# Robert Lusk - 2-Day Trauma Treatment Certification Course

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## **Description**

Like you, I've dealt with some major obstacles to providing effective trauma treatment during my career. How do I make the best use of the growing body of neuroscience research? How can I cut through the clutter of all the possible factors contributing to the trauma and get a clear picture of the issues to address in therapy? How can I tailor my approach to meet the unique needs of each survivor?

I looked for a solution, and discovered it in an integration of neuroscience, physiology, the three stages of trauma recovery, smaller ingredients taken from larger evidence-based models, and customizable treatment strategies that addressed unique needs of trauma survivors and their families.

This certificate course recording presents this integrated and customizable approach to trauma treatment in a manner that is easy to follow and readily adaptable to a variety of settings.

You will discover how to use this integrated model as a foundation upon which you can then tailor and apply treatment approaches with which you are already familiar but until now seemed rigid and inflexible. You will be able to move beyond the standard script often given for when and how to apply various strategies, allowing you to focus much more intently on where the trouble spots are in each survivor's life and what actions to take to resolve them. You will get a road map that will help you to guide each survivor through all the stages in the trauma recovery process.

In this exciting, innovative, and evidence-informed training, you'll leave invigorated, with a new plan of action for how to use standard models and strategies in new ways to facilitate meaningful and lasting trauma recovery.

Best of all, this training meets the educational requirements when applying to become a **Certified Clinical Trauma Professional (CCTP)** through Evergreen Certifications. Certification lets colleagues, employers, and clients know that you've invested the extra time

and effort necessary to understand the complexities of trauma counselling. Professional standards apply. Visit <a href="https://www.evergreencertifications.com/CCTP">www.evergreencertifications.com/CCTP</a> to get started!

#### **Handouts**

Manual – 2-Day: Trauma Treatment Certification Course: 55 Available Comprehensive Strategies and Customizable Interventions for Pages after Enhanced Recovery (3.8 MB) Purchase

#### **Outline**

## Trauma Impact: Summary of the Research

- Definitions & concepts
- Short term and long term effects (the ACE study)
- The "good" and "bad" news about trauma exposure
- Limitations of the research

#### **Assessment and Diagnosis of Trauma**

- Assessment of trauma in children, adolescents and adults
- Trauma-& Stressor-Related Disorders in the DSM-5
- What's still missing from the DSM-5®?
- Common pitfalls in diagnosis
- My "favorite" diagnosis & why to use it frequently

#### **Address Trauma's Impact on Neurobiology**

- Major areas of impact
- The 3-part brain (or upstairs/downstairs brain)
- Neurologically-related issues in trauma survivors
  - o "Arrested Development"
  - o "Hair Trigger" threat response
  - o Cognitive, academic, & work-related problems
- Relationship problems
- The arousal continuum
- Dissociation

## Evidence-based Treatments vs. the "Real World"

- What does "evidence-based" mean in trauma treatment?
- Components of evidence-based treatments
- The evidence-based components approach

#### **Points of Intervention in Trauma Treatment**

- Main entry points: immediate support vs. trauma treatment
- Psychological first aid
- Stages of trauma-focused treatment

- What can you do if your client isn't emotionally or physically safe?
- Trauma-Focused Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy: The "Gold Standard"
- Case examples
  - o "Amanda": 7-year-old girl with sexual abuse and complex family issues
  - o "Phil": mid-30s man whose son died while in his care

#### Address Critical Domains in Trauma Treatment

- The Physiology Domain
- Sleep
  - Nutrition and hydration
  - Sensory needs and interventions
  - Medications, supplements, & nontraditional interventions
  - Physical activity/exercise
  - o "Amanda" and "Phil" and the physiology domain
- The Relationship Domain
  - The Attachment, Regulation, & Competency (ARC) model (for youth)
  - Teaching caregiver emotional control (for caregivers of youth)
  - Build attunement (for caregivers of youth)
  - Positive discipline (for caregivers of youth)
  - Build the therapeutic alliance
  - Build a support network
  - o Implement routines & rituals
  - o "Amanda" and the relationship/attachment domain
  - o "Phil" and the relationship domain
- The Emotional Regulation Domain
  - o Feelings identification and expression
  - Use SUDs scales
  - Grounding & self-soothing techniques
  - o The "Comfort Kit"
  - Add attunement!
  - Apply Bruce Perry's Neurosequential Model of Therapeutics™
    - NMT assessments
    - NMT: Interventions by developing age
  - o "Amanda" and "Phil" and the emotional regulation domain
- The Cognitive Domain
  - Teach and practice problem-solving
  - Teach and practice mindfulness
  - o Address distorted cognitions: Most common targets of cognitive processing
  - Cognitive processing: how to modify problematic thoughts
  - Use the Franklin Method
  - o "Amanda" and "Phil" and the Cognitive Domain
- The Identity Domain
  - o Focus on identity and sense of self
  - Build on existing strengths
  - The Life Book approach
  - Exercises to improve identity
  - o "Amanda" and "Phil" and the identity domain

#### Additional Components for the 3 Stages of Trauma Recovery

- Stage One: Safety & Stabilization
  - Establish rapport
  - Education of the client about effect of trauma
  - Safety plans
  - Trauma-specific areas of focus
  - Sexual abuse for "Amanda"
  - o Triggers for "Phil"
- Stage Two: Process the Past Trauma
  - Preparation
  - Create the trauma narrative
    - Play and verbal-based methods of creating the trauma narrative
    - Process of constructing a trauma narrative
  - When is your client finished with Stage Two?
  - o Process "Amanda's" trauma (play therapy "narrative"
  - Process "Phil's" trauma (verbal narrative)
- Stage Three: Reconnection:
  - Consolidate/internalize coping skills
  - Enhance positive emotions
  - Making meaning of the trauma
  - Facilitate reconnection to daily activities
  - Enhance current relationships
  - Prepare for future safety and triggers
  - Posttraumatic growth
  - o Reconnection for "Amanda" and "Phil"

#### **Resiliency and Protective Factors**

- Research on resiliency and protective factors
- The top protective factors for trauma
- Build resiliency

## **Faculty**

## Robert Lusk, PhDRelated seminars and products: 2

**Robert Lusk, PhD,** has devoted his career to working with trauma survivors and their families, and providing training and consultation to parents, military families, and professionals on trauma-related issues, parenting special needs children, attachment disorders, psychotropic medications, reintegration after deployment, and psychiatric disorders. For the past 26 years, Dr. Lusk has served as clinical director at The Baby Fold. There, he designs and implements new programs, and provides clinical supervision, consultation and oversight to all the agency's treatment programs.

Dr. Lusk completed a full-time internship at the Brentwood Veterans Administration Medical Center in Los Angeles, where he focused on PTSD treatment for combat veterans. He has

continued to provide supervision, training, and treatment for veterans and other adult trauma survivors for the past 30 years.

Dr. Lusk also instructs courses at Illinois Wesleyan University and has been actively involved in investigative research on trauma for over 30 years, including studies of treatment approach efficacy and cognitive and school-related effects of trauma. He has published several journal articles and book chapters on understanding and treating trauma.

Dr. Lusk earned his Master's and Doctoral degrees in clinical psychology from the University of California at Los Angeles and has trained in a variety of interventions including Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, the Attachment, Regulation, and Competency (ARC) model, Collaborative Problem-Solving, couples and family therapy, Trust-Based Relational Intervention, and Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR).

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