

☑ IN-PERSON ☑ LIVE-ONLINE

**JULY 22-26, 2024****John Forsyth, PhD & Jamie Forsyth, PhD*****Harnessing the Transformative Power of Mindful ACT Therapy: How to Live Well When Life is Hard*****Monday - Friday: 9:00a.m. - 12:30p.m. EDT | 30-Minute Break Daily | 15-Hour Course**  
**Delivery Format: In-Person or Live-Online**

Life invites obstacles, problems, and pain. There is no escaping this simple truth. But for many, the pain of life is neither a teacher nor a friend, but instead the enemy and source of considerable suffering, hardship, and despair. Mental health professionals know this all too well. The pain may take psychological, emotional, or physical forms, but it's there and people are desperately seeking a way out and a way forward.

But what if the pain of life could be had just as it is? What if there was a way to nurture the conditions for our own genuine happiness and peace of mind, even when life is (or was) hard? Suppose even, that we could empower those we serve to develop a new relationship with the difficulties they carry and move forward with those difficulties in ways that dignify the pain and support what truly matters. In this intensive workshop, we will learn about one particular approach and set of practices that aims to do just that. It's called Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT).

ACT is an evidence-based approach that balances mindfulness and acceptance processes with commitment and behavior change in the service of living a more vital life. Acceptance and mindfulness-based practices, including ACT, are rapidly making their way into mental health care, medicine, and society. This body of work offers a fresh perspective on psychological suffering and powerful clinical strategies to cultivate transformative life changes.

You will learn powerful strategies to help your clients:

- Gain freedom from suffering
- Let go of unhelpful struggles
- Cultivate peace of mind and self-compassion
- Show up to life as it is
- Get unstuck and moving
- Live a rich and meaningful life

**John Forsyth, PhD**, is an internationally recognized author, speaker, and trainer in the use of Acceptance and Commitment Therapy and practices that cultivate mindfulness, loving kindness, and compassion. He is also the Director of the Anxiety Disorders Research Program and a Professor of Psychology at University at Albany in upstate NY. John also maintains a small private practice and offers ACT supervision to mental health professionals in the United States and abroad.

As an active researcher and practitioner of ACT and contemplative practices, John is the author of several popular books, including *Acceptance and Commitment Therapy for Anxiety Disorders*, *The Mindfulness & Acceptance Workbook for Anxiety* (2nd edition), *ACT on Life, Not On Anger*, and *Your Life on Purpose*. His latest books, *Anxiety Happens* and the *Anxiety Happens Guided Journal*, are for anyone who gets tripped up now and then by anxiety and fear.

For over 20 years, his work has focused on developing ACT and mindfulness practices to alleviate human suffering, awaken the human spirit, and to nurture psychological health and vitality. His personal journey and experience, balanced with practical insights grounded in scientific evidence, offers hope to those wishing to find a path out of suffering and into wholeness.

See [www.drjohnforsyth.com](http://www.drjohnforsyth.com).

**Speaker Disclosures:**

**Financial:** John Forsyth receives salary as a professor and faculty member from the University of Albany, SUNY. He also receives royalties as an author from New Harbinger Inc. He receives a speaking honorarium from MAK Continuing Education, LLC, Cape Cod Institute.

**Non-financial:** John Forsyth has no relevant non-financial relationships with ineligible organizations

**Jamie Forsyth, PhD**, is an active and gifted psychologist and clinical supervisor, with extensive expertise in the use and application of Acceptance and Commitment Therapy with severe forms of mental illness (e.g., psychosis and personality disorders) and forms of psychological and emotional suffering in inpatient, outpatient, and college mental health settings. Beyond ACT, Jamie is a skillful integrationist, supervisor, and researcher, with specialized knowledge in relational and process-oriented therapeutic work, addictions, motivational interviewing, including mindfulness and self-compassion practices. Jamie is active within a group mental health practice in upstate New York where she offers psychotherapy, performs psychological evaluations, and trains and supervises doctoral students under her direction.

As a husband and wife team, Jamie and John are known to infuse their teaching and training with energy, humility, lightheartedness, and compassion, and their down-to-earth workshops are consistently praised for their clarity, depth, and practical utility..

