



Massachusetts Institute for  
Psychoanalysis Presents:

*Four-Year*  
**TRAINING  
PROGRAM**  
*in Psychoanalysis*



*and*  
*Advanced Candidate Training  
Program in Psychoanalysis*

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Psychoanalysis Since 1987*

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# The Four-Year Training Program in Psychoanalysis

The Training Program in Psychoanalysis is a 4-year course of study in comparative psychoanalysis, both theory and practice. On graduating, our hope is that candidates will have learned several psychoanalytic paradigms and have some understanding of the philosophical and historical assumptions underlying each. Their clinical work will have deepened by this knowledge, their personal analysis and the shared experience of presenting their work and listening to others.

# The Course of Study

## THE CURRICULUM

Each of the 12 semesters consists of two theory/content courses as well as a clinical seminar for the presentation and discussion of each candidate's analytic work. The program is designed to immerse candidates in the evolving field of study that is contemporary psychoanalysis with a firm basis in the classical literature.

The first year begins with a foundational course in Comparative Psychoanalysis: Theory and Practice. In the first semester candidates study the work of Freud with some reference to critiques by early psychoanalytic feminist and cultural theorists, as well as Jung, and Ego Psychology. The second semester follows the evolution of early Post Freudian thought from Klein, Ferenczi, Fairbairn and Winnicott to the contemporary perspectives of self-psychology, relational theory and the work of Bion, Ogden, Hoffman and Lacan. The following years explore all of these and other theoretical perspectives and clinical traditions in more depth.

Issues of race, culture and gender have been integrated throughout our overall curriculum. This is part of our commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion at MIP.

## ADVANCED CANDIDATE TRAINING

A two-year variant of the courses for prospective advanced candidates who have already attained a great deal of theoretical and clinical proficiency in psychoanalytic thinking. The supervised clinical requirement is the same as for regular candidates.

## ACADEMIC TRACK

A track is available for academics who are interested in immersing themselves in psychoanalytic thinking. Academic track candidates take the theoretical coursework but are not required to take clinical seminars.

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

The training program courses meet in-person on Fridays from 11:00 am–4:30 pm over 24 weeks: 12 classes in the Fall and 12 classes in the Spring.

# A Deeper Understanding

## THE PERSONAL ANALYSIS

MIP regards the personal analysis as a vital part of a candidate's clinical training. Candidates who have not finished an analysis prior to entering MIP are required to be in an analysis that will include some 4 times per week work to begin their supervised analytic cases.

## SUPERVISED ANALYSES

Three supervised analytic cases are required for graduation. Two of the analytic patients are traditional analytic cases. We encourage the third supervised analytic case to represent a widening of the scope of analysis.

This "non-traditional case" might entail modifications that broaden our understanding of how psychoanalysis can become a more accessible and helpful form of treatment for patients who, traditionally, might not have been seen as "analyzable;" or, with those for whom differences in race, culture, class can make psychoanalysis harder to choose and to make use of as a source of help. A total of 200 hours of supervision in the three cases is required to graduate.

## THE FINAL PROJECT

For the Final Project, each candidate is required to choose a topic of theoretical or clinical interest to develop and write an expression of his/her own creative involvement with psychoanalysis. Topics chosen have been highly varied and are always tailored to individual interests. Many projects have been subsequently published.

## REQUIRED PROGRAMS & WORKSHOPS

MIP offers many opportunities for further learning and specialization beyond the core 4-year curriculum. Candidates will be MIP members and will have access to all programming. The Training Program in Psychoanalysis offers specialized weekend workshops to candidates throughout their 4 years. Required courses include: Infant Research, the work of Beatrice Beebe; Development, taught by Norka Malberg; A Seminar on The Contribution of D. W. Winnicott; and Ethics. In addition, candidates are required to take two MIP Continuing Education Courses.

# Admissions Process

## APPLICANTS

MIP accepts applicants from five clinical disciplines: psychology, psychiatry, social work, mental health counseling, and psychiatric nursing. Applicants must be independently licensed in their field and in good ethical standing. In addition, applicants from non-clinical disciplines with an interest in psychoanalysis are encouraged to apply for the academic program.

## ADMISSIONS

**The admissions process involves the following:**

- Completed Application
- Provision of Supporting Materials
- Three Interviews
- Application Fee

Digital applications and more details are available at [mipboston.org](http://mipboston.org). All materials should be forwarded to Sami Lea Konczewski at: [info@mipboston.org](mailto:info@mipboston.org) by deadline.

*The Massachusetts Institute for Psychoanalysis has a strong and consistent commitment to equal opportunity and does not discriminate in any of its policies on the basis of age, disability, ethnicity, gender, gender identification, nationality, race, religion, and sexual orientation.*

## DEADLINES

All materials must be submitted by May 1st to be considered for entry into the annual September class. Interviews are conducted in May. Committee decisions are finalized by July 1. Classes begin mid-September.

## FEES & TUITION

**Training Fees Include:**

- Application Fee \$130
- Tuition per academic year: \$1600
- Annual MIP membership dues: \$395
- Fees for the personal analysis and supervision of the training cases are arranged by the candidate and the analyst or supervisor.

# About MIP

The Massachusetts Institute for Psychoanalysis (MIP) is a comparative psychoanalytic training institute in which multiple psychoanalytic perspectives are brought together and taught in open, continuing dialogue. We represent a wide range of thinking, from classical to contemporary, preparing analytic candidates and post-graduate fellows to be broadly skilled clinicians who can hold the integrity of the psychoanalytic tradition while expanding our understanding and work with an increasingly wide, diverse range of people.

**MIP Trainings include:**

**TRAINING PROGRAM IN  
PSYCHOANALYSIS**

**POSTGRADUATE FELLOWSHIP  
PROGRAM (BOSTON & WEST)**

**STECHLER CHILD AND ADOLESCENT  
THERAPY FELLOWSHIP**

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