Chronic Anxiety A 6-Step Treatment Blueprint to Break the Anxiety Cycle

How often do you encounter a client suffering from anxiety who is stuck in a pattern of severe and unrelenting worry and despite your best efforts they do not respond to the usual therapy approaches? Does your therapeutic tool box need new and creative instruments? Do you desire a comprehensive formula that provides quidance rather than abstract theoretical paradigms?

Dr. Heidi Schreiber-Pan's seminar offers a clinical blueprint that is concise and practical; highlighting a cutting-edge treatment plan for clinicians to treat various types of anxiety disorders. This unique 6-step approach describes a distinctive arrangement of evidence-based therapeutic interventions that reduce symptomology common to the experience of chronic anxiety, panic and worry.

Each step highlights core skills necessary for symptom relief and consequent long-term resiliency. Lastly, this model provides an outline for a comprehensive maintenance plan to assure lasting positive change. You will leave the seminar with competence in using this 6-step treatment plan and the skill to add innovative tools from neuroscience, interpersonal neurobiology, mindfulness, CBT, ACT and logotherapy.

Speaker

Heidi Schreiber-Pan, Ph.D., LCPC, NCC, is a successful psychotherapist, author, clinical director and sought-after nationwide speaker on topics of resilience, anxiety, neuroscience, and occupational burnout. As an affiliate and former faculty member of Loyola University, Maryland, her past research has focused on resiliency and psychological well-being, including nature-based mental health.

Dr. Schreiber-Pan has worked with various organizations, schools and corporations to reduce stress on a communal level and to increase structural well-being through training in positive psychology as well as emotional intelligence coaching.

Dr. Schreiber-Pan has developed unique continuing education courses that combine established clinical methods such as CBT with innovative treatment approaches including nature-based psychotherapy and neuro-counseling. She is the author of Taming the Anxious Mind: A guidebook to relieve stress and anxiety.

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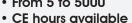
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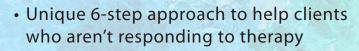


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Outline

Step 1: Create Calm in the Nervous System by **Taming Amygdala**

Neuro-counseling as an empowerment tool for clients

The power of neuroplasticity

Six principles to reduce the chronic fight or flight response

Weekly routine to calm sympathetic nervous system activation

Practices: Brain-based techniques that consistently lower sympathetic nervous system arousal

- · Letting Go of SNS Arousal
- Let's Breathe: A review of breathing techniques
- Body Scan

Step 2: Introduce and Reinforce Self-Compassion

Self-esteem vs self-compassion

Quieting the inner critic

Establish an interior ally

Mindful acceptance of self

Inner-child-work to encourage forgiveness of self

A case for self-care

The role of boundary setting in self-care

Practices: Powerful strategies to promote emotional resiliency and lessen destructive inner narratives

- Inner Child Guided Imagery
- The Bridge A Boundary Parable
- Internal Family Member, Anxiety

Step 3: Apply Mindfulness-based Cognitive & Behavioral Interventions

Schools of treatment:

ACT methods to develop the ability to shift perspectives, develop acceptance and self-advocacy

- The healing power of awareness: seeing thoughts as creations of the mind
- Decentering as a way of disengaging from self-criticism, rumination, and negative thinking patterns
- Reconnecting & befriending feelings

CBT methods to train the mind through

- identifying and diminishing unhelpful thinking styles
- the use of coping thoughts
- the compassionate use of exposure therapy
- composing fear ladders
- the utilization of behavioral experiments and home practices

Practices: Cognitive approaches to help navigate painful emotions and thoughts

- Apply Cognitive De-Fusion
- What Glasses am I Wearing Today?
- Worry Time, Worry Planning & 7 Steps to **End Rumination**

Live Webinar Schedule - both days (Times listed in Pacific)

8:00 Program begins

11:50-1:00 Lunch Break

4:00 Program ends

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Objectives

- Determine the underlying neurological processes that impact anxious clients.
- 2. Evaluate the differences between amygdala-based and cortex-based anxiety symptoms and identify how these symptoms inform treatment interventions
- 3. Utilize the 6-step treatment model to improve the client's ability to engagement in treatment.
- Develop client engagement in treatment using personalized goals and attending to the therapeutic
- 5. Analyze the efficacy of various anxiety treatment approaches, including mindfulness, CBT, ACT and
- Plan strategies for calming and training the amygdala in order to alleviate symptoms of anxiety.

- 7. Integrate clinical techniques to address client's thoughts, feelings and behavior that underlie anxiety, including shame, blame and excessive self-protection.
- 8. Practice a simple breathing technique that both decreases acute anxiety symptoms and serves as a metaphor for management of future anxiety.
- 9. Apply simple, yet effective clinical interventions in session to help clients acquire a new perspective of chronic anxiety and a more adaptive approach to managing symptoms.
- 10. Choose specific behavioral interventions to decrease the symptoms of Panic Disorder, Generalized Anxiety Disorder and Social Anxiety Disorder.
- 11. Propose specific clinical techniques to address persistent worry and understand how this changes the neurobiology of ruminative thought patterns.
- 12. Utilize cognitive therapy interventions with clients to manage perfectionism, procrastination and rigid approaches to problems.

Step 4: Treating Anxiety Disorders

Attachment Anxiety

- The Neuroscience of attachment
- Activation of attachment anxiety
- Address unmet attachment needs
- Therapist, a secure attachment figure?
- Case Study: Accelerated Experiential Dynamic Psychotherapy (AEDP)

Generalized Anxiety Disorder

- Address excessive worry and ending the worry loop
- · Body-based expression of worry (tension, hypervigilance)
- · Implementation of calming skills into daily lifestyle

Social Anxiety Disorder

- Investigate self-talk that mediates fear
- Challenge biases and replace with empowering narratives
- Design exposure experiences to tackle avoidance

Panic Disorder

- Panic attack vs panic reaction
- Address fears that fuel and prolong panic
- Strengthen ability to self-sooth and boost comfort

Practices: Reflective exercises to complement selfcare tools and foster positive neuroplasticity

- Adult Attachment Inventory
- Hand on Heart
- Loving-Kindness Meditation

Step 5: Determine Values, Purpose and Meaning

Logotherapy

Exploring one's value-lifestyle congruence

Formation of a spiritual identity

Existentialism, worldview & legacy

The use of metaphor to facility meaning-

Practices: Contemplative methods to alleviate inner distress caused by a lack of meaning and

- Value Card Sort
- Listen to My Values
- Existential Contemplation

Step 6: Establish and Execute a Maintenance Plan

Shifting perspectives through gratitude practice

Positive neuroplasticity to rewire the brain for resiliency

Meditation, formal & informal

Nature-based mental health

Acceptance and commitment practices Mindful engagement

Practices: Tools for developing a lifestyle that boosts resiliency and contributes to psychological well-beina

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