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DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY in CLINICAL PASTORAL PSYCHOTHERAPY

Course requirements:

Completion of a specific online curriculum of twelve GTF courses covering the classical schools of psychotherapy. These courses should be taken in the following sequence.

1. Classical Schools of Psychotherapy
2. Sigmund Freud and Psychoanalysis
3. Alfred Adler and Individual Psychology
4. Carl Jung and Analytical Psychology
5. Viktor Frankl and Logotherapy
6. Abraham Maslow and Humanistic Psychology
7. Erik Erikson and Developmental Psychology
8. Carl Rogers and Person-Centered Psychotherapy
9. Harry Stack Sullivan and Interpersonal Psychoanalysis
10. Clinical Pastoral Psychotherapy
11. Clinical Psychopathology and Personality Disorders
12. Geriatric Psychotherapy: Pastoral Care and Nurture of the Elderly

- Completion of the non-credit Research Methodology assignment is a prerequisite prior to beginning the doctoral thesis.

Thesis requirements:

The student must nominate a member of the GTF faculty to serve as Thesis Supervisor. This enables the student to receive helpful and pragmatic evaluative feedback from a member of the faculty during the development of the thesis. Questions regarding the selection of a Thesis Supervisor should be directed to the Office of Academic Affairs (academicaffairs@gtfeducation.org).

Once the student and Thesis Supervisor are in communication, the formal Doctoral Thesis Proposal (form 145b), which was developed during the Research Methodology course, will be reviewed for final approval by the supervisor.

After approval of the thesis proposal and following completion of all coursework, the student undertakes the research and writing of a doctoral thesis of 45,000-60,000 words in their field of specialization. The thesis must be a work of original academic scholarship that makes a contribution to the field. The thesis must be written in 12 point Times New Roman (or comparable) font, double-spaced, and must be submitted to the GTF with the following forms:

Cover sheet (form 143)
Abstract (form 134)
Biographical Statement (form 102)

When the thesis in its final form has been reviewed and approved by the student's Thesis Supervisor, it must be submitted by the student to the GTF for final review. One copy of the thesis and forms must be sent electronically to the Office of the Registrar (registrar@gtfeducation.org) a minimum of three months prior to the intended date of defense

Doctoral Defense:

The doctoral defense is offered by videoconferencing, or onsite.

Defense date: First week in March

Eligibility deadline: December 1 (Thesis and forms must be submitted and all financial requirements met)

Defense date: First week of June

Eligibility deadline: March 1 (Thesis and forms must be submitted and all financial requirements met)

Defense date: First week of September

Eligibility deadline: June 1 (Thesis and forms must be submitted and all financial requirements met)

Defense date: First week in December

Eligibility deadline: September 1 (Thesis and forms must be submitted and all financial requirements met)

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