

Outline

History & Philosophy of DBT

Dialectics explained
Core philosophies in practice
Skills training techniques
Limitations of the research and potential risks

Mindfulness Skills

Grounded in the present while being connected to past & future
Using core skills to achieve “Wise Mind”
Learn classic and innovative mindfulness skills
Mindfulness exercises

Distress Tolerance Skills

Building frustration tolerance
Utilizing crisis survival strategies and plans
Learn classic and innovative Distress Tolerance skills
Distress Tolerance exercises

Emotional Regulation Skills

Understanding emotions and reducing vulnerability
Incorporating self-care, opposite action and building positive experience
Learn classic and innovative emotional regulation skills
Emotional regulation exercises

Interpersonal Effectiveness Skills

Balance in relationships
Objective, relationship and self-respect effectiveness
Learn classic and innovative interpersonal effectiveness skills
Interpersonal effectiveness exercises

Objectives

1. Explain the underlying theory of Dialectics and Dialectic Behavior Therapy.
2. Integrate DBT skills for individual and group therapy treatment into practice.
3. Teach DBT skills in the areas of Mindfulness, Distress Tolerance, Emotional Regulation and Interpersonal Effectiveness to clients.
4. Utilize specific DBT skills for the treatment of a range of mental health symptoms, chemical dependency and complex co-morbidities.
5. Describe DBT tools and resources used to effectively change behavior.
6. Articulate a variety of strategies for teaching DBT skills to clients.
7. Demonstrate the use of crisis survival strategies to enhance distress tolerance.

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DBT in Practice

Understanding how therapy works: The Contextual Model
Evidence-based practice
Maximizing therapeutic factors, DBT-style
Essential elements and functions of DBT revisited

Structure Therapy

Structure as a therapeutic factor
Structuring the therapy environment
Identifying treatment targets: suicidality, self-injurious behavior (SIB), therapy-interfering behavior (TIB), and other targets

Validation

Levels of validation
Validation as an informal exposure technique

Best Methods of Changing Behaviors

Self-monitoring with the diary card
Behavioral contingencies
DBT-style cognitive interventions
Behavior Chain (Change) Analysis

Communication Styles: Reciprocal and Irreverent Consultation Group

Increase your motivation
Develop effective responses
Qualities of effective treatment teams

Next Steps: Develop Your Proficiency in DBT

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- Take home many client resources and worksheets
- Practice diary cards and chain analysis protocols

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Attend this 2-day intensive training and receive a detailed understanding and foundation of the skills of Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT) as applied to clients with mental health and chemical dependency issues. Going beyond symptom management, these skills are designed to improve functioning to build satisfying lives.

This course explores DBT's theoretical basis, specific DBT interventions, and how to teach skills in individual and group settings. Familiarity with these skills and techniques along with experiential exercises will enhance your clinical skills and professional development.

Guided by the latest research and policy in evidence-based practices, this course teaches the clinical process and content of DBT from theory to practice. Going beyond prescriptive applications, this course shows you how to use essentials such as validation, dialectical strategies, communication styles, and the best ways of changing behaviors in order to effectively balance acceptance and change with your clients. Complete with education on user-friendly diary cards and chain analysis protocols, you will leave this conference with increased DBT competency as well as many new tools including client worksheets to bring to your clinical practice.

Speaker

Brad Simpson, DSW, LCSW, is intensively trained in Dialectical Behavioral Therapy (DBT) from Behavioral Tech and is the executive director at Sunrise Residential Treatment Center, a fully adherent DBT program. Dr. Simpson specializes in working with families, couples and individuals in acute inpatient, intensive outpatient, outpatient and residential settings. Apart from his ambition and passion for working at Sunrise RTC over the last 13 years, Brad avidly enjoys activities outside of his career such as running, mountain biking, weightlifting, longboarding and spending time with his family. He is also an enormous spectator of all sports.

Additionally, Dr. Simpson teaches courses at Brigham Young University, Idaho. He received his Doctoral Degree in social work from the University of Tennessee, a Master's Degree in social work from the University of Utah and a Bachelor's Degree in social work from Brigham Young University, Idaho. He has recently completed a four-day mindfulness training with Marsha Linehan, the founder of DBT.

Speaker Disclosure:

Financial: Dr. Brad Simpson is an adjunct faculty member at Brigham Young University-Idaho. He is the Executive Director at the Sunrise Residential Treatment Center. Dr. Simpson receives a speaking honorarium from PESI, Inc.

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