### **Outline**

#### What You Need to Know that You've Never **Heard Before**

Evolution of the disorder and why it matters 3 critical concepts to understand for successful treatment outcomes

Why BPD is so often misunderstood Reality of psychopharmacology and its effects

Cutting-edge data and its implications for effective interventions

Predictors in children that indicate future BPD

#### **Unique Assessment and Diagnostic Considerations for BPD**

The single biggest predictor of treatment

Key to assessing BPD – learn the proper order for interventions to be effective

- DSM-5® criteria, ranked by importance
- · Common features you won't find in the

5-step process to confidently identify and diagnose BPD

Avoid misdiagnosis with an accurate differential diagnosis assessment

#### A Step-by-Step Guide to Create a **Treatment Plan that Works**

Determine "treatability" of a BPD client Treating vs. managing BPD

Critical preparation to determine proper intervention approach

The structure that makes all interventions effective Utilize maladaptive BPD behaviors as teaching mechanism

#### **Successful Approaches to Manage** Difficult Behaviors

What is "management" and how will it help my

6 reasons to manage rather than treat a BPD client When to utilize a management context 5 must-have management approaches

- · De-mental health-izing
- Facilitating specificity
- Empty context
- SET
- · Didactic Education

#### **Treatment Interventions to Repair the Disordered Self**

6 criteria to determine if treatment is appropriate for your client

Attainable treatment goals to improve client functioning

4 evidence-based treatment options

- · Transference-focused Psychotherapy -Object-Relations Psychotherapy
- DBT Behaviorist Psychotherapy
- Schema therapy Cognitive-Behavioral Psychotherapy
- · Mentalization-based treatment -Attachment-Based Psychotherapy

#### **Strategies to Keep Your Clients Safe** from Self-Harm and Suicidal Behaviors

Reality of risk factors for BPD clients Assessment to determine which self-harm category BPD clients fall into

Essential distinctions to know:

- Parasuicidal behavior
- Chronic suicidality
- Acute suicidality

Strategies to manage non-lethal suicidal behavior

How to protect yourself legally if a client commits suicide

#### **Practitioner Issues - Precautionary Techniques**

Prepare for sessions – what your internal dialogue should look like

How to recognize and end a power struggle 5 subtle signs your boundaries are slipping How to handle common counter-transference problems

De-escalate emotional blackmail and manage

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## **Objectives**

- 1. Describe the evolution and cause of Borderline Personality Disorder as it relates to clinical practice.
- 2. Evaluate effective techniques to assess and diagnose Borderline Personality Disorder to improve treatment outcomes.
- 3. Articulate when a management approach would be best to improve client behavior and reduce Borderline Personality Disorder symptoms.
- 4. Assess six criteria to determine if a treatment intervention would be more effective than a management intervention for a Borderline Personality Disorder client to inform the clinician's
- 5. Discover interventions to diminish self-harm and suicidal behaviors to improve client level of functioning.
- 6. Summarize techniques to assist the clinician in managing countertransference in session.





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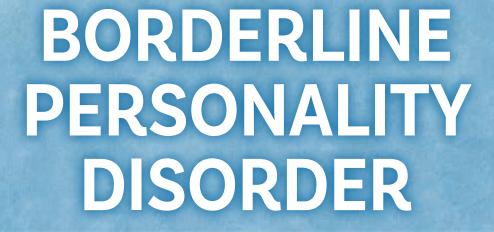
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## **Course Director**

Gregory W. Lester, PhD, is a clinical, consulting, and research psychologist with practices in Colorado and Texas. In his nearly 40 years of clinical practice, Dr. Lester has treated over 1,000 personality disorder cases and has performed psychological evaluations on over 2,500 individuals. Dr. Lester has presented over 2,000 personality disorders trainings to over 200,000 professionals in every major city in the United States, Canada, and Australia.

Dr. Lester has served on the graduate faculty of The University of St. Thomas and as a special consultant to The United States Department of Justice. Dr. Lester's office served as one of the original research sites for the DSM-5° revision of the personality disorders section where he collaborated with Emory University, the New York State Psychiatric Group, The University of Missouri, The University of Kentucky, and the late Dr. Robert Spitzer, chairman of the DSM-3 committee.

Dr. Lester is a member of the American Psychological Association, the Texas Psychological Association, and the Colorado Psychological Association. He is the author of nine books, including *Power with* People, a manual of interpersonal effectiveness, Shrunken Heads, an irreverent memoire of his graduate school training, and Diagnosis, Treatment, and Management of Personality Disorders, which is the largest-selling front-line clinical manual on diagnosing, treating, and managing personality disorders. Dr. Lester's research and articles have appeared in publications including The Journal of the American Medical Association, The Western Journal of Medicine, The Yearbook of Family Practice, The Journal of Behavior Therapy, The Journal of Marriage and Family Therapy, The Handbook of Depression, Transactional Analysis Journal, Living Word Magazine, The Priest Magazine, and The Houston Lawyer.

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