

# Calming The Emotional Storm: Introduction to Dialectical Behavior Therapy

Over 75% of mental illnesses described in the DSM are related to emotion dysregulation – the inability to manage emotions effectively. Given that Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT) was initially created to treat Borderline Personality Disorder (BPD), of which emotion dysregulation is a primary problem, it only makes sense that DBT would be effective in treating other disorders, and research in recent years is supporting this.

This seminar will provide an introduction to DBT, including the origins of the therapy, and the Biosocial Theory of how emotion dysregulation develops. You will learn about some of the research demonstrating that DBT is effective in treating disorders other than BPD. Finally, you will learn about Dialectics, and the importance of balancing validation with change with the dysregulated client; and how to effectively use validation to help clients re-regulate in session, as well as how to teach them to practice this skill on their own.

## Target Audience

Psychologists                      Social Workers                      Counselors  
Therapists                          Psychiatrists                          Nurses

Course level: Intermediate

## Learning Objectives

At the end of this seminar, participants will be able to:

1. Explain the difference between CBT and DBT
2. Explain the idea of emotion dysregulation and how it affects individuals with disorders other than BPD
3. Describe the Biosocial Theory of emotion dysregulation in order to develop a better understanding of clients, and in order to use this as an intervention so clients can better understand and validate themselves
4. Describe the basics of Dialectics and some of the ways this plays out in sessions, including helping therapists balance between acceptance and change.
5. Use validation to help de-escalate clients during session

## Seminar Schedule

Typically begins at 10:00 AM and ends at 1:15 PM Eastern time. There is one 15 minute break. However, check the webinar schedule.

## Outline

Begin 1 PM ET

Emotion Dysregulation

What is DBT?

Standard DBT

Modifying DBT

Biosocial Theory of Borderline Personality Disorder

Break 2:30-2:45 PM ET

Dialectics

Validation

Behavior Theory

Reducing Therapist Burn-Out

Overview of DBT Skills

End 4:15 PM ET

Our seminars are available in two formats. The first is a live, interactive webinar. If the webinar time is not convenient for you, you can purchase the Home Study version. It is a recorded version of the webinar. You will have to pass a test to earn CE's for both the live webinar and the Home Study version.

### Continuing Education Credit

To earn CE's, you must attend the entire webinar. No partial credit is available. For both the webinar and the home study version, you will have to pass a post-test with 80% correct and complete a seminar evaluation to earn the certificate. You can take the test up to three times. Participants will earn 3 CE's for attending once they have completed these requirements.

PSYCHOLOGISTS: tzkseminars is approved by the American Psychological Association to sponsor continuing education for psychologists. tzkseminars maintains responsibility for this program and its content.

SOCIAL WORKERS: tzkseminars (Provider # 1242) is approved to offer social work continuing education by the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) Approved Continuing Education (ACE) program. Organizations, not individual courses, are approved as ACE providers. State and provincial regulatory boards have the final authority to determine whether an individual course may be accepted for continuing education credit. tzkseminars maintains responsibility for this course. ACE provider approval period: 3/28/2022 to 3/28/2025. Social workers completing this course receive 3 general continuing education credits.

COUNSELORS: tzkseminars has been approved by NBCC as an Approved Continuing Education Provider, ACEP No. 6621. Programs that do not qualify for NBCC credit are clearly identified. tzkseminars is solely responsible for all aspects of the programs.

tkkseminars 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 #0024.

tkkseminars 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 creative arts therapists #0001.

tkkseminars 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 #0003.

tkkseminars 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 #0004.

tkkseminars 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 psychoanalysts #0002.

tkkseminars is recognized by the New York State Education Department's State Board for Psychologists as an approved provider of continuing education for licensed psychologists #PSY-003.

tkkseminars is accredited as a provider of nursing continuing professional development by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

## The Presenter

Sheri is a Social Worker who has been working with clients with severe mental health problems since 2000. With extensive experience in a hospital as well as community setting, Sheri now sees clients in private practice, and provides consultation and training internationally to other clinicians. Sheri has had extensive training in dialectical behavior therapy (DBT) and mindfulness and has been providing DBT-informed therapy to individuals and groups since 2004. In 2010 Sheri was the winner of the R.O. Jones award for her research on using DBT with bipolar disorder, presented at the Canadian Psychiatric Association Conference.

Sheri is the author of numerous books that focus on helping readers learn DBT skills and apply them to a variety of mental health problems, including *The DBT Workbook for Emotional Relief*; the best-selling *Don't Let Your Emotions Run Your Life for Teens*; and her newest book, coming in 2025, *The DBT Workbook for C-PTSD*. Sheri trained in Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR) in 2018 and is an EMDRIA-approved Consultant; she is a member of the International Society for the Study of Trauma and Dissociation (ISSTD), and is a consultant for the ISSTD's EMDR training program.

## General Information

The TZKseminars educational planning committee members and this seminar's presenter have no relationship with any ineligible companies—those whose primary business is producing, marketing, selling, reselling, or distributing healthcare products used by or on patients. Individuals with a disability or special need can go to [tzkseminar.com](http://tzkseminar.com) to the Contact page to request accommodations.

This seminar has been reviewed and approved by Keith Hannan, Ph.D., Phil Rich, LICSW, Daphne Fatter, Ph.D., and Loreen Yearick, MSN, RN. This approval expires on March 1, 2025.

To cancel a registration, go to the Contact page. You will be charged \$30 for any cancelled registration.

If you would like to file a grievance, go to [tzkseminars.com](http://tzkseminars.com) and read our Grievance Policy. Then, you can file a grievance on our Contact page. You can also send a written grievance to:



tzkseminars, LLC  
2110 South Eagle Road  
P.O. Box 310  
Newtown, Pa. 18940