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## Treatment of Sexual Trauma

Statistics indicate that one out of three people, both male and female, will be personally impacted by sexual trauma (including rape, child sexual abuse, sexual harassment and exploitation). Proper identification and effective treatment are essential to establishing and/or restoring emotional and physical health of an individual and family. New breakthroughs on the neurobiology of trauma have greatly changed the treatment of sexual trauma victims since the 1980s and 1990s. The instructor will give a comprehensive look at the counseling process. Several treatment modalities will be utilized to increase clinical improvement of clients from diverse backgrounds and which modalities work best in each stage of the healing.

Based on her more than 20-year career working with many aspects of sexual trauma, Ms. Bradley will tap into her extensive background as a child sexual abuse investigator, a clinical educator and therapist. She will take participants from the point of initial patient contact and will provide tools and hands-on techniques necessary at each stage. Every participant will receive a comprehensive manual with client masters and handouts.

Ms. Bradley has spoken nationally about her personal experience with sexual trauma and will discuss important and subtle steps in the healing process.

## Who Should Attend

- Psychotherapists
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- Social Workers
- Pastoral Counselors and Clergy
- Physicians
- Nurses
- Nurse Practitioners
- Psychiatric Nurse Practitioners
- Crisis Intervention Counselors
- Guidance Counselors
- Drug and Alcohol Counselors
- Marriage and Family Therapists
- Victim Intervention and other Court Advocates
- Rape Crisis Counselors
- Licensed Professional Counselors
- Sex Educators, Counselors and Therapists
- Law Enforcement

*“Engrossing and inspiring, Melissa Bradley’s presentation speaks to her dedicated work in the field of trauma. Her seminars are important for therapists and trauma survivors alike.”*

Steven Levenkron, best-selling author and psychologist  
New York, NY



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# What You Will Learn

- Identify the three healing templates for treatment of all types of trauma
- Learn therapeutic techniques to be used in the treatment of traumatized children, adults and couples
- Understand the physiology of trauma responses and how they play out in all relationships and the counseling process
- Learn the essentials in safe trauma processing
- Educate the family and the client's system during the healing process
- Identify sexual trauma imprints and how they impact the lives of those affected

# Course Director

**MELISSA (MISSY) BRADLEY, M.S., NCC, B.C.E.T.S., F.A.A.E.T.S.,** is a nationally recognized educator, consultant and author. After more than 20 years of assessing and providing treatment for sexual trauma victims, she has worked as a child sexual abuse investigator and provided individual, group and family therapy in corporate and non-profit settings.

Ms. Bradley is the developer of "The Three Stages," an EMDR-trained psychotherapist and trainer for professionals in medical and mental health settings, universities, crisis lines, school systems and corporations. She also provides expert witness testimony in criminal and civil court.

As a Fellow, Diplomat and Board Certified Expert in Traumatic Stress by the prestigious Academy of Experts in Traumatic Stress, Ms. Bradley is a frequent guest on regional and national radio and television news programs speaking on many mental health issues. Several of the news series she has been interviewed for addressing the subject of rape, sexual abuse and stalking have won prestigious national and international media awards, among them, the Scripps Howard Award for Broadcast Excellence and the Edward R. Murrow Award.

Ms. Bradley's additional professional affiliations include: American Counseling Association (ACA), National Board of Certified Counselors (NBCC), Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing International Association (EMDRIA). For more information, visit her website at [www.omnibuswellness.org](http://www.omnibuswellness.org).

# Dates & Locations

## PENSACOLA - February 20, 2008

Clarion University Mall  
7200 Plantation Rd., Pensacola, FL 32304 (850) 474-0100

## TALLAHASSEE - February 21, 2008

Ramada Conference Center  
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## JACKSONVILLE - February 22, 2008

Jacksonville Marriott Hotel  
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# COURSE CONTENT

## THE FUNDAMENTALS OF SEXUAL TRAUMA

- ◆ Fundamentals of sexual trauma
  - overview of the three stages
  - neurobiology of trauma and its impact
  - identifying the unintegrated fragments of trauma
  - reenactment and revictimization—the common duo
  - Child sex play or abuse? The legal vs. clinical issue
  - Themis and systemic betrayal
  - understanding how the fight, flee and freeze survival responses impact the counseling process
  - the sexual trauma "imprint" and how it affects relationships
  - the traits of "thriveability"
  - identifying the progression to sexual assault

## THE THREE STAGES

- ◆ THE VICTIM and the safety net
  - building the therapeutic pillars for the rest of recovery
  - hands-on therapeutic interventions to use with victims
  - triggers—how to identify them and how to defuse them
  - educating and building a therapeutic alliance with the family
  - common reasons why clients get "stuck" and how to move beyond them
  - organizing and processing the trauma without having to relive it
  - safe processing vs. unsafe processing in victim mode groups
  - safety plans for children, individuals, couples and families

## THE THREE STAGES (continued)

- too soon, too much, too fast—the difference between victim and survivor needs
- therapeutic techniques to use with children, adults and couples
- ◆ THE SURVIVOR and the abyss
  - identification of maladaptive belief systems and restructuring of those beliefs
  - uses of complementary therapeutic approaches (journaling, music, movement, exercise, guided imagery, mindmapping and art)
  - integrating the trauma into the rest of the client's life and identity
  - cognitive and behavioral therapy during the abyss
  - therapeutic techniques for user during survivor mode
  - exploring the gifts
  - relapse prevention
- ◆ THE THRIVER and the basecamp
  - therapeutic pillars for the thriver
  - the thriver philosophy
  - "I thought this was over"—preparation for predictable flare-ups
  - integration of the trauma into all dimensions of a person's life
- ◆ THE PROFESSIONAL CAREGIVER and the sacred responsibility
  - vicarious traumatization
  - the (wounded) healer

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