

# Technology and the Future of Humanity: Therapists as midwives for a changing world

The pace of change in our world is unprecedented—and the future is already here. Breakthroughs in Artificial Intelligence, Augmented and Virtual Reality, Brain-Computer Interfaces, Robotics, Gene Therapy, and Genetic Engineering are rapidly reshaping what it means to be human. These technologies are not just on the horizon; they are transforming our daily lives, relationships, and identities as we speak. In this talk, we explore the profound impact of these innovations, highlighting their present-day benefits—like AI-driven healthcare and immersive educational tools—alongside real risks such as job displacement and privacy challenges that impact our clients and us. Special attention is given to the evolving landscape of human identity and ethics, which are being redefined before our eyes. This talk calls for urgent, interdisciplinary collaboration to ensure that technological progress benefits humanity and safeguards our shared future—starting today.

Target Audience		
Psychologists Therapists	Social Workers Psychiatrists	Counselors Nurses
Course level: Intermediate		

## Learning Objectives

- At the end of this seminar, participants will be able to:
1. Recognize three areas of rapidly advancing technologies that may profoundly impact humanity, even within the next decade.
  2. Describe two profound ethical challenges advancing technology will doon present humanity.
  3. List two ways humanity will further modify human intimacy.
  4. Identify three ways therapists can serve a critical function in ensuring advancing technologies impact humanity more positively than negatively.
  5. Identify two risks that AI creates

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

## Outline

12 PM ET Begin

Artificial Intelligence (AI)

Augmented Reality (AR) and Virtual Reality (VR)

Brain-Computer Interface (BCI)

Robotics

Biotechnology:  
Gene Therapy (GT) and Genetic Engineering (GE)  
Fertility Advances

Mental Health

Therapist’s Role

End 2 PM ET

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