

# Psychedelic Therapy Curriculum Contacts

The following list highlights universities and pioneering academic leaders who have successfully developed psychedelic therapy curricula and are open to offering support. BrainFutures encourages aspiring curriculum developers to reach out to these experts for valuable insights and resources to help establish their own programs.

## **CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE OF INTEGRAL STUDIES**

Cross-disciplinary | Certificate

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CIIS's Certificate in Psychedelic-Assisted Therapies and Research covers the pharmacology of psychedelics, research design, therapist competencies, and the history of psychoactive plant use. It thoroughly addresses clinical work with MDMA and psilocybin, with additional coursework on ketamine-assisted psychotherapy. The program values the deconstruction of various perspectives and cultural viewpoints, along with didactic and experiential learning with diverse specializations.

## **COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY**

Social Work | Certificate; practicum; electives

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The School of Social Work at Columbia University has introduced a *Psychedelic Therapy Training Program* (PTTP) for second-year MSW students specializing in Advanced Clinical Social Work Practice. The

program includes four in-depth courses that cover psychedelic-assisted therapy (PAT), along with a 600-hour clinical practicum placement. The program aims to prepare students to directly enter the PAT field, with supervision, but without the need for further post-graduate training. Additionally, the school provides two elective courses related to psychedelics for students who are not enrolled in the PTTP.

## **JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY, NEW YORK UNIVERSITY, AND YALE UNIVERSITY**

Psychiatry | Didactic content; practicum

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A collaborative team from the Johns Hopkins, NYU, and Yale Schools of Medicine has developed a specialized curriculum on psychedelic medicine for psychiatric resident physicians. The curriculum is designed to provide resident psychiatrists with essential knowledge of psychedelic medicine and advanced training through a specialized fellowship. The program integrates standardized didactic content with

applied experience through a practicum. This curriculum is currently being piloted by team members at each institution.

## **UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA CHAPEL HILL**

Social Work | Elective

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The University of North Carolina's School of Social Work will be introducing a new course called *Psychedelic Assisted Therapy for Substance Use and Mood Disorders* in the spring of 2025. This course will be available to MSW students in their final year, as well as to students from other schools within UNC (e.g., education, psychology, public health) with proper approval. It will be a seven-week advanced practice elective focusing on therapeutic uses of psychedelic medicine, the history of psychedelic use, and the various psychedelics that may be used to treat different mental health conditions.

## **UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA**

Nursing | Self-directed modules, elective

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Penn Nursing has developed two educational paths focusing on psychedelic therapy. The first is a self-directed 12-module course aligned with the American Association of Colleges of Nursing competencies. These modules aim to educate faculty that teach within nursing programs. The second is a seminar for undergraduates providing foundational education on psychedelic medicine, constructed around Jean Watson's Theory of Human Caring.

To add your institution's psychedelic therapy coursework and contact information to this list, please email [info@brainfutures.org](mailto:info@brainfutures.org) for more details