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Led by a dynamic husband and wife team, this workshop will introduce ACT, both as a model and intervention technology, and illustrate its use across a broad set of problem areas that are commonly seen in mental health settings. This work can be challenging for both therapists and clients alike, for much of ACT work involves contacting difficult and painful psychological content without defense and for a purpose other than psychological relief. Thus, understanding the application and integration of the ACT model of psychological health and suffering is essential for effective ACT work.

Through lectures, live and video demonstrations, and practical experiential exercises, we learn ways to help our clients live well, richly, and meaningfully, without first having to eliminate sources of emotional and psychological pain. We will also learn how ACT can be integrated effectively into your mental health practice. Clinical worksheets and other practical tools will be provided.

Mental health professionals, including graduate students and postdoctoral fellows, are invited to attend. Familiarity with ACT is not required.

### Course Agenda

#### Monday:

Why It's Hard Being Human: Getting Inside the ACT Approach

#### Tuesday:

Confronting the System of Stuckness: Making Space for Something New

#### Wednesday:

Contacting the Sweetness in Life: Clarifying What Matters and What Gets in the Way

#### Thursday:

Cultivating a New Relationship with the Difficulties We Carry: Skillfully Disarming & Transforming Forms of Suffering

#### Friday:

Empowering ACTions that Matter: Stepping Openly, Mindfully, and Wholeheartedly

### Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course participants will be able to:

1. Describe Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT)
2. Indicate evidence-based approaches that supports the ACT model
3. Describe how practices that cultivate mindfulness and loving kindness can empower clinical work
4. Discuss and demonstrate ACT processes and interventions
5. Discuss ways to integrate ACT techniques into your mental health practice
6. Indicate methods of intervention that embody the ACT principles
7. Describe how to integrate ACT with other methods
8. Discuss the importance of flexibility in the model

### Continuing Education

*Course Content Level: beginner, intermediate, and advanced. This course is open, and content is, suitable for all clinicians and learning levels, beginning, intermediate and advanced. Courses must be completed in one delivery format.*

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Please see the CE section on the [individual course page](#) for a full listing of CE course approvals.

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## Tuition, Registration & Course Formats

### Registration:

Visit [www.cape.org](http://www.cape.org) to register for our In-Person & Live-Online course offerings. All major credit cards are accepted. No cash or check payments will be accepted.

### Course Formats:

**In-Person Course Format:** Monday through Friday from 9:00a.m. to 12:30p.m. EDT with a 30-minute break.

**In-Person Location:**

**Nauset Regional Middle School**, 70 MA-28, Orleans, MA 02653

### Live-Online Course Format:

Interactive synchronous online: Live-Online sessions are held via Zoom Meetings Monday-Friday mornings from 9:00a.m. - 12:30p.m. EDT, with a 30-minute break. Live-Online courses will include opportunities for interaction with colleagues and faculty members via group discussions, break-out groups, and Q&As.

System requirements: • Operating Systems: Windows XP or higher, MacOS 9 or higher, Android 4.0 or higher • Internet Browser: Internet Explorer 9.0 or higher, Google Chrome, Firefox 10.0 or higher • Broadband Internet connection: Cable, High-speed DSL & any other medium that is internet accessible

### Tuition:

**In-Person Course:**

**Early Tuition Rate: \$700 (through 04/01/2024)**

**Full Tuition: \$750**

Full-time graduate students, doctoral students, and resident physicians must upload documentation at the time of registration to qualify for a reduced tuition of \$575 for in-person courses.

**Live-Online Course:**

**Early Tuition Rate: \$575 (through 04/01/2024)**

**Full Tuition: \$625**

Full-time graduate students, doctoral students, and resident physicians must upload documentation at the time of registration to qualify for a reduced tuition of \$450 live-online courses.

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## Cancellation & Refund Policy

**Up until two weeks (14 days) prior to your course start date:** For cancellations (in person & online), you will receive a full refund less \$50 cancellation fee.

