Self of the Therapist II

Are you a Marriage and Family Therapist looking to help train the next generation of systemic therapists? Denver Family Institute is the place for you!

**Position Overview:**

Denver Family Institute is seeking an Instructor for the 2023-2024 Academic Year. The instructor will teach one 20-hour course for five weeks on Tuesdays evenings from 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm on 5/7/24; 5/14/24; 5/21/24; 5/28/24, 6/4/24. Contracted Instructors are part of the DFI Faculty for the 2023-2024 Academic Year with the possibility of a contract renewal based on performance. All faculty members are required to attend faculty meetings that occur every other month on Wednesday mornings from 9:30 - 11:30 am, held virtually. Faculty are also expected to attend the All Faculty Retreat held in June.

**Course Description:**

Self of the Therapist II is a redesigned version of Systemic Approaches to Adult Trauma and Crisis. As the last class of the MFT certificate program, this class will serve as a cumulation of our students’ development over their two years at Denver Family Institute. Self of the Therapist II should cover the following:

1. Integration of the students’ two years of learning
2. Exploration of trauma experienced by historically marginalized communities, including racialized trauma
3. Further development of each student’s theory of change (to be addressed more in-depth in the Capstone class)

Because this class is being redesigned, the course instructor will have the ability to create the course description, the syllabus, and much of the class content. This process will be done collaboratively with DFI’s Core Faculty and Educational Consultant.

**Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs) for this course**

SLO 1.2: Students demonstrate therapeutic leadership through behaviors of guidance of a session, effective use of authentic self, and assurance of safety.

SLO 2.2: Students demonstrate knowledge of systemic and relational clinical
applications that derive from systemic models.

SLO 3.4: Students apply resilience and strength-based interventions in therapy that are systemic and relational.

SLO 4.3: Students demonstrate an ability to conduct clinical practice with attention to the sociopolitical contextual factors of social identities, power, history, contemporary issues, community and community service provider intersections, and therapy relationship.

**About Denver Family Institute:**

Denver Family Institute (DFI) is a private, nonprofit organization that exists to strengthen relationships in our community through quality marriage and family therapy (MFT) training and services. The provision and continuous improvement of these services is the core mission of DFI.

To achieve this mission, we provide marriage and family therapy training, consultation to community agencies, and relational therapy to families, couples, and individuals regardless of income. Our focus is on strength-based, systemic therapy, rooted in multicultural, social justice, and ethical principles and practices congruent with the values of our accrediting body and the Mission of the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy.

At Denver Family Institute, we recognize the central importance of relationships in the well being of individuals, couples, families, and communities. Additionally, we honor the diversity in relationships and of individuals in our world. We welcome students, faculty and clients from all cultures, lifestyles, and backgrounds. We have a clear non-discrimination policy and [commitment to social justice](#) in our program. Denver Family Institute was established in 1982 and is a COAMFTE accredited program.

Denver Family Institute is a registered 501(c)3 in the state of Colorado.

**Requirements:**

- License in Marriage and Family Therapy (LMFT) in the State of Colorado (alternative licenses will be considered on a case-by-case basis)
- Minimum of 5 years of clinical experience (Post-Graduate)
- Ability to attend bi-monthly faculty meetings
- Ability to attend annual faculty retreat
- Proficient computer skills to work with Google Classroom and manage a DFI email address
● Demonstrated commitment to anti-racism and social justice

**Preferred Qualifications:**
Prior Teaching Experience

As part of our organizational commitment to equity and social justice, we believe that lived experience is a form of expertise, in addition to formal education and credentials. In the field of mental health and Marriage and Family Therapy, we acknowledge there is a lack of representation of people from low-income backgrounds, as well as Black, Indigenous and People of Color and that this pattern is due to a lack of access rooted in systemic racism and oppression. We therefore encourage individuals with identities and lived experiences that mirror DFI's intended client population and those facing the greatest barriers to mental health services to apply for teaching positions and Denver Family Institute.

**Physical Requirements/Work Environment:**
When teaching, instructors have the choice to sit or stand. Typically instructors use Powerpoint and/or whiteboards for lectures. Instructors also have the option to split students up into smaller groups for small group discussions and role plays. During the COVID pandemic, instructors have been utilizing Zoom for classes, and are able to screen-share powerpoints and other materials, as well as divide students into breakout rooms. DFI can assist instructors with any questions about Zoom.

Instructors need to have the ability to travel to DFI's main campus located at 3600 S. Yosemite St in Denver where in-person classes are held.

**A Note About COVID-19 and Format of Class:**
As of the time of this posting, it is anticipated that this class will be taught in-person with hybrid options for students. However, this plan could change depending on factors related to COVID. Instructors may be asked to be flexible and may be asked to adapt the format of their class to in-person, virtual or hybrid depending on current local and federal guidelines pertaining to COVID-19.

**Compensation & Benefits:**
Instructors are paid $2000 for facilitating the 5-week course.

*Other Benefits:*
- DFI faculty members receive a $200 annual professional development stipend
- Access to one free DFI webinar annually - worth 2 CEs; $70 value
- Ability to join identity-based affinity and accountability groups
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- Ongoing opportunities to get involved with DFI's work and mission such as DFI's Social Justice Advisory Board (SJAB), working groups and committees, core faculty, and Board of Directors
- Unique opportunity to shape the next generation of systemic, strength-based therapists with a focus on social justice and anti-oppression
- Join a robust network of other supervisors and practitioners by joining DFI's faculty
- Help support student therapists as we address the overwhelming unmet need for mental health support in Colorado
- Join a mission-driven mental health non-profit with a longstanding commitment to serving our community and training exceptional therapists

**To Apply:**
Please submit the following to august@denverfamilyinstitute.org:
- Cover letter that includes what your goal of the course would be and why you would be a good fit with the Denver Family Institute Faculty
- Resume or CV
- Priority will be given to applications whose materials are received by January 26th, 2024.