

## Participant Comments

*Why Attend the 60-hour Certification Training?* Because the training provided by the American Hypnosis Training Academy provides outstanding instruction, demonstrations and lots of practice designed to impart hypnotherapeutic skill to the student. As you will see, this training is broadly acclaimed by our graduates as one of the finest post-graduate training programs they have ever attended.

Each year, professionals just like you tell me they receive dozens of brochures for workshops, conferences and training programs. Time and again, they report having gone to a program, where they were impressed with the skill of the presenter(s), but disappointed that those skills were not passed on to the participants. As I say in my letter, which is printed on the enclosed brochure, our training is outstanding because the focus is on teaching participants to conduct Ericksonian Hypnosis and Brief Psychotherapy---not just to show how the instructors can do demonstrations. Here at the American Hypnosis Training Academy you will learn to *do* Ericksonian hypnosis and brief psychotherapy effectively---*guaranteed!* I trust the attached reports from participants will help you **make up your mind to enroll for the Ericksonian Hypnosis & Brief Psychotherapy Certification Training.**

Anthony Barton, Ph.D., a Professor of Psychology at Duquesne University and an American Hypnosis Training Academy graduate, suggested that a good way to corroborate the value of our training is to reproduce some of the many letters and comments in our files. I'm taking him up on his suggestion.

*Best clinical therapy training I have ever been involved in; precise, clear, informative and structured to maximize learning, skill development and personal growth.*

Anthony Barton, Ph.D.

On the following pages are more examples from professionals in a variety of mental health and health care disciplines. **Read as many as you need to convince yourself that you want to attend this training program.** Please give me a call so I can talk to you about the value of our programs. Also, I'll be happy to provide the phone numbers of a few graduates so you can get their recommendations in person as well. My phone numbers are local: **301-565-0511** or toll-free: **800-343-9915.**

My mother used to kiddingly call me "Peter never satisfied Bloom." I am much, much more than satisfied with your course and plan to come back for more.

Many thanks to you and your associate Bob Katz for giving me a lot of information and teaching me about many precise techniques and useful attitudes about change. Also, for giving me opportunities to practice what I was learning in an open, stimulating and caring environment.

Peter Bloom, Ph.D.

The most important aspect of this training has been the personal interest shown by Ron in the quality of work performed by the students. This emphasis on the quality of work is very unusual. Most training programs want to assess what you know, not how you apply what you know.

The mental health system would be delivering better services to its clients if we had more training seminars and more educators like those provided by the American Hypnosis Training Academy.

Ron Sharp, Ed.D.

Ron,  
Attending this workshop was one of the most intensive experiences of my professional career. Having spent thirty years in education, I must say that the teaching techniques, strategies and approaches employed were outstanding. The hands-on types of activities couples with the multi-sensory modality technique are the soundest education approaches I've ever experienced. I have quickly forgotten some the content of other courses....I won't forget yours.

Nancy Meskill, M.Ed.

What makes you so different from other trainers, Ron, is that while other professions can demonstrate these techniques, you have the unique ability to teach them.

Harriet Zimmer, C.S.W.

I have been active in the Association for Training and Development at the Chapter, Regional and National Level for 10 years. Because of that experience I have learned to expect excellence in training to be a norm and therefore tend to be very critically evaluative when selecting or attending workshops. Based on my unusually high expectations and standard. I want you to know that this was the best training that I have had in my lifetime. You are without a doubt a "Wizard" and I am enthralled with you wizardry.

Stephanie Donato, M.A.

Ron Klein is an unusually well-organized teacher, who practices what he teaches. He enriches his presentation with illustrations, humor and effective demonstrations. Ample experiential work is well-planned and gives Ron opportunities to assess the needs and facilitate the learning of each individual participant.

Ron Klein's hypnotic magic is contagious. He is an excellent trainer with skill, humor and integrity, attending to the learning needs of each individual participant. It is a pleasure to recommend his course.

Martha Montgomery, M.A.

Dear Ron,  
Your hypnosis workshops have continued to work in my practice and in my life. The teaching you offered with such clarity continues to resonate and produce good things. It was truly as effective a learning and growing experience as on finds. Gurdjieff once said, about teachings in this world: "There must be real gold about - there is so much counterfeit to be found everywhere." Your program is the real gold.

Dave Sternbach, M.S.W.