**Within two weeks:** If you give notice between fourteen and one day(s) before your course start date a credit for a 2024 Cape Cod Institute program is available. Credit may be applied to any 2024 or 2025 Cape Cod Institute course. There will be no price reduction for switching to a live-online course within two weeks of the course start date.

**Once your course begins:** No credit or refund is available if you cancel on the arrival day, if you do not show up, or if you leave an event early for any reason. No refund will be available if you attend a program and are dissatisfied with its presentation or content. If you need to leave for any reason, no partial credit can be given.

You can notify our staff of your cancellation at [info@cape.org](mailto:info@cape.org) or by calling + 1 (203) 781-6492.

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Full attendance of in-person and live-online courses is required to meet the standards of accrediting organizations. No partial credits will be provided. CE certificates are distributed by email for both in-person and live-online courses following the conclusion of your 15-hour course, confirmation of full attendance, and completion of an online evaluation form.

You will receive additional details regarding the online evaluation process at the end of your assigned course. Evaluations must be submitted within three weeks of the end date of your course. You will receive a copy of your certificate of attendance with detailed CE approval statements, once you submit your evaluation. Please check with your regulating body/organization that this certificate is sufficient proof for you to claim continuing education credits/credit hours/clock hours/contact hours.

Most courses are eligible for 15 credits/credit hours/clock hours/contact hours. Exclusions will be listed on individual course pages as well as below. Please check individual course pages for course learning objectives.

All courses are open and suitable for all clinicians and learning levels, beginning, intermediate and advanced unless otherwise noted on the course page.

**Please contact your licensing board to determine your continuing education requirements and check for reciprocal approvals.**

### Continuing Education Approvals:

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You can also contact our staff with any CE-specific questions at + 1(203) 781- 6492 or [info@cape.org](mailto:info@cape.org).

## Travel Information

All in-person sessions are held at the Nauset Regional Middle School at 70 MA-28, Orleans, Massachusetts. Orleans is a 2-hour drive from Boston or Providence (expect traffic delays on Saturdays). There are scheduled flights from Boston and Providence to Hyannis, a 40-minute drive to Orleans. A car is needed for full access to lower Cape Cod. Biking around Orleans is easily done via the rail trail, and local buses between towns are available.

Cape Cod is about 70 miles long, and 75 miles from Logan Airport in Boston and Green Airport in Providence, Rhode Island. Driving distances to the Lower and Outer Cape are:

Boston 77 miles; Providence 77 miles; New York City 245 miles; Montreal 355 miles.

Please visit our travel page for specific directions, lodging and travel information: <https://www.cape.org/travel>

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## JULY 1-AUGUST 23, 2024

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**Janina Fisher, PhD**

*Transforming Trauma-Related Resistance and Stuckness*

*In-Person & Live-Online*

**Rubin Naiman, PhD, FAASM**

*Healing Our Sleep, Dreams, and Consciousness: An Integrative Approach*

*In-Person & Live-Online*

**LaTonya Wilkins, PCC, MBA**

*Belonging: Fostering Psychological Safety and Below the Surface Leadership in Organizations, Clients, and Yourself*

*In-Person & Live-Online*

### JULY 8-12, 2024

**Lana Epstein, MA, LICSW**

*Putting It All Together: Combining Somatic and Ego-State Therapies with EMDR to Change the Valence of Emotional Memories*

*In-Person & Live-Online*

**Barry Prizant, PhD, CCC-SLP**

*Understanding and Supporting Autistic and Neurodivergent Individuals through the Uniquely Human Lens*

*In-Person & Live-Online*

**Licia Sky, BFA**

*Embodied Awareness: The Art of Presence and Attunement*

*In-Person Only*

**Bessel van der Kolk, MD**

*Frontiers of Trauma Treatment*

*In-Person & Live-Online*

### JULY 15-19, 2024

**Sebastian Barr, PhD**

*Affirming and Effective Work with Trans and Nonbinary Adolescents and Young Adults*

*In-Person & Live-Online*

**James Hawkins, PhD, LPC**

*Facilitating the Function of Attachment in Distressed Adult Romantic Relationships: An Emotionally Focused Therapy (EFT) Framework*

