

# TRAINING PACKAGE APPLICATION



Applications must meet the EMDRAA Training Curriculum requirements set forth by EMDRAA.

The Accreditation & Standards Committee reviews EMDRAA Training Package Applications.

***Please be prepared to allow approximately 120 days for the review process once it has been determined the application is complete. Please also complete the attached self-assessment for curriculum requirements and provide your curriculum materials for review, as outlined in the self-assessment form.***

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## EMDR TRAINING CURRICULUM MATERIALS

### TRAINING MATERIALS REQUIRED FOR SUBMISSION

Please be sure to submit this completed application form along with the following training materials electronically (email preferred) as a Word document, although PDF documents will be accepted as well:

- Completed Self- check form with appropriate reference to all required content and materials
- Training syllabus or course summary with line numbers along the side of the document for the review process.
- Timeline of training content in 1- or 2-hour long segments including breaks and lunches. (The timeline can be incorporated into the training syllabus/course summary mentioned above). The timeline should include line numbers along the side of the document for the review process.
- Training manuals and any additional materials (handouts, slides, etc.) that will be provided to trainees with line numbers along the side of the document for the review process.
- Training Evaluation Forms for Training Instructor, Practicum Facilitator, and Consultant (if applicable).
- Grievance Procedure and Form for trainees.

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## Basic Training Curriculum Requirements

1. Documents included to support this application:
  - 1.1. Curriculum Outline
  - 1.2. Slides
  - 1.3. Workbooks/manuals
  - 1.4. Any additional handouts
  - 1.5. Pre-reading materials
  - 1.6. Pre-workshop materials

Please complete the checklist below. For each item, please identify the document that contains the content and the page and line number if appropriate.

## 2. STRUCTURE AND ADMINISTRATION

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| 2.1 | Grievance process, cancellation and refund, equal opportunity and access   |   |                                       |  |
|     | <b>Applicant response:</b>   |   |                                       |  |
| 2.2 | Full disclosure of training costs  |   |                                       |  |
| 2.3 | Information is consistent with EMDRAA policies regarding training and consultation   |   |                                       |  |
| 2.4 | Provide access to the EMDRAA Basic Training log (copy or access link)<br><a href="https://emdraa.org/forms/">https://emdraa.org/forms/</a> |   |                                       |  |

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| 2.5                        | Training Evaluation Forms   |  |  |  |
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| 2.6                        | Information on trainers to be used  |  |  |  |
| 2.7                        | Timetable and structure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- allocation of time (separate didactic and practicum time)</li> <li>- content and curriculum (extra notes below)</li> </ul>   |  |  |  |
| <b>Applicant response:</b> |   |  |  |  |
| 2.8                        | Training materials (e.g., manual, slides etc) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Information is consistent across materials.</li> <li>- Information is cross-referenced for participants</li> </ul>   |  |  |  |
| <b>Applicant response:</b> |   |  |  |  |
| 2.9                        | Pre-workshop Material:  |  |  |  |
| 2.10                       | Assessment tools and measures for inclusion:  |  |  |  |
|                            | Fidelity checklist inclusion:<br><small>(Cooper, R. Z., Smith, A. D., Lewis, D., Lee, C. W., &amp; Leeds, A. M. (2019). Developing the Interrater Reliability of the Modified EMDR Fidelity Checklist. <i>Journal of EMDR Practice and Research</i>, 13(1), 32-50. doi:10.1891/1933-3196.13.1.32)</small> |  |  |  |

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|  | <b>Applicant response:</b>          |
|  | Additional comments from reviewers: |