Dear Ron,  
I know we are only part of the way through the training course, but I had to write and let you know how much I appreciated this past weekend. In only one weekend I feel I have learned as much as I expected to learn in the whole program. So that makes me very excited about what is yet to come.

I have taken courses at some of the most prestigious institutions around the country such as The Johnson Institute, The U.S. Navy Institute in Substance Abuse Studies and training provided by the National Association of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors as well as the American Psychological Association. I am personally certified as a Master Training Specialist. With this experience in training and as a trainer, I don't believe I have ever experienced such a well thought out, well planned workshop.

The material presented has been appropriate, very well presented and the demonstration and experiential exercises forced it home. I found it supportive to have recent graduates of the program show us "how it works." Their coaching was very helpful.

On a more personal note I want to thank you for your personal interest and for making the training so available to me as well as to so many others.

Joseph L. Trim, M.A.

Ron,

I had many conversations with myself during and after your recent training. I have worked out words of praise and expressions of thanks and none seem to come close to being adequate. You are a wonderful instructor.

Learning the Ericksonian approach to psychotherapy and hypnosis has made a significant impact on my work. More importantly, perhaps, has been the privilege of knowing you and learning from you by discovering so many interesting concepts and skills in the process.

Deborah Bauserman, Ed.D.

Ron,

I wanted to express my thanks for the experiences I received at your workshop this summer. Most of the courses or workshops I have attended on psychotherapy have been based on giving information. I find that I come away from these workshops with a knowledge of what I would like to do but not the understanding of how to accomplish it. This has left me frustrated on many occasions. It has also been distressful to know that some technique would be helpful to my clients, however, unless I refer the client, I knew that they would only receive a partial replication of the technique.

In your workshop I found that there was a massive amount of information imparted (more than I fully know even now), but most important to me was the practical application that was taught. I find that I am now more able and confident in doing what I learned from you. Instead of frustration, I feel an excitement about learning even more. I would like to encourage you to continue with this type of teaching. In my opinion, it is the most important component of training in psychotherapy. I would also like to wholeheartedly endorse this workshop to any therapist who is interested in becoming more effective in his/her work.

James K. Holwager, Ph.D.

During the past nine years, I have participated in a wide range of workshops, and training programs, all of which were focused on clinical aspects of the helping process. By using these workshops as a reference gauge, I can say that your program was the most organized and professionally well-run training program I have ever experienced.

Your ability to combine theoretical data with experiential exercises augmented the learning process. By carefully controlling the tempo of the program and by using the Zen-like quality of "indirect pointing," you were able to help the trainees experience flashes of insight that transcended the strictly linear approaches that are representative of western psychology. In summation, your program was focused on teaching to the whole person: the rational and the intuitive.

Randy Fiery, M.S.W.

Dear Ron,

I've had a period of time to reflect on the quality and nature of my training with you and thought you would be interested to hear from me.

The most valuable thing I took from my experience with you was the beginning of confidence in utilizing a new and powerful way of effecting change in people. You taught me how to get started in a modality of treatment about which I had previously had a lot of skepticism. Your emphasis upon skill development and not on demonstrating your own expertness was refreshingly different from previous experiences with other teachers. There is no doubt you are a strong and powerful teacher.

Seymour Siegel, D.S.W.

Excellent workshop!

The best training I have ever attended. It was extremely useful and helpful.

Carolyn Schmidt, Ph.D.

One of the best training events I have ever attended.

Tom Wiseman, Ph.D.

Training in hypnotherapy with Ron Klein, has been a rich experience. In over thirty years of clinical practice, I have attended many trying sessions. I left most of them with great appreciation for the magical skill for the leader. In Ron's case, however, the emphasis was on our learning rather than on his charismatic leadership. Ron is a wonderful teacher and I am using what I learned!

Frances L. Seidman, Ed.D.

The best workshop I have attended in terms of organization and presentation. A good balance of information and experience. I was pleased with the system of checks on all participants.

Paul J. Coyle, Ed.D.  
Psychologist

Ron,

This was really a premiere experience for me...the quality and richness of your Ericksonian training seminar is something about which you should feel very proud.

Ed Boris, Ph.D.

Everything presented in the training program will be valuable to me in my life and in my profession. Ron, the most valuable was experiencing you! Your methods of teaching, your commitment to excellence, your genuine concern for people--in other words, you made this one of the most valuable learning experiences of my life.

Charles D. Blankenship, M.A.

Ron,

I have been to many training experiences and worked with many teachers in the past. The hypnosis training has been the very best in my experience for two reasons: 1) You know how to teach; and, 2) the material presented is immediately usable in my practice.

Kevin J. Kelley, M.A.

The program is excellent: like a great meal, you walk away full and can't wait to go back for another.

Gordon Stickland, M.P.H.

I believe that I learned more useful information and techniques in this 8-day training program than I did in any graduate level course or in any other seminar I have ever attended.

Richard C. Boris, M.A.

This training has been a tremendous experience for me. It has completely altered my perception of how I care for people. I'm reminded of "Thoreau Castles" in the air--this training puts the foundations under them.

Vanella Crawford, M.S.W.

This was the best workshop I have attended. I learned much more than I expected. The skills are very relevant to my work and I am very excited about getting back to work to try the techniques out with my clients. Thanks Ron!

Silvia Frausin-Murphy,  
Psychologist

I am most impressed when a seminar adds in some significant way to my overall philosophy as a therapist. My belief that change takes a long time has radically shifted. Thank you.

Eileen Stanzione, M.S.W.

I wish I had been to this training sooner. You are truly a caring grown-up one can look up to and learn from. I thank you!

Shirley Sherwood, M.S.W.

This program exceeded my high expectations. Ron Klein provides a combination of truly disciplined collaborative orientation and very effective methods for doing therapy--and a sense of spontaneity and joy in the therapeutic work. I am emerging, from just this exposure to hypnotherapy, with a sense of a marvelous array of tools available to me. After many years as a therapist, I thank you Ron, for a refreshed perception of what I can do and be.

Hadassa Wisch, M.S.W.

The training opened new door which I have never knocked on before - what a vision!

Marge Zimmerman, M.S.W.

After 35-plus years in private practice and many, many workshops and seminars this program was by far one the most challenging, provocative and rewarding I have ever attended.

John Wortley, Ph.D.

Mr. Klein is not only a master hypnotist, but he has also mastered the art of teaching-facilitating learning.

Marcus Mottley, CAC

I began the seminar with the belief that Dr. Erickson was a mystifying presence. I concluded the seminar with clarity, understanding and respect for the tools that Dr. Erickson so wonderfully utilized. I now know that the magic Dr. Milton Erickson worked can be duplicated as a result of the powerful leanings offered by Ron Klein and his dedicated, caring approach and his thorough understand of those tools.

Fran James Vita, M.Ed.

Magnificent! Directly applicable to therapy and counseling practice. Impacts one's own personal life as well.

Georgia Sedwick, M.Ed.

I have been to numerous conferences where I felt that I had wasted my time and my money. This is the most expensive seminar I have attended. It was worth every penny and my time! Thank you.

Tom Barrett, M.A.

Fantastic-provided me with techniques that will be quite useful for future clients. I just wish I would have had these techniques many clients ago!! Just wonderful.

Louise Bettermann, M.Ed.

I am so pleased to come away from this workshop with a real skill that I can practice immediately. I appreciated the length of time to practice skills in dyads and the use of the unique learning circle.

Debra Bellefontaine, M.S.

A highly professional presentation---adequate time for hands-on practice to assist with the integration of a useful variety of new material. Fun and enjoyable.

M. Cann, M.A.

The program was highly stimulating and thought provoking. As a psychiatrist it gives me yet another perspective on the workings of the human mind and many alternative non-chemical methods to alter human behavior. Also liked the opportunity to share problems and experiences with colleagues in different mental health professions.

Dr. J.A.C. Gojer, Psychiatrist

The training was the most intense and detailed workshop I have ever attended. History and theory were minimal. The practical methodology was what I was looking for and that's what I got. With the practice and supervision provided, I have a framework with which to do a better job as a therapist.

Denton Kurtz, M.Ed.

In all my years of education this was the most useful and thorough training I have received. The training is insightful, challenging, and taught with the integrity of the client as a primary value.

Pat Lamb, M.S.W.

Comprehensive, stimulating and growth-enhancing in both a personal and professional sense. The training left me with a clearer recognition that the possibilities for interacting therapeutically are indeed endless. It affirmed the feeling I have had that art and science can be elegantly integrated.

Michael D. Lukens, Ph.D.

This was the best training program of its nature I have attended. It was exciting experience and an excellent opportunity to actually gain specific skills to take back to the therapeutic situation.

Nancy Keogh, Ph.D.