

Registration

Pre-Requisite: Introduction to DIR[®] and Developing Essential Floortime Skills—Practicum 1 (offered through Lesley University and Lesley University Continuing Education)

Date: September 3—10, 2008 (no class on 11/26)

Time: 5:00PM—7:30 PM, Wednesdays

Location: 2326 Massachusetts Ave, Cambridge MA

Course Fee: \$300

Course Materials: This course will use the XanEdu course pack purchased for the pre-requisite course as well as additional texts which the students will purchase.

Registration Deadline:

Early registration recommended. This course will be limited for size.

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DIR[®] Floortime

The Functional Emotional Assessment Scale and Reflective Supervision in DIR[®]/Floortime (Practicum 2)

A Semester-Length Course
for Professionals

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Offered by:



Lesley University

Course Description

This course is designed for students who have a basic understanding of the theoretical foundations of the DIR[®] model and who also have basic skill and knowledge of Floortime techniques. Students will learn to administer Greenspan, Wieder and DeGangi's FEAS (Functional Emotional Assessment Scale). Students will explore Greenspan's Affect Diathesis Hypothesis: The Role of Emotion in the Core Deficit in Autism and in the Development of Intelligence and Social Skills. Students will continue to expand and refine their Floortime skills.

Course Expectations:

Practicum participants are expected to read and/or write for approximately 1-2 hours each week

Video taping expectations:

Tape your Floortime sessions once a week, each week, for one hour. During this hour there should be no classroom responsibilities such that your only agenda is doing Floortime.

The Astra Foundation is a private, regional foundation that supports programs and initiatives that help children thrive in their home and educational environments. The Astra Special Needs Center was established in 2001 to promote the availability of DIR[®] services to families with special needs children, including children with regulation, sensory, relational and behavioral issues as well as PDD/Autism disorders.

Course Objectives

Students will:

- ◆ Continue to continue to refine and develop their theoretical understanding of DIR[®]/Floortime
- ◆ Student will demonstrate an understanding of key Floortime principles, strategies and techniques and will further develop and broaden their practice of Floortime
- ◆ Students will read Greenspan's seminal work entitled: The Affect Diathesis Hypothesis and will discuss and reflect on the application of this article to their work with children and families
- ◆ Students will continue the process of self-reflection and reflective supervision, as it relates to their work in DIR[®]/Floortime
- ◆ Students will reflect on the impact of their relationship with children and/or families and how that relationship impacts their Floortime
- ◆ Learn how to administer and score Greenspan, De Gangi and Wieder's FEAS (Functional Emotional Assessment Scale) the FEAS
- ◆ Learn how the FEAS may be used to understand a child's Functional Developmental Capacities and to develop a more comprehensive view of a child's strengths and needs
- ◆ Learn how the FEAS can be used to further develop Floortime goals as well as Floortime strategies.

Astra Foundation Faculty

Debbie Bauch, M.S., OTR/L, has more than twenty years of experience in pediatrics and EI. As a Clinical Director at the Astra Foundation, she conducts DIR[®]-based workshops for parents and professionals and has presented at local and regional conferences. Ms. Bauch serves as a senior clinician and facilitator for the Interdisciplinary Council on Learning Disorders (ICDL) and the DIR[®] Summer Institute. Ms. Bauch has extensive expertise in sensory integration and sensory processing issues. She has Sensory Integration and Early Intervention Specialist Certification, and is a registered Occupational Therapist.

Tal Baz, MS., OTR/L, has 16 years of experience in pediatrics, ranging from psychiatry, oncology, neurology, cognitive and developmental OT. As part of the DIR[®] (ICDL) faculty she has conducted workshops for both parents and professionals, and has presented in local conferences, as well as abroad. She is the clinical director of a private developmental clinic in Chicago, and is now practicing privately in the Boston area. Ms. Baz has extensive experience in sensory integration, sensory processing, and sensory modulation disorders.

Credit Information

We are currently working with Lesley University to obtain college credits for this course.

Continuing Education students will pay \$300 to the Astra Foundation for the course. When the course is approved by Lesley, students who elect to receive Lesley University credit may do so for an additional \$150 per credit (\$450), plus a \$30 registration fee.