

Foundations in Psychoanalysis



Introduction to Psychoanalysis within the Freudian field of Psychoanalysis in the Lacanian orientation

Seminar Dates **11 February 2025 - 20th May 2025**

Time **6:00PM - 9:00PM NZDT / NZST**

Location **On Zoom and in-person from Auckland, NZ**

Clinical Workshops **8 March 2025 and 3 May 2025**

Time **9:00AM - 12.00PM NZDT / NZST**

Location **On Zoom and in-person from Auckland, NZ**

Overview

This one-semester introduction course will take place over eight bi-monthly seminars, and will focus on the clinical application of psychoanalysis. Led by experienced psychoanalysts, students will learn the concepts at the heart of psychoanalysis, the unconscious, repetition, the drive and transference. The *Foundations in Psychoanalysis* course will include both theoretical studies and will be complemented by two 3 hour *Clinical Workshops* specifically designed for those whose interest is with the clinic of psychoanalysis.

This course is suitable for both those who intend to pursue the *Clinical Training in Psychoanalysis* programme, and others with a more general interest in psychoanalysis. Prior formal education in psychoanalysis is not a prerequisite. Numbers are limited and we welcome your enquiry.

Entry Requirements

The *Foundations in Psychoanalysis* course offers an introduction to the Lacanian approach to psychoanalysis, grounded in the Freudian tradition. This course is designed for individuals who wish to deepen their understanding of psychoanalytic theory, whether to complement academic studies, enhance their clinical experience through their own analysis, or as a preparatory step toward the 3-year *Clinical Training in Psychoanalysis* programme.

Applicants should have an interest in and curiosity about the Lacanian field of psychoanalysis, although prior formal education in psychoanalysis is not necessary. The fee for the *Foundations in Psychoanalysis* course is \$1750 and should be paid in full by 4 February 2025. If you require a payment plan, please contact us to discuss available options.

Course Outline

Module One / Theory of the Unconscious

Participants are introduced to the foundational concepts of Freud's work, their elaboration by Jacques Lacan and their application in clinical practice. This involves a comprehensive study of the formations of the unconscious and its formations, the epistemological, philosophical and clinical questions they give rise to.

Module Two / Theory of the Drive and Sexuality

The theory of the drive and the infantile sexuality. This subject includes a close study of the structure of the drive, Lacan's unique theory of the object, and the complex topic of sexual identity.

Module Three / Theory of Discourse and Repetition

Freud's theory of repetition and Lacan's extension which situates it as the effect of language on the speaking being. Lacan gives the name "Discourse" to the particular social bonds that are possible as the result of this effect, arguing the "Analyst's Discourse" marks a new form of social bond possible for the speaking-being.

Module Four / Transference

This area of study involves a close examination of Freud and Lacan's theory of transference, which is fundamental to the appearance of repetition compulsion in psychoanalytic practice.

Training Pathway

The *Foundations in Psychoanalysis* course is the prerequisite for entry into the 3-year *Clinical Training in Psychoanalysis* programme. While the *Clinical Training in Psychoanalysis* programme provides a rigorous foundation in psychoanalysis, it does not guarantee the formation of a psychoanalyst. Rather, the programme offers the opportunity for trainees to explore the path to becoming a psychoanalyst, with the decision to continue along this path resting with the individual.

Applications for the programme are considered on a case-by-case basis by the Training Committee. As part of the application process, candidates are required to submit a written expression of interest and participate in an interview with members of the committee. Applicants will be notified of the committee's decision in writing.

The fee for the 3-year *Clinical Training in Psychoanalysis* programme is \$3750 per annum for the 2025 intake. If you require a payment plan, please contact us to discuss available options. The next intake into the *Clinical Training in Psychoanalysis* programme is Semester Two 2025.

To Apply

To apply for entry into the *Foundations in Psychoanalysis* course and *Clinical Training in Psychoanalysis* programme, please submit your initial expression of interest to **secretary@lacan.org.nz**

Foundations Reading List

Freud, S.

(1912g) Note on the Unconscious in Psycho-Analysis. SE 12: 257

(1915d) Repression. SE 14:143 (1915e)

The Unconscious. SE 14:161

(1915c) Instincts and their Vicissitudes. SE 14:111.

(1920g) Beyond the Pleasure Principle. SE 18: 3

(1914) Remembering, Repeating and Working Through ((Further Recommendations on the Technique of Psycho-Analysis II)

Strachey, J. (1912). The Dynamics of Transference. The Standard Edition of the Complete Psychological Works of Sigmund Freud, Volume XII (1911-1913):

Lacan, J.

(1979 [1964]) The Four Fundamental Concepts of Psycho-Analysis. Trans. A. Sheridan, Part 1: The Unconscious and Repetition; New York & London, W. W. Norton & Company.

(1979 [1964]) The Four Fundamental Concepts of Psycho-Analysis. Trans. A. Sheridan, Part 3: The Transference and the drive;

(1979 [1964]) The Four Fundamental Concepts of Psycho-Analysis. Trans. A. Sheridan, Part 1: The Unconscious and Repetition; New York & London, W. W. Norton & Company.

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