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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Catherine D. Nugent, L.C.P.C., T.E.P.



Dear Certified Psychodramatists:

On behalf of the Board, I send warm greetings to you all. I pray each of you and your loved ones are safe and well during these unprecedented challenges of our times.

Congratulations to the 31 individuals who took the written examination this fall. There were nine TEP candidates and 22 CP candidates—14 from

USA, 12 from China, 3 from Taiwan, and 2 from Malaysia. We owe a special debt of gratitude to our multi-talented, multi-tasking Board Executive Director, Dale Richard Buchanan, for coordinating the administration of the test across multiple time-zone over a three-day period.

A major agenda item of our September meeting was preparing the 2020 written examination. Our goal is to write clear, coherent questions that enable candidates to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding. The exams are now being reviewed by the many generous members of our community who offer their time and expertise for this task.

A critical task for our September online Board Meeting (see this page and continued on page 3) was to consider pandemic accommodations. Following careful review of recommendations from the community and Board Directors, we announced the accommodations specified in the second column. Our guiding principle was to balance the integrity of the standards with the flexibility needed to meet the present circumstances. At our January meeting (January 15-January 17), we will revisit the accommodations in light of current public health guidelines.

The past year has been one of the more difficult in my 68 years: the loss, as of this writing, of over 1.5 million lives to corona virus and the countless others affected; the economic downturn that has devastated the livelihoods of so many, especially people of color and the poor; the calls for racial justice with both peaceful demonstrations and occasional bursts of violence; the wildfires raging across the West, and

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Covid-19 Accommodations

The ABE is committed to a compassionate, spontaneous and creative response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Board will closely monitor the public health conditions over the next several months. We will periodically revisit the possibility of additional accommodations as the situation evolves. In the interim, we thank you for the important work you are doing during these unprecedented and challenging times.

The following are the accommodations made to date, additional accommodations, including whether or not the 2020 CP & TEP candidates who pass the written examination will be given provisional certification status will be discussed at the January Meeting of the Board of Directors.

Accommodations: Certified Practitioner Standards

- Conferred Provisional Certification for 2019 candidates who passed the written examination, but could not schedule the onsite exam because of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- In-person onsite examinations can be scheduled as soon as local health guidelines accommodate face-to-face, in-person live group sessions, and an onsite examiner can safely travel to and observe the session.
- Increased number of distance learning hours allowed toward the total required training hours from 120 to 150 during the pandemic.
- Reaffirmed a minimum of 460 hours of face-to-face, in-person, live training with a TEP or PAT must be included in the total required training hours.
- Clarified that the 100 hours from ASGPP and other conferences listed in the standard must be acquired through face-to-face, in-person, live sessions.

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ELECTED BOARD DIRECTORS

July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021

<i>President:</i>	Catherine D. Nugent, L.C.P.C., T.E.P.
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Grand Opening of New Website

The ABE is delighted, relieved and excited to inform you that we hope to have the opening of the new website later this winter. The new website features new enhancements and additions so that certified psychodramatists may market their services to new clients, connect with other certified psychodramatists and maintain their certification.

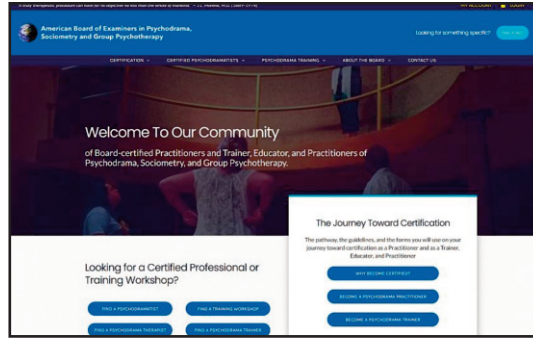
The ABE began this process of creating a new website in 2018. We selected a website design company in March 2019 and it was originally contracted to open in January of 2020. However, due to delays, several outbreaks of Covid 19 among the subcontractors, and needed enhancements due to Covid 19 the grand opening was delayed.

The Website will be opening in three phases. Phase One will include all documents concerning the certification, application and examination processes. It will also include new flow charts for the CP and TEP Journeys, including key milestones and deadlines and links to the milestones. The directory of certified psychodramatists and the search functions by geographical locations and work settings. Forms have been formatted so that they – when opened using Adobe Acrobat Reader – they can be filled out on a computer and then printed for submission. Pages that are not in PDF format have buttons that will convert them into pages formatted as PDF files suitable for printing.

The second phase will include a new Calendar of Events that will include both face to face in person training events, and distance learning trainings.

The third and final phase will include the option of payment via PayPal with continuing payment options of check, money orders and bank wires.