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## 3. CONTENT OF TRAINING

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| 3.1   | Three sections with a minimum time and content requirement:   |   |                                       |  |
| 3.1.1 | Instructional (20 hours) – Up to 10 hours can be completed asynchronously.  |   |                                       |  |
| 3.1.2 | Supervised Practicum (20 hours)   |   |                                       |  |
| 3.1.3 | Consultation (10 hours) - information provided  |   |                                       |  |
|       | <b>Applicant response:</b>  |   |                                       |  |
| 3.2   | If online (please completed additional online training application):<br>Three sections with a minimum time and content requirement:   |   |                                       |  |
| 3.2.1 | Instructional (20 hours) - Up to 10 hrs can be asynchronous didactic instruction.   |   |                                       |  |
| 3.2.2 | Practicum (20 hours) - all hours must be completed live (synchronously)   |   |                                       |  |
| 3.2.3 | Consultation (10 hours) - all hours must be completed live (synchronously)  |   |                                       |  |
|       | Recommended Text: Shapiro, F. (2018). <i>Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing, Basic Principles, Protocols and Procedures</i> . (3 <sup>rd</sup> ed.). New York: The Guilford Press. |   |                                       |  |
| 3.3   | <b>Supplemental material:</b>   |   |                                       |  |
| 3.3.1 | Access to the EMDRAA FAQ and Resources pages.   |   |                                       |  |
| 3.3.2 | Contact information for EMDRAA Approved Consultants can be found online at <a href="https://emdraa.org/accredited-consultants/">https://emdraa.org/accredited-consultants/</a>                |   |                                       |  |

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| 3.4 | Specific explanation of the <i>Basic Training</i> and accreditation processes, including required workshops, consultation, and additional processes. Should the training in question have its own rules or processes for training which differ from those of EMDRAA, trainees must be provided clear information outlining the differing rules and which are related to the training company versus EMDRAA. |  |  |  |
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## 4. INSTRUCTIONAL

The goal of the Instructional Section of the training is to provide information and understanding in each of the following areas. Although EMDRAA is not regulating the amount of time spent on any one portion, it is expected that the majority of time will be spent teaching the Method section as well as case conceptualisation and treatment planning. The curriculum developer may determine the order in which the material is presented.

**Minimum Required Time:** 20 hours (up to 10 hours can be pre-recorded/asynchronous didactic instruction).

**History and Overview:** The goal of this section is to review the historical evolution of EMDR therapy from its inception through validation by randomised controlled studies. This includes, but is not limited to:

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| 4.1   | <b>Traumatology Overview</b><br>overview of traumatology and neurological changes made by trauma and adverse experiences on psychopathology |   |                                       |  |
|       | <b>Applicant response:</b>  |   |                                       |  |
| 4.2   | <b>Origin:</b>  |   |                                       |  |
| 4.2.1 | Description of the initial discovery and origins of EMDR therapy.   |   |                                       |  |
| 4.2.2 | Overview of early research and current evidence base with reference to current inclusion in treatment guidelines                            |   |                                       |  |

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| 4.3   | <b>Switch from EMD to EMDR therapy:</b>   |  |  |  |
| 4.3.1 | Understanding the significance of the shift in name and model from EMD to EMDR therapy, both in terms of revised theoretical model and procedure.   |  |  |  |
| 4.3.2 | Switch from desensitisation model to adaptive information processing (AIP) model  |  |  |  |
| 4.3.3 | The effect of EMDR therapy is not desensitisation in and of itself, but includes the multifaceted impact of reprocessing all aspects of negative, maladaptive information to adaptive, healthy, useful resolution (e.g., change of belief, elicitation of insight, increase in positive affects, change in physical sensation, and behaviour).                            |  |  |  |
| 4.4   | <b>Current EMDR therapy-related Research:</b>   |  |  |  |
| 4.4.1 | The package owner must include information about the representative studies to give the trainees a general grasp of the EMDR therapy literature.  |  |  |  |
| 4.4.2 | A current annotated bibliography of EMDR therapy-related theory and research supporting your program's content that you deem foundational to a trainees' understanding of EMDR therapy's efficacy, model, mechanism, and method should be included in the handouts. This list need not be exhaustive. It should be reviewed no less than yearly, and updated when needed. |  |  |  |
| 4.2.3 | Resource sites where this material can be located and updated on the internet should be provided – with website addresses verified and updated no less than yearly.   |  |  |  |

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## 5. Distinguish Model, Methodology, Techniques, and Mechanism

This section of the curriculum explains these four aspects of EMDR therapy and distinguishes among them.

