



A Brief Introduction to ITP

What is Transpersonal Psychology?

Transpersonal Psychology is a specialization of general psychology that extends psychological studies into consciousness studies, spiritual inquiry, and body-mind relationships. Transpersonal psychology encompasses the full range of human experience, from abnormal behavior to healthy normal functioning, to spiritually embodied and transcendent consciousness.

ITP History

ITP is a private, non-sectarian graduate school accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. The Institute was founded in 1975 by Dr. Robert Frager, in response to the growing need for a shift in the pedagogy of higher learning, and it has remained at the cutting edge of psychological research and education for over thirty years.

A Harvard graduate himself, Frager had experienced first-hand the conventional approach to the study of psychology, and found it lacking and often fragmented. Dr. Frager's educational ideal hearkened back to the ancient Greek system which held the belief that education should take into account all aspects of the human experience. With this ideal in mind, he set out to create a school of psychology that would fully prepare psychologists to understand human nature from an approach that transcends the pathological and encompasses the whole human being in the context of culture, physical health and mental health.

Transpersonal Psychology Today

There is a growing awareness and inclusion of Transpersonal Psychology in today's approaches to health, social sciences and practical arts. Transpersonal perspectives are also being applied to such diverse fields as psychology, psychiatry, anthropology, sociology, pharmacology, cross-cultural studies and social work. Currently, transpersonal psychology, especially the schools of Jungian and archetypal psychology, is integrated into many psychology departments in U.S. and European Universities.

Key Accomplishments

- ITP was the first graduate school dedicated to Transpersonal Psychology, and remains the only regionally accredited doctoral program dedicated to this field.
- In the last six years, the Institute of Transpersonal Psychology's students have consistently excelled in Board of Psychology examinations. ITP students who take both the Examination for the Professional Practice of Psychology (EPPP) and the California Psychology Supplemental Examination (CPSE) pass at much higher rates than the state average.
- ITP's illustrious community of alumni, students and faculty are authors and leaders in spirituality, business and transpersonal psychology, including: Don Bisson, Emma Bragdon, William Braud, Marguerite Buchanan, Virginia Dennehy, Robert Frager, Kasimir Gozdz, Kathlyn Hendricks, Dwight Judy, Sean O'Laoire, Charles Tart, Joyce Rupp and many more.
- For the past nine years ITP students have received the APA, Division 32 Sidney Jourard award for outstanding dissertations. Thirteen students in all have received this prestigious award.
- In 2003, ITP and its founder, Dr. Robert Frager, were honored with the Karl and Charlotte Beuhler Award from APA, Division 32, for institutional contributions to transpersonal and humanistic psychology.

Key Numbers

Operating Budget: **\$8,424,000**

Core / Adjunct Faculty: **29 / 55**

Average Annual Enrollment: **480**

Average Tuition Fees: **MA - \$13K; Ph.D. - \$26K**

Distance vs. Residential Students: **37% / 63%**

Funding Sources: **Tuition 93%; Gifts & Other 7%**

Ph.D. Student/Faculty Ratio Average: **11.6**

Western Association of Schools and Colleges accredited



Residential Programs

Residential Ph.D.

Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology and Ph.D. in Transpersonal Psychology (with specializations in Spiritual Guidance, Creative Expression, or Research and Education). These degree programs are dedicated to producing skillful, well-rounded psychologists through disciplined inquiry, scholarly research and self discovery in the context of a supportive community environment.

Residential Masters

Master of Arts in Counseling Psychology (MACP) and Master of Arts in Transpersonal Psychology (MATP). The MACP fulfills the academic requirements for graduates to sit for the California state licensure examination in Marriage and Family Therapy. The curriculum combines foundational course work in transpersonal psychology with specialized courses in counseling theory and skills development. The MACP includes a year-long practicum experience.

Distance Learning Programs

Global Ph.D.

Global Ph.D. in Psychology provides opportunity for working adults to study transpersonal psychology in a distance learning and online format for personal, educational or professional advancement. ITP's Global Ph.D. in Psychology is a 120 unit, flexible program combining online classes, residential seminars, and innovative research.

Global Master's and Certificates

The Global Programs offer a Master of Transpersonal Psychology (MTP) and a one-year Certificate in Transpersonal Studies. The Master's program gives students a choice of four professional specializations: Creative & Innovative Processes, Spiritual Psychology, Transpersonal Wellness, and Original Research in Transpersonal Psychology. Global also offers professional training in Transformational Life Coaching.

Affiliations

California Psychology Internship Council
C.G. Jung Institute of San Francisco
Foundation for Mind-Being Research
Association for Transpersonal Psychology (ATP)
International Transpersonal Association (ITA)
Institute of Noetic Sciences
Association of Governing Boards
Association for Institutional Research
American Library Association
Strategic Enrollment Management Network

Northern California Consortium of Psychology Libraries
Northern Association of College & University Business Officers
California Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators
National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators
Consortium for Diversified Psychology Programs (Affiliate)
Northern Association of Foreign Student Advisors
Bay Area Association of Graduate Admissions Professionals
Northern California & Nevada Medical Library Group
Eurotas (European Transpersonal Psychology Association)
American Association of Collegiate Registrars & Admissions Officers