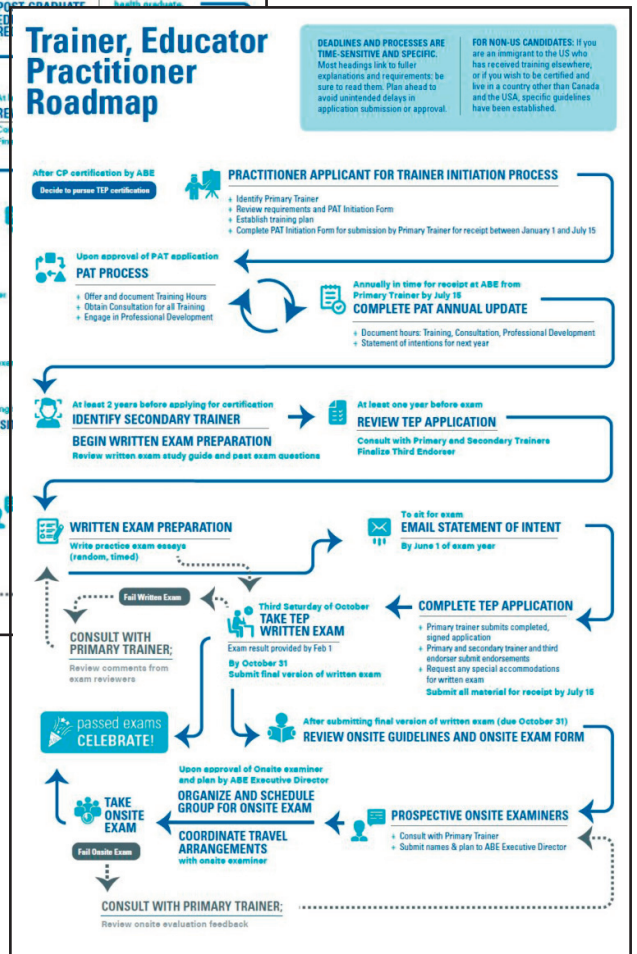
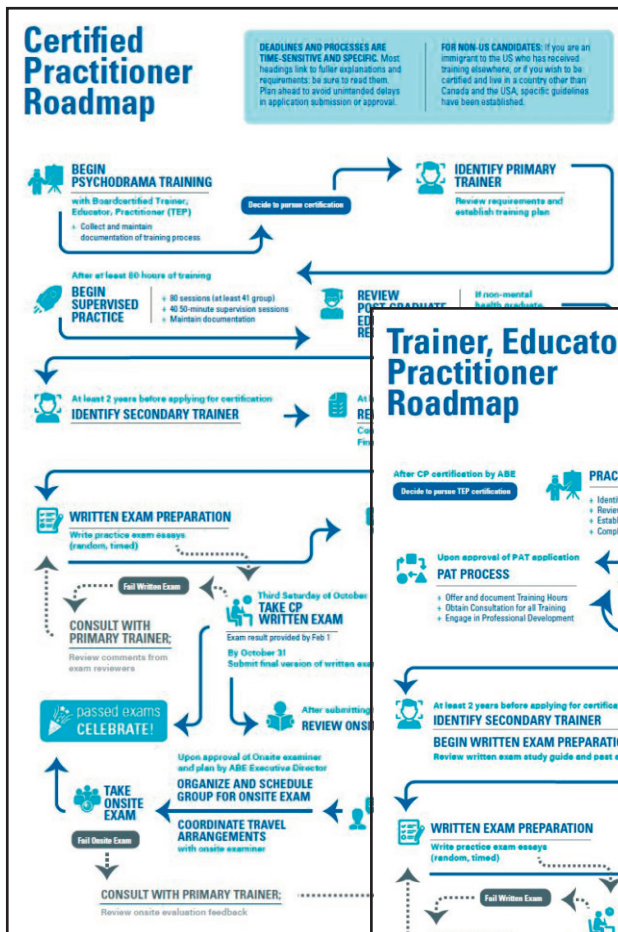
As we move further into the 21st Century the ABE will be increasingly using digital and internet services. The ABE is committed to publishing a 2021 Directory of Certified Psychodramatists. However, the most accurate and current listing of all certified psychodramatists is available on our website. At some point in the future the ABE will no longer be printing and mailing the annual Directory and that information. The site allows for three levels of disclosure of certification: private listing, sharing with other certified psychodramatists only, or public release of



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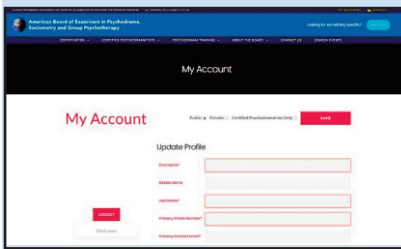
In the private only listing – only your name and state and country will be listed for the public to view – all other information including email, address and phone number will remain private. The sharing with other certified psychodramatists will allow those who are already certified to log into our website and view the information that you wish to share with others

(you have control over what kind and how much information you wish to share with other certified psychodramatists. The sharing with public allows anyone who logs on to our website to view the services you offer to others and ways to contact you. Again you decide how and what you want to share with the public.