The adaptive information processing model (AIP) is the underlying explanatory **model** of EMDR therapy as a psychotherapeutic technique. It is important that trainers have a full understanding of this model as outlined in Shapiro (2018). The AIP model provides the theoretical foundation of EMDR therapy.

The **methodology** relates to EMDR as a structured treatment protocol. This section includes the eight- phase treatment procedures of the basic EMDR therapy protocol, plus safeguards, ethics, and validated modifications for specific clinical situations.

**Techniques** refer to procedures that used core elements of EMDR therapy, either as an adjunct to the standard protocol or as a stand-alone intervention.

The **mechanism** section includes current hypotheses regarding how or why EMDR therapy works on the neurobiological level, plus current research exploring mechanisms of action. Although hypotheses regarding the mechanism of action are speculative at present, an introduction of these hypotheses is important. With a clear understanding of the AIP model, the specific aspects of the method, and current thinking regarding mechanism, the participants should be well informed regarding the study and practice of EMDR therapy.

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| 5.1 | Adaptive information processing model (AIP): Shapiro adapted and applied the AIP model as the underlying explanatory model of EMDR therapy. EMDR therapy is based, therefore, on a distinct information processing model which incorporates specific principles and treatment |                                      |                                       |   |

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|              | procedures. The AIP model guides history taking, case conceptualisation, treatment planning, intervention, and predicts treatment outcome. (See Appendix A for information about antecedent information processing models.) |  |  |  |
| <b>5.2</b>   | <b>Key concepts of the AIP model:</b>   |  |  |  |
| <b>5.2.1</b> | The neurobiological information processing system is intrinsic, physical, and adaptive  |  |  |  |
| <b>5.2.2</b> | This system is geared to integrate internal and external experiences  |  |  |  |
| <b>5.2.3</b> | Memories are stored in associative memory networks and are the basis of perception, attitude and behaviour.   |  |  |  |
| <b>5.2.4</b> | Experiences are translated into physically stored memories  |  |  |  |
| <b>5.2.5</b> | Stored memory experiences are contributors to pathology and to health   |  |  |  |
| <b>5.2.6</b> | Trauma causes a disruption of normal adaptive information processing which results in unprocessed information being dysfunctionally held in memory networks.  |  |  |  |
| <b>5.2.7</b> | Trauma can include commonly recognised distressing events and/or the experience of neglect, abuse, or other adversities that undermine an individual's sense of self-   |  |  |  |

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|               | worth, safety, ability to assume appropriate responsibility for self or other, or limits one's sense of control or choices.  |  |  |  |
| <b>5.2.8</b>  | New experiences link into previously stored memories which are the basis of interpretations, feelings, and behaviours.   |  |  |  |
| <b>5.2.9</b>  | If experiences are accompanied by high levels of disturbance, they may be stored in the implicit/nondeclarative memory system. These memory networks contain the perspectives, affects, and sensations of the disturbing event and are stored in a way that does not allow them to connect with adaptive information networks. |  |  |  |
| <b>5.2.10</b> | When similar experiences occur (internally or externally), they link into the unprocessed memory networks and the negative perspective, affect, and/or sensations arise.   |  |  |  |
| <b>5.2.11</b> | This expanding network reinforces the previous experiences.  |  |  |  |
| <b>5.2.12</b> | Adaptive (positive) information, resources, and memories are also stored in memory networks.   |  |  |  |
| <b>5.2.13</b> | Direct processing of the unprocessed information facilitates linkage to the adaptive memory networks and a transformation of all aspects of the memory.  |  |  |  |

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| <p><b>5.2.14</b></p> <p><b>5.2.15</b></p> <p><b>5.2.16</b></p> | <p>Maladaptive perceptions, affects, and sensations are discarded.</p> <p>As processing occurs, there is a posited shift from implicit/nondeclarative memory to explicit/declarative memory and from episodic to semantic memory systems.</p> <p>Processing of the memory causes an adaptive shