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Philosophy

LAISPS is dedicated to psychoanalytic independence, which we define as an open-minded, discerning attitude toward the rich diversity of psychoanalytic theory and practice. We highly value contemporary orientations, and believe that in order to understand them in depth, a strong foundation in Freud's seminal work is necessary. We are committed to the task of helping candidates forge their own unique psychoanalytic identities. Beyond the consulting room, we deeply believe in the importance of applying psychoanalysis to the problems of the community.

History

- ❖ Established in 1970, the first interdisciplinary psychoanalytic institute in Los Angeles.
- ❖ Founded by nationally recognized psychologist and clinical social worker psychoanalysts.
- ❖ Created when non-medical mental health professionals were restricted from psychoanalytic training and practice.
- ❖ Maintained the highest educational standards consistent with those of the International Psychoanalytical Association.
- ❖ Became a full component society of the International Psychoanalytical Association in 1995.

The Institute

In an atmosphere of intellectual independence, **LAISPS** helps qualified professionals create their own psychoanalytic identities. Our system of training ensures that candidates develop into knowledgeable and skillful psychoanalysts capable of practicing, teaching, conducting research, and applying psychoanalytic principles to the broad spectrum of human endeavor.

In the tripartite model, candidates experience a personal training analysis, conduct three supervised psychoanalytic cases, and participate in an intensive four-year academic program of coursework. Our training analysts, who represent the full range of psychoanalytic perspectives, provide candidates with an in-depth experience of psychoanalytic knowledge while simultaneously respecting their intellectual autonomy. We begin with classical psychoanalysis and nine months of infant observation, and continue with ego psychology, Kleinian theory, object relations, self psychology, intersubjectivity and relational theory.

Courses on personality development and psychopathology are integrated into this curriculum.

LAISPS' training program is designed to fit the schedules of most working mental health professionals. In addition, qualified professionals who are not mental health clinicians may train as Research Associates, and therapists who have equivalent psychoanalytic training may apply for advanced standing.

Upon completion of psychoanalytic training, the candidate is certified as a psychoanalyst and awarded a **Psy.D. in Psychoanalysis**.

LAISPS also offers a **Ph.D. in Psychoanalysis**, which requires additional coursework and a dissertation.

Both the **Psy.D. and Ph.D. in Psychoanalysis** are approved by the State of California Council for Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education.

The Society

LAISPS provides its members and candidates with a warm, collegial professional home. It is a place for intellectual stimulation, professional networking, and deep personal friendships. From the first year of training, our candidates are invited to participate in the daily operation of the organization. Upon graduation, they become full members of the society with voting privileges and are encouraged to contribute to its development and vitality by assuming positions of leadership.

In addition to the growth of its members and candidates, **LAISPS** is committed to providing psychoanalytic education to the mental health community through the following programs:

- ❖ **The Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy Certificate Program** consists of an in-depth one-year exposure to psychoanalysis with a strong emphasis on practical application through case conferences and group supervision.
- ❖ **The Extension Division** features topical seminars in psychoanalytic theory, technique, and applied psychoanalysis.

LAISPS Referral Service

Offers low-fee psychoanalytic psychotherapy and psychoanalysis to individuals in the community.

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❖ **Scientific Programs and Workshops** provide an opportunity for members, candidates and local, national and international psychoanalysts to present original psychoanalytic papers. Weekend workshops allow for more extensive study of special topics.

❖ **Professionals Affiliated with LAISPS (PALS)** offers psychotherapists and other interested professionals a chance to learn more about psychoanalysis in an informal setting. Typically, members of PALS groups meet monthly with two **LAISPS** analysts who facilitate discussions of theoretical and clinical topics from a psychoanalytic perspective. Members of PALS, through their formal affiliation with **LAISPS**, participate in special events and activities.

With the exception of PALS, **LAISPS** offers continuing education credits for the programs listed above.

One of LAISPS' distinguishing characteristics is its commitment to bringing psychoanalytic understanding to underserved groups within our community.

The Ernest S. Lawrence Trauma Center represents this commitment to community outreach. The Center's projects are run by volunteer licensed clinicians who provide free psychoanalytically-informed psychological services to "at-risk" populations as well as educational presentations to the community.

❖ **Parents and Infants Developing Together** offers psychological help to families impacted by multigenerational child abuse.

❖ **The Soldiers' Project** was formed in response to the need for psychological assistance to military service members involved in Iraq and Afghanistan. This program provides individual, couple and family counseling.



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