

Christian Talk Therapy

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Belief Therapy Certification Course for Laypersons thru The Therapon Institute February 4 – May 12, 2012

In conjunction with The Therapon Institute, Christian Talk Therapy is offering this dynamic Belief Therapy Certification course specifically designed for Laypersons who are called to be Christian counselors. This rigorous course will equip the laity to provide effective Christian Counseling to the body of Christ.

The education and certification course for Lay Counselors in the Belief Therapy modality of Biblical Counseling will be taught in a 14-week term by Sophia Avery, MA –Christian Therapist, owner of Christian Talk Therapy and founder of Changing Women Christian Fellowship.

Sis. Sophia Avery, MA is a gifted and anointed therapist and owner of Christian Talk Therapy- a private Christian Therapy practice in Philadelphia. Ms. Avery holds a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Florida A&M, a Master's Degree in Clinical Counseling from Eastern University in St. David's, Pennsylvania, and is certified in Belief Therapy® by [The Therapon Institute](http://www.theraponinstitute.com). Drawing on more than eight years as an Adjunct Professor at the Community College of Philadelphia, Sophia uses her wealth of teaching experience to train others in counseling the people of God. This course is one of several in a series of courses to prepare Laypersons to work with Christians in a therapeutic setting.



Upon completion you will receive be certified as a Belief Therapist by the Therapon Institute and Sophia Avery, MA.

Ms. Avery selected the Belief Therapy certification for her Biblical Counseling training because it's based on an established and well-researched therapeutic modality called Rational Emotive Behavior Therapy, developed by Dr. Albert Ellis, a pillar of modern psychology. The Therapon Institute has taken Dr. Ellis' concepts for REBT and incorporated both Christian and Biblical principles to create an approach to healing that addresses the human, emotional, and spiritual aspects necessary for effective Christian counseling. The basis of the theory is, "People do what they do because they believe what they believe."



THE FACTS:

When: The class will meet on 2nd and 4th Saturdays from 10:00am-12:00noon

Where: Christian Talk Therapy office- 2449 Golf Road, Suite 1, Philadelphia, PA 19131

Cost: Pre-registration is required. The cost of the course is \$480 (payment arrangements are available. A minimum payment of \$300 is required at the time of registration). Refund Policy: \$25 of the tuition is non-refundable. That is a one-time processing fee. The course is also available as Self-Study for \$240.

Registration and payment must be submitted no later than **January 25 , 2012** in order for your materials to arrive in time for the first class meeting. The Course Syllabus will be available at the first class meeting.

To register, complete the Registration Form and submit it to Sophia Avery in person or via e-mail. Payment will be accepted via cash, money order, Visa, MasterCard, or debit cards using PayPal. Please call 215-931-3070 to make arrangements for payment.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS JANUARY 25TH! SPACE IS LIMITED! REGISTER TODAY!

About The Therapon Institute

“Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of comfort; Who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.”

~II Corinthians 1:3, 4~

The mission of The Therapon Institute is to educate, equip, and validate Christians in ministry. Our primary focus is not the professional counselor, though Therapon is an education provider for the professional licensure boards, but the lay-person who has been shut out of the counselor credentialing process. Therapon prepares Christians who want to learn how to help hurting and healing people God’s way and do it as a paraprofessional. Paraprofessional! Therapon credentials are not state credentials. State credentials are not ministry credentials.

Therapon is an independent, faith-based, Christian, alternative, paraprofessional credentialing board. This generation is characterized by:

- * hurting people
- * wounded people
- * medicated people
- * searching for hope
- * looking increasingly to God for answers

And you can make a difference!

Therapon believes it is God’s desire to work through His people to offer the message of hope and comfort.

Dr. PAUL CARLIN says:

“The Therapon Institute was born out of the research and recommendations of former Governor George Bush’s 1996 Texas Faith In Action Taskforce. We were the first to respond to the challenge to (quoting from the report) “authorize as an alternative to state licensure accreditation by an established and recognized body committed to high-quality care and whose standards meet and exceed state minimum. Urge faith-based programs to form, on a private, associational basis, a peer self-study and accrediting process to identify ‘best practices’ and performance standards, support training/technical assistance initiatives, etc.” I started The Therapon Institute to elevate the level of dignity of Christian counseling, to provide layman level counselor training that would result in an alternative certification complementary to traditional treatment and to introduce a faith-based treatment modality that would be recognized by the traditional disciplines. We have accomplished all three. Our Belief Therapy model is nationally registered and recognized.”

The Amazing Story Behind Belief Therapy®

Belief Therapy is one of those original ministry tools birthed only once in a lifetime.

Dr. Paul and Jeri Carlin spent 25 years in prison ministry. During those ministry years in the seat of Satan, the citadel of sin, houses of darkness, Carlin began developing his Belief Therapy model. The model was actually developed over a 20-year period using the prisons as his lab and prisoners as his subjects. The question that haunted Dr. Carlin was, why people do what they do when they do it. These prisoners who had become subjects of his research and development were real people. However, something somewhere in the course of their formative years must have seriously gone wrong.

During his research, Carlin studied the writings of the renown psychologist, Dr. Albert Ellis. Dr. Ellis is the developer of Rational Emotive Behavior Therapy. After reading Ellis and comparing Genesis 3, Proverbs 23:7, Mark 7 and Psalm 139:23-24 from a therapeutic viewpoint, he concluded that what was missing in Ellis’ belief, thought, feel and action model were Biblical dynamics. Using the established RET model, Carlin added his Biblical components and came up with the Belief Therapy model.