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Log on and Update your Information



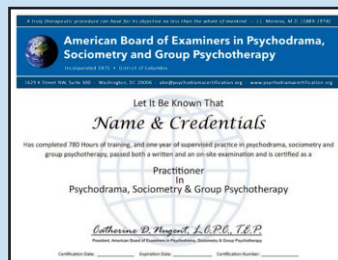
Go to our website (psychodramacertification.org) and go the upper right hand corner and click on LOGIN. Use the same user name and password as you used with the former ABE website. If you forgot either of these simply click on to "Forgot username or password" and the information will be sent to your email address on file with us. You will receive an email with your user name and a new password assigned by the system. If you need further assistance, click "Contact Website Administrator for Assistance" which will allow you to send an email to the website assistant. Your profile will not be accessible to the public or to other psychodramatists until you have gone to "Update Profile" and completed required fields in your profile. Required fields include administrative contact information, applicable licenses if any, and affirmation of your ethical standing and dues renewal status.

Confidentiality

The website will feature secure and confidential administrative settings that will allow the ABE to maintain contact with you. The ABE will never sell or give these private and confidential contact information to any other person or organization, unless directed to do so by Court Order. Existing policy prohibits selling or giving any information marked "private" to any third party.

Print Out A Certificate

You will be able to print our a current verification of certification certificate (including certification number, date of certification and expiration date for framing or providing to 3rd parties for verification of certification.



Additional Work Settings

There are additional work settings for Therapists in Private Practice to indicate services offered such as Individual, Group, Families and Couples.

Distance Learning

There are new settings for distance learning and a distance learning calendar of events.

New Illustrated Flow Charts

Navigate the CP Journey

Navigate the TEP Journey

CP Application Materials

PAT Application Materials

TEP Application Materials

PAT Annual Update Forms

Covid-19 Accommodations

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- Reaffirmed that the certification standard does not prohibit use of an online platform for the CP practicum.
 - o The maximum number of practicum sessions provided via an online platform is 20. The overall design of the CP practicum is left to the discretion of the Primary Trainer and Trainee.
- Reaffirmed the period for completing the practicum can be extended to 5 years, following written request to the Board.

Accommodations:

Certified Trainer, Educator & Practitioner Standards

- Conferred Provisional Certification for 2019 TEP candidates who passed the written examination, but could not schedule the onsite exam because of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- In-person onsite examinations can be scheduled as soon as local health guidelines accommodate face-to-face, in-person live group sessions, and an onsite examiner can safely travel to and observe the session.
- Reaffirmed the certification standard does not prohibit use of an online platform for the PAT/TEP practicum.
 - o The maximum number of practice hours provided via an online platform is 48. The overall design of the TEP practicum is left to the discretion of the Primary Trainer and Trainee.
- Reaffirmed PAT Professional Development can be received via an online platform.
- Reaffirmed PAT supervision can be delivered via phone or an online platform.
- Reaffirmed Primary/Secondary Trainer review of sessions led by candidate for certification endorsement can be done using recordings or other electronic means.

Summary: The American Board of Examiners in Psychodrama, Sociometry and Group Psychotherapy (ABE) certification standards specify a maximum of 100 training credits obtained through for ASGPP conferences. These 100 hours must be obtained through face-to-face, in-person conference attendance.

The certification standards also allow up to 120 hours of distance learning led by PATs and/or TEPs to be applied toward the required training hours, provided those distance learning hours are reviewed and approved by the applicant's primary trainer. As an accommodation during the COVID-19 pandemic, the number of allowable distance learning hours is increased to 150.

Distance learning hours must be documented under the name(s) of the TEPs or PATs leading these training sessions and not under the organizations sponsoring those distance learning sessions.

ELECTIONS NOTICE

The Board has openings for two T.E.P. positions and one C.P. position. Members are expected to pay for one-half of their transportation and all other expenses to attend two yearly meetings. One meeting is held in January and the other is held in September. The date for the September 2021 meeting is 24-26. The winter meeting is scheduled for January 14-16, 2022. The dates and location for the meetings are set by the Board of Directors. Until it is safe enough to travel, all ABE Board of Directors meetings will be held via Zoom.

If you are interested in standing for election, please contact our office and we will send you instructions for writing a brief biographical statement. Nominations must be received by January 10. Once again, the Ballot will be sent via email. If you would like a paper copy of the ballot you must send the Board a self-addressed stamped envelope by January 10.

Board Conversation Hour

If you are attending the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Group Psychotherapy and Psychodrama we invite you to come to our annual Conversation Hour. Board Directors will be present to answer your questions and address your concerns.



September board meeting zoom scavenger hunt

From the President

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the hurricanes pounding parts of the Eastern seaboard, both occurring all too often and with ever-increasing negative impact; the politics of fear and disrespect that has caused many to lose faith in our democracy and fomented deep divisions among us.

Writing all this, I stop to take a deep breath and settle myself... Then, I center on the realization that, despite all of these challenges, we are immensely fortunate to have an especially strong and supportive community in our psychodrama world. Our spontaneity and creativity, along with our connections with each other, enable us to move forward with courage and hope, uplifting those we serve and teach—for the benefit of all humankind.

May we all be well!

Cathy

IN MEMORIAM

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

2021 ASGPP
Online
Conference

April 7-11, 2021