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Ego Psychology and Object Relations

Instructor: Wally Fletcher, D Min, NPsyA

Teaching Assistant: Rebecca Lee, LCSW

Location: Live Webinar

Meeting Dates: Saturdays, 9:00 a.m.- 10:30 a.m. (EST):

- **September 7, 14, 21, 28**
- **October 5, 19, 26**
- **November 2, 9, 16, 23**
- **December 7**

CE's: 18

Cost: \$450

Webinar Description:

As Freud's psychoanalytic theory and technique evolved, he placed increasing emphasis on the roles of the ego and its relations with internal and external objects in the emotional life of human beings. It was up to the next generation of analysts, however, to develop these themes in ways that profoundly altered and expanded the psychoanalytic landscape. This course will focus on the pioneering contributions of Anna Freud, Melanie Klein, Ronald Fairbairn, Donald Winnicott, and Harry Guntrip to modern psychoanalytic theory and technique.

Webinar Objectives:

At the conclusion of this program, participants will be able to:

1. Identify authors who are foundational to modern ego psychology and object relations theory from reading and discussing primary sources.
2. Identify the historical evolution of psychoanalytic technique and how this evolution lays the ground work for modern psychoanalytic treatment of individual and organizational pathologies.
3. Utilize a critical framework for comparing and contrasting approaches to psychoanalytic theory and praxis.

About the Instructor:

Wally Fletcher, D.Min.,NCPsyA has extensive training and experience as a therapist, consultant, educator and non-profit executive. He is a certified psychoanalyst and clinical supervisor in the National Association for the Advancement of Psychoanalysis and is chairman of the Board of Directors of the Philadelphia School of Psychoanalysis. He is also a member of The Association for Clinical Pastoral Education-ACPE Psychotherapist category. He teaches courses in the Masters in Business and Organizational Leadership at Neuman University and courses in the history and evolution of psychoanalysis at the Philadelphia School of Psychoanalysis. He serves on the Philadelphia Department of Behavioral Health's Faith and Spiritual Affairs Advisory Board. He is also on the mental health faculty of CREDO, an intensive wellness program for clergy administered by the Pension Boards of the Episcopal and Presbyterian Churches US.