# Outline

# **Understanding personality disorders**

Updates to DSM-5° and future changes The real purpose of diagnosis Treatment errors and misdiagnosis Core vs. surface structures Four central components to diagnosis

### **Antisocial character**

Understanding psychopathology
Developmental progress in childhood
Oppositional defiance
Attachment and family of origin
Primary defenses and affects
Importance of personal power
Managing in-session violence
Suicide attempts and threats
Blockades – manipulation and power
struggles

Risk analysis to self and other Interpersonal theory techniques Transference and countertransference Lessen destructive behaviors Cognitive-behavioral techniques Psychopharmacology and applicability Case studies and treatment exercises Differential diagnoses

### **Borderline character**

Symptom presentation along the spectrum Attachment and family backgrounds Feeling identification and behavioral control Manage rage, boundaries, self-mutilation and suicidality

Facilitate pattern recognition, create stability, and build therapeutic collaboration

Develop true sense of self and lessen maladaptive need for attention Underlying wishes and fears Build DBT core mindfulness skills DBT techniques to dissolve distraction, calm interpersonal upheavals, and focus on the "genuine relationship"

DBT emotion regulation skills Psychopharmacology and applicability Case studies and treatment exercises Differential diagnoses

# Target Audience

Counselors • Social Workers
Psychologists • Psychotherapists
Therapists • Addiction Counselors
Marriage and Family Therapists
Case Managers • Nurses
Other Mental Health Professionals

# **Narcissistic character**

Narcissism and environmental contexts
Attachment and family backgrounds
Primary defenses and affects
Tackle the veneer of perfectionism
Blockades - power struggles, empathy and
criticism

The narcissistic/borderline client Interpersonal strategies for empathy CBT techniques to clarify behaviors, values and goals

Tactics to avoid arguing
Motivational interviewing to overcome
resistance

Prevent sabotage
Build a sense of true self
Psychopharmacology and applicability
Case studies and treatment exercises
Differential diagnoses

### Histrionic character

Moody to excited to flamboyant: the erratic client

Attachment and family backgrounds
Primary defenses and affects
Coquettish behavior, avoidance drama,
inauthenticity

Dangers of the histrionic client
Link between emotions and behavior
Interpersonal strategies for expression of true

Enhance sense of self and lessen the "spotlight"

Motivational interviewing techniques DBT techniques

Interpersonal strategies for positive relationships

Strengthen self-initiative and independent action

Psychopharmacology and applicability Case studies and treatment exercises Differential diagnoses

# Live Seminar Schedule

**7:30 am** Registration/Morning Coffee & Tea

**8:00 am** Program begins

**11:50 am - 1:00 pm** Lunch (on your own)

**4:00 pm** Program ends

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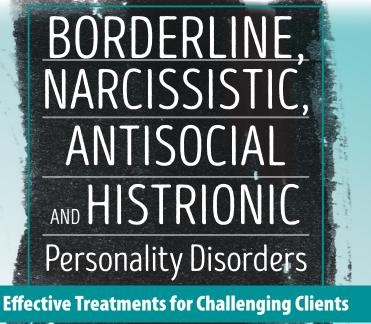
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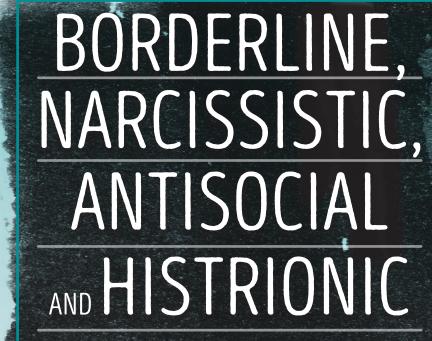


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Personality Disorders

Effective Treatments for Challenging Clients

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- Make a clinical breakthrough with effective, evidence-based treatment methods for each disorder
- Gain the knowledge, skills, and abilities to accurately identify and treat your most difficult personality disordered clients!

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- Manage the manipulative and possibly violent Antisocial Personality Disorder in-session.
- Overcome the Narcissistic Personality Disorder trait of perfectionism and combat their need to overpower you as the therapist.
- Better understand your clients diagnosed with Histrionic Personality Disorder whose intense emotions and need for attention will test your patience and compassion.
- Help the Borderline Personality Disorder client deal with their explosive emotions, self-harm tendencies and cravings for chaos.

Case studies and video examples will be used to illustrate client symptom presentation, treatment, and management of each Cluster B client type. You will explore various modalities that are effective with antisocial, narcissistic, histrionic, and borderline personality disorders, such as Motivational Interviewing, Cognitive-Behavioral, Interpersonal, and Dialectical therapies. Each of these theories will be explored to provide you with solid and useable skills to include in your daily practice.

# Speaker

**Gregory W. Lester, Ph.D.,** is a clinical, consulting, and research psychologist with practices in Colorado and Texas. 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. 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 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. Dr. Lester 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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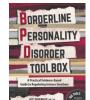
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# Objectives

- 1. Determine how the changes with the DSM-5<sup>®</sup> impacts diagnosis and treatment of the Cluster B Personality Disorders.
- 2. Identify and diagnose clients with antisocial, narcissistic, histrionic and borderline Personality Disorders to effectively inform your choice of treatment interventions.
- 3. Utilize case studies to differentiate symptom overlap, effective treatment and emotional management of each Cluster B Personality Disorders client type.
- 4. Manage the manipulative and potentially violent behaviors with your clients diagnosed with Antisocial Personality Disorder in session to make therapeutic progress.
- 5. Implement CBT techniques to clarify behaviors, values and goals with clients diagnosed with Narcissistic Personality Disorder.
- 6. Incorporate techniques to decrease explosive emotions, self-harm tendencies and cravings for chaos for clients diagnosed with Borderline Personality Disorder.
- 7. Utilize MI and DBT techniques with clients diagnosed with Histrionic Personality Disorder to help manage cognition and improve emotional regulation.

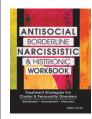
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By Daniel J. Fox, Ph.D.

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