

Outline

The ACT Model  
Pain vs. suffering  
Language as a double-edged sword  
Goal: Psychological flexibility  
Limitations of the research & potential risks

Components of the ACT Model  
Acceptance: Foster Client Acceptance of Emotions to Increase Values-Based Action  
What should be accepted?  
The problem with controlling thoughts  
How to sidestep the happiness trap  
Spot common phrases of non-acceptance  
Experiential avoidance  
How to help clients understand acceptance

Experiential exercise: The finger trap  
Defusion: Change the Way Clients Interact with Their Thoughts  
Relational frame theory & mental health  
Undermine unhelpful language processes  
Give clients skills to notice their thoughts  
How to decrease believability of unhelpful thoughts  
Aid clients in changing the functions of their thoughts  
Experiential Exercise: Notice the meaning of language

Self-As-Context: Aid Clients in Establishing Their Identities  
The three different versions of the self  
How to describe the “observer self” to clients  
How to distance the self from thoughts & emotions  
The chess board metaphor  
Experiential Exercise: “I am” exercise

Contact with the Present Moment: Strategies to Build Attention to the Here & Now  
How language affects mindfulness  
Goals of mindfulness  
ThoughtFit exercises  
How do we teach clients to be mindful?  
How to build focus on values  
Obstacles in teaching mindfulness  
Experiential Exercise: Mindfulness meditation

Values: Aid Clients in Deciding What Gives Life Meaning  
What are values?  
How to help clients author their values  
Values vs. goals  
When clients are “stuck”  
Values assessment  
Batteries exercise  
Epitaph exercise

Committed Action: Assist Clients in Behaving in the Service of Chosen Values  
Persistent inaction, impulsivity or avoidance  
Address rule-governed behavior  
Exposure & ritual prevention strategies  
The Mindful Action Plan

ACT in Action  
PTSD  
Function of trauma symptoms  
Experiential avoidance in PTSD  
Increase psychological safety  
Dominating concepts of the past & future  
Trauma-informed mindfulness exercises

Anxiety  
Client avoidance & escape strategies  
Assessment tools  
Address reason-giving as a barrier  
Strategies to increase willingness  
Anxiety Detector exercise

Depression  
Values contradiction  
How experiential avoidance impacts depression  
Fusion to the damaged conceptualized self  
Behavioral activation strategies

Personality Disorders  
Coping strategies  
Increase emotional tolerance  
Target the client’s story  
Experiential avoidance from the therapist

Objectives

- 1. Appraise ACT concepts such as experiential avoidance and cognitive fusion in session.
- 2. Assess clients’ fusion with thoughts about the past or future and illustrate mindfulness exercises to clients in a clinical setting.
- 3. Evaluate the role of psychological flexibility in ACT and devise interventions for increasing it to improve treatment outcomes.
- 4. Determine how to reduce experiential avoidance by implementing emotional and behavioral willingness exercises with clients.
- 5. Analyze the efficacy of exercises in values clarification as it relates to treatment outcomes.
- 6. Integrate the ACT approach into treatment to address clinically-relevant issues for specific disorders including depression, anxiety, trauma and personality disorders.

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# Acceptance & Commitment Therapy Made Easy

## ACT for PTSD, Anxiety, Depression & Personality Disorders

### Are your current techniques just not working?

You've experienced the frustration; you have a client who seems to just not break through. You've tried your best, but the outcome is the same: he or she progresses for a while, then regresses again.

Acceptance and Commitment Therapy is the popular transdiagnostic approach that you can integrate into your practice to achieve positive therapeutic outcomes with difficult-to-treat clients.

Join ACT expert and presenter Daniel J. Moran, as he delivers an exercise- and intervention-heavy course that will give you **the tools you need to more effectively treat clients** with PTSD, anxiety, depression or personality disorders.

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## Meet Your Speaker

**Daniel J. Moran, Ph.D., BCBA-D**, is the former president of the Association for Contextual Behavioral Science (ACBS), the international ACT organization with over 8,000 members worldwide. He co-authored the first case conceptualization manual for Acceptance and Commitment Therapy entitled *ACT in Practice* (New Harbinger) and served on the first ACT training committee. He also recently published *Committed Action in Practice* (New Harbinger) and will be bringing the topic of that book to this workshop.

As a recognized ACT Trainer in the ACBS community, Dr. Moran has an engaging training style that has led him to be an invited keynote speaker for many events in the last decade. He has also been featured on The Oprah Winfrey Network, TLC and The Discovery Channel discussing the treatment of many clinical disorders. He has published several articles and book chapters, including publications with CBT pioneer Albert Ellis and ACT pioneer Steven Hayes.

Dr. Moran supervises therapists around the world to help them treat patients in their clinics. His passion is for applying the ACT principles in important areas outside of the clinic, such as the boardroom or construction sites. He established Pickslyde Consulting in order to bring mindfulness and value-directed commitment skills to the workplace to improve safety, innovation and leadership. Dr. Moran has utilized ACT in work implementations and clinical training sites on six continents and in all 50 of the United States.

#### Speaker Disclosures:

Financial: Daniel Moran founded Pickslyde Consulting. He is an author for New Harbinger and receives royalties. Dr. Moran receives a speaking honorarium from PESI, Inc.

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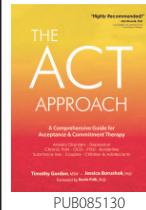
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Timothy Gordon, MSW, RSW, &  
Jessica Borushok, PhD

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