



BioNeurofeedback Treatment Center

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WIDENER UNIVERSITY'S BCIA **NEUROFEEDBACK**

DIDACTIC COURSE SYLLABUS

This course material is designed to meet the didactic requirements for BCIA (Biofeedback Certification International Alliance) certification in Neurofeedback (EEG Biofeedback)

Catalog Description: Applied Psychophysiology using bioneurofeedback has emerged as a valuable behavioral-based treatment intervention for a wide variety of disorders of the autonomic and central nervous system. This course will focus exclusively on EEG-biofeedback (neurofeedback).

Educational Objectives: Provide the required didactic instruction for BCIA certification in Neurofeedback. Discuss clinical assessment, protocol development, and client care in the use of neurofeedback

Course Text: Demos, John, 1st ed. (2005). Getting Started with Neurofeedback, Norton, New York.

DO NOT PURCHASE THE 2nd EDITION (this covers more advanced materials)

Grading/Evaluation: complete the 2 post-lecture tests and send them to Dr. De Bease for grading (via email or traditional mail). You need to pass with a grade of 75%. You can retake any test after a review of the correct responses. Once the 2 tests are completed, you will receive a Certificate of Completion from BioNeurofeedback and BCIA will be notified that you have completed the didactic requirement towards certification in neurofeedback (if you are seeking certification).

Note regarding readings: Articles in pdf format are provided in the course. Links to web sites for demonstrations are also provided.

Also provided are note pages of the slides with either 3 per page or 9 per page

Lecture 1 Orientation to Neurofeedback (4 hours)

Definition of Neurofeedback (EEG Biofeedback)
History and Development of Neurofeedback
Overview of principles of human learning as they apply to neurofeedback
Assumptions underlying Neurofeedback

Readings: Demos – Chapter 1
Conditioning of Induced EEG Sleep Patterns in the Cat.pdf
Operant Conditioning of EEG Rhythms.pdf

Optional: Deactivation of the Brain Areas during Self-Regulation.pdf
Discourse on the Development of EEG Diagnostics & Biofeedback for ADHD

Lecture 2 Basic Neurophysiology & Neuroanatomy (4 hours)

Neurophysiology
Functional Neuroanatomy

Readings: Demos – Chapter 2
Differences between EPSP and Action Potential.pdf
Coherence a measure of the brain networks.pdf

Lecture 3 Instrumentation & Electronics (4 hours)

Essential Terms & Concepts
Signal Acquisition
Signal Processing
Aseptic Techniques
Instrumentation Demonstration

Readings: Demos – Chapters 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
EEG Power-Spectral and Coherence Differences.pdf
Infection Risk Mitigation.pdf

EEG Demo Videos:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vniog26Qp94> – Preparing for your EEG
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1xT_bnv0mCc – Measuring and Marking the Head
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XMizSSOejg0> – Introduction to EEG

Lecture 4 - Research Evidence Base for Neurofeedback (2 hours)

Determining levels of efficacy and effectiveness of neurofeedback
Key research studies establishing current efficacy levels of major applications of Neurofeedback

Readings: Evidence Based Practice in Biofeedback and Neurofeedback Summary.pdf

Lecture 5 Psychopharmacological Considerations (2 hours)

Potential effects of prescribed and non-prescribed drugs on clinical presentation, on EEG measures, and on neurofeedback assessment and training

Lecture 6 Patient/Client Assessment (4 hours)

Intake Assessment

EEG Assessment

Ongoing Assessment

Instrumentation Demonstration

Readings: Demos – Chapters 8, 9, 10, 11

QEEG Tutorial.pdf

QEEG Sample Report 1.pdf

QEEG Sample Report2.pdf

EEG Demo Video - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-5djHvFo7IQ>

Lecture 7 - Developing Treatment Protocols (6 hours)

Evolution of neurofeedback protocols

Steps in protocol development and treatment planning

Demonstration and case example exercises for practice

Readings: Demos – Chapter 12, re-read chapters assigned for Lecture 3

Lecture 8 - Treatment Implementation (6 hours)

Client preparation for neurofeedback

Therapeutic relationship, coaching, and reinforcement strategies

Procedures and mechanics of conducting a neurofeedback session

Introduction to Alpha-Theta Training

Guidelines and Cautions for Remote Training

Full Neurofeedback Session Demonstrations

EEG Demo Video (montages) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AcW97nMLGEs&t=622s>

Readings: Demos – Chapter 13

Alpha-Theta_Therapeutic_Implications.pdf

ISNR_Guidelines_Remote.pdf

Handout-10-10-System.png

First, Do No Harm.pdf

Lecture 9 Current Trends in Neurofeedback (2 hours)

Identify current trends such as z-score training, LORETA z-Score training, etc.
Combining neurofeedback with other modalities

Readings: Demos – Chapter 14
 ILFNB.pdf

Lecture 10 Ethical & Professional Conduct (2 hours)

Ethical and Legal Practice Familiarity, Clinical Practice, Scope of Practice, Client rights, Supervision, and Professional relationships

Readings: Demos – Chapters 15, 16, 17
 ISNR Code of Ethics.pdf
 ISNR Practice Guidelines.pdf
 Duffy: The State of EEG.pdf
 Professional Standards and Ethical Principles in Biofeedback