked processing using Interweaves
10:30 - 10:50 am	Break - 20 minutes
10:50 - 12:00 pm	Demonstration. Questions, Discussion
12:00 - 1:30 pm	Lunch
1:30 - 2:00 pm	Questions
2:00 - 2:45 pm	Group: Interweaves Vignettes Practicum
2:45 - 3:00 pm	Break - 15 minutes
3:00 - 6:00 pm	Practicum 4: Higher SUDs trauma, childhood trauma – AF-EMDR Three-Pronged Protocol without Bridging Worksheet

Wednesday:

9:00 - 10:30 am	Meditation, Lecture: Developing EMDR Targets, Bridging Technique, Working with Phobias
10:30 - 10:50 am	Break - 20 minutes
10:50 - 12:00 pm	Demonstration. Questions, Discussion
12:00 - 1:30 pm	Lunch
1:30 - 2:45 pm	Bridging from body sensations, emotions, negative cognitions, and problematic behaviors
2:45 - 3:00 pm	Break - 15 minutes
3:00 - 6:00 pm	Practicum 5: Phobias, Bridging

Thursday:

Morning free

1:00 - 2:45 pm	Lecture: Processing difficulties: abreactions, dissociation, sleepiness, numbness, memory chaining, Review AF-EMDR Protocol with Bridging
2:45 - 3:00 pm	Break - 15 minutes
3:00 - 6:00 pm	Practicum 6: Higher SUDs trauma, childhood trauma AF-EMDR Three-Pronged Protocol using the Bridging Worksheet

Friday:

9:00 - 10:45 am	Integrating EMDR into a Clinical Practice,
	Break - 15 minutes
10:45 - 11:00 am	Closing circle
11:00 - 12:00 pm	