For years Dr. Carlin and his wife used these faith-based, therapeutic, Biblical concepts in the prisons. Certain laws in Texas, however, made it almost impossible for non-State licensed counselors to operate a counseling ministry. Certain words, like counselor, counseling, rehabilitation and therapeutic could only be used by licensed professionals. Then in 1997, God used the leadership of Governor George Bush to change the laws in favor of faith-based counseling.

The new laws cleared the way for Dr. Carlin to bring Belief Therapy out of the prisons and into the church. To illustrate the 180-degree turn in State policy, today The Therapon Institute is a continuing education provider for the National Association of Social Workers, LA Chapter, the Louisiana Counseling Association, and the Louisiana Office of Addictive Disorders, the Texas State Board of Social Workers Examiners (Provider #2447), Texas State Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapists, and Texas Certification Board of Addiction Professionals (Provider#1512-98). People once said of Jesus, “Could any good thing come out of Nazareth?” Well, something good certainly did come out of Nazareth. People have been known to say, “Could any good thing come out of prison?” It certainly looks like something good has come out of the prisons – Belief Therapy.

Why Certification?

Certification by a well-respected and credentialed entity inspires confidence in the quality of ministry and service an individual is providing.

1. Credentials identify individuals in whom the public can have confidence.
2. Credentials protect agencies, individuals and boards against pressures to lower standards.
3. Credentials increase program efficiency.
4. Credentials demonstrate accountability in the management of resources
5. Credentials provide a person a stronger competitive position in the market place.
6. Credentials validate a person and his/her ministry call.

FAQs

Q. Are Therapon Certification and Licensure State credentials?

A. No. Therapon does not issue State credentials and the State does not issue ministry credentials. Therapon is a ministry credential. Our faith-based, Christian, Biblical curriculum is, however, approved for continuing education credit by Louisiana counseling boards. These are secular boards that approve our curriculum. Therapon is a non-profit, independent, Christian, faith-based, paraprofessional, alternative licensure board.

Q. How can Therapon Certification or Licensure help me?

A. Having credible ministry counseling credentials places a person in the category of paraprofessional. With Therapon, you not only have credentials but you have credentials in a specific counseling modality – Belief Therapy. Therapon’s certified and licensed graduates use this mark to announce their association with Belief Therapy and to distinguish themselves from others who are in the faith-based counseling field. While the words “belief” and “therapy” are generic, the phrase Belief Therapy is unique to the principles and actions outlined in Therapon’s syllabus and all other literature and programs affiliated with the Therapon Institute. The term “Belief Therapy” is a nationally registered trademark with the US Patent and Trademark Office in Class 42 (cls 100 & 101) as “psychological and religious counseling.” Credentials give you credibility. Upon completion of our curriculum, you are able to put the initials CBT (Certified Belief Therapist) or LBT (Licensed Belief Therapist) behind your name.

Q. Are lay people qualified to achieve counselor certification?

A. Yes! Credentialing lay people is what Therapon is all about. We have psychiatrist, psychologist, medical doctors, nurses, Licensed Professional Counselors, Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselors and Licensed Social Workers who attend classes. For their attendance they receive both certification in Belief Therapy and their needed State CEU requirements. However, the vast majority of our students are born-again lay people whom God has called into a ministry of helps.

Q. When I enroll, what do I receive from Therapon?

A. You will receive the full curriculum material – the six CDs, five textbooks and complete workbook - at one time.

The Therapon Institute, Inc.

Application For Admission

The Therapon Institute

5049 Ehret Rd.
Marrero LA 70072
(504) 328-2249

Please print clearly or type all information.

Which school are you enrolling for? City: PHILADELPHIA Date: FEB 4, 2012

Completion of Therapon Institute's 28-hour curriculum is required for Belief Therapy Certification.

Pre-registration is required to insure a spot in the class.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip Code: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Home Telephone: _____ Work Telephone: _____

Web Site Address: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Recommended By: Sophia Avery, MA

Education:

Please include copies of transcripts, certificates, licenses, and/or certifications to complete your qualifications for enrollment if they are available. The information provides backup for your certification file.

High School: _____ City: _____

Colleges and/or Graduate Schools:

1. _____ Years: _____ Degree: _____

2. _____ Years: _____ Degree: _____

3. _____ Years: _____ Degree: _____

4. _____ Years: _____ Degree: _____

Specialized Training:

List all seminars, workshops, certifications, awards, and/or special training you may have received.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

Experience:

I am a/an.....(indicate with a check mark.)

___ Licensed Minister ___ Ordained Minister ___ LPC ___ LCDC ___ CPE ___ Nurse

___ Certified Marriage & Family Counselor ___ Christian Counselor ___ LCSW ___ Pastor

___ Chaplain ___ Criminal Justice ___ Medical ___ Industrial, ___ Military ___ MSW ___ LSW

___ Teacher ___ Therapist ___ Treatment Assistant ___ Addiction Counselor

How many years in the field above? _____ Counseling Experience (hours): _____

If you are experienced in one of the fields shown above and are interested in obtaining BOARD CERTIFICATION, please provide information requested below.

Please list the number of years you have spent in the pastorate, chaplaincy, counseling, teaching, etc., with a brief explanation. Life experience becomes valuable credit.

Comments: _____

Documentation:

If the Therapon Institute is evaluating your certification **for Board Certification**, please include copies of any certificates and transcripts (ministry license and/or ordination, seminars, workshops, continuing education, LPC, LCSW, LAC, awards, etc.) with this application. It is important. If you would like to submit a detailed resume, you may do so. To have the **Therapon Board Certified seal** on your diploma, you must have completed/conducted **500 hours** of actual counseling experience. We need to have this information in your file.

To Register, call and make an appointment to submit your completed application, tuition and other documentation to:

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