

Calming The Emotional Storm: Interpersonal Effectiveness Skills

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 overview of the DBT Interpersonal Effectiveness skills. Participants will learn about these skills, looking at the three possible goals in interpersonal situations and how to pair these with assertiveness skills to increase the likelihood of reaching one's goals; how to think dialectically to improve communication and balance in relationships; the role of mindfulness and behavior theory in improving healthy relationships; and ways to increase relationship satisfaction in clients' lives.

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. Teach clients to assertively communicate
2. Define dialectical thinking and a balanced approach to relationships
3. Define the role of mindfulness and behavior theory in relationships
4. Identify three skills to help clients develop healthier relationships and make healthier choices
5. Describe the importance of interpersonal effectiveness in Dialectical Behavior Therapy.

Seminar Schedule

The webinar outline is attached. See the Live Webinar page for the start and end times.

Outline

Assertiveness skills

DEAR MAN

GIVE

FAST

Balancing priorities and demands

Finding new relationships

Ending relationships

Behavior theory

Factors reducing interpersonal effectiveness

Dialectics

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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.

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