*In-Person & Live-Online*

**Stewart Levine, JD**

*Building a Culture of High Performance Sustainable Collaboration: Mindset and Tools*

*In-Person Only*

**Richard Schwartz, PhD & Jeanne Catanzaro, PhD**

*Internal Family Systems Workshop*

*In-Person & Live-Online*

### JULY 22-26, 2024

**Deb Dana, LCSW**

*Polyvagal Theory in Therapy: Practical Applications for Treating Trauma*

*In-Person & Live-Online*

**John Forsyth, PhD & Jamie Forsyth, PhD**

*Harnessing the Transformative Power of Mindful ACT Therapy: How to Live Well When Life is Hard*

*In-Person & Live-Online*

**Flint Sparks, PhD**

*Growing Up and Waking Up: Applied Mindfulness in Psychotherapy and Buddhist Practice*

*In-Person Only*

**Cece Sykes, LCSW, ACSW**

*Internal Family Systems and Compassion for Addictive Processes*

*In-Person & Live-Online*

### JULY 29-AUGUST 2, 2024

**Margaret Blaustein, PsyD**

*Fostering Resilience in Trauma Impacted Youth through Attachment, Regulation, and Competency*

*In-Person & Live-Online*

**Diana Fosha, PhD, Kari Gleiser, PhD, & Ben Medley, LCSW, with Molly Eldridge, LICSW**

*"HOT" Topics in AEDP™*

*In-Person & Live-Online*

**Franklin King, MD**

*The Promise of Psychedelics: A Critical Look at the Therapeutic Potential of Psychedelic-Assisted Treatments*

*In-Person & Live-Online*

**Juliet King, PhD(c), ATR-BC, LPC, LMHC**

*Arts & the Brain: Evidence-Based Therapeutic Arts Interventions for Optimal Health & Well-Being*

*In-Person Only*

### AUGUST 5-9, 2024

**Harville Hendrix, PhD, Helen LaKelly Hunt, PhD, Carol Kramer, LICSW, & Joanne Audyatis, LMHC**

*IMAGO: Proven Strategies for Helping Couples Move from Conflict to Connecting*

*In-Person & Live-Online*

**Deborah Korn, PsyD**

*EMDR Therapy and the Treatment of Complex PTSD in Adult Survivors of Childhood Abuse and Neglect*

*In-Person & Live-Online*

### AUGUST 5-9, 2024

**George McCloskey, PhD**

*Intervention for Child and Adolescent Executive Function Difficulties*

*In-Person Only*

**Maria Sirois, PsyD**

*Paradoxes in Resilience: Leveraging Moments of Grief, Illness, Hardship and Sudden Change to Accelerate Growth*

*In-Person & Live-Online*

### AUGUST 12-16, 2024

**Bob Anderson**

*The Journey of Conscious Leadership*

*In-Person Only*

**Edward Hallowell, MD**

*Unwrapping the Gifts: A Strength-Based Approach to ADHD Across the Life Span*

*In-Person & Live-Online*

**Donald Meichenbaum, PhD**

*Addressing Issues of Violence and Aggression in Individuals and Communities: Development, Prediction, and Intervention*

*In-Person & Live-Online*

**Ronald D. Siegel, PsyD**

*What Clinicians Need to Know about Non-Ordinary States: Mindfulness, Compassion, & Psychedelic-Assisted Psychotherapy*

*In-Person & Live-Online*

### AUGUST 19-23, 2024

**Amanda Blake, PhD**

*Embodied Intelligence at Work: Leveraging Mind-Body Science to Enhance Professional Performance*

*In-Person Only*

**Mary-Frances O'Connor, PhD**

*The Grieving Brain: The Surprising Science of How We Learn from Love and Loss*

*In-Person & Live-Online*

**Jonah Paquette, PsyD**

*Positive Psychology 2.0: Creating a Life of Meaning, Purpose, and Connection*

*In-Person & Live-Online*

**Eboni Webb, PsyD, HSP**

*Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT): Effective Tools for Navigating Trauma and Attachment in Complex Clients Across the Lifespan*

*In-Person & Live-Online*

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