

# **Counseling Training for the Gifted and Talented Population**

## ***WHAT WILL BE COVERED?***

This course is designed to cover a foundation of knowledge and competencies necessary to service the social and emotional needs of the gifted population. The format will be interactive lecture, demonstration and discussion. Resources, such as bibliographies, will be provided along with necessary handouts. Future direction, for those wanting more extensive training, will be explored.

## ***WHAT SKILLS WILL THIS HELP ME DEVELOP?***

The participant will learn:

- Competencies and knowledge as a counselor for the gifted, in order to be equipped and available to provide what our gifted population needs to service their social-emotional and mental health concerns.
- A more effective treatment plan to adjust your current modality of counseling in order to be more effective in dealing with the nuances of the gifted population.
- How to effectively use testing and assessment measures to gain an understanding of how tests can be effective in the treatment process.
- A comprehensive framework to assess and intervene with the complex needs of the gifted client.
- Comprehensive foundations of the latest and best literature and research necessary to provide a strong theoretical base to your counseling work.
- The modalities of individual, group (in school and in private settings), family and alternative counseling methods, focusing on specific issues related to each and practical ways to design and enhance these approaches.
- To be more effective with gifted clients who have twice exceptional situations, as attention problems, learning disabilities, executive functioning concerns, and a host of mental health related conditions.

This class addresses IAGC Knowledge Standards 2, 5 & 7.

## ***WHO SHOULD ATTEND?***

Psychologists, licensed clinical and professional counselors, social workers, school social workers, psychiatrists, school guidance counselors, marriage and family therapists, mental health professionals, related professionals, parents of gifted, gifted education specialists, administrators, gifted education teachers can benefit.

## ***ABOUT THE PRESENTER***

Andrew S. Mahoney, M.S., L.P.C., L.M.F.T., is nationally known for his pioneering work in the field of counseling the gifted. At this time he is Director of a private center for counseling the gifted in the Pittsburgh, PA area, and maintains a consulting practice in Chicago. He has provided countless presentations, workshops, and keynotes related to the unique counseling and social-emotional needs of the gifted. Andy has extensive training and experience in the areas of individual, group, and family therapy and has published material related to counseling the gifted and underachievement of the gifted. Recently he was Chair of the NAGC Counseling and Guidance Division. He has done extensive training and published his model on counseling the gifted, the Gifted Identity Formation Model.

## ***WHAT ARE THE DATES, TIME FRAMES AND LOCATION?***

Class will meet: Monday, May 21, 2007 from 8:30 a.m. –3:00 p.m.

Location: Lewis Lounge, Lewis Hall, Dominican University, 7900 W. Division St. River Forest. Continental Breakfast and lunch included.

**Registration Form for Andy Mahoney  
May 21, 2007**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City,State,Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

District \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

Position \_\_\_\_\_ Grades \_\_\_\_\_

Work Address \_\_\_\_\_

City,State,Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ FAX \_\_\_\_\_

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**Fees**

IAGC Membership No. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$50 New Member fee

\_\_\_\_\_ \$200 Early Bird, prior to April 13, 2007

\_\_\_\_\_ \$250 Late registration, after April 13, 2007

**IAGC Non-members**

\_\_\_\_\_ \$250 Early Bird, prior to April 13, 2007

\_\_\_\_\_ \$290 Late registration, after April 13, 2007

**No refunds will be made after the first class. A \$25 handling fee will be charged for all cancellations prior to the first class.**

**CPDU's available. Counselor credit pending.**

**Please mail check made payable to IAGC and registration form to:**

**IAGC, 800 E. Northwest Hwy, Suite 610,**

**Palatine, IL 60074**

**Questions? Call the IAGC office at 1-847/963-1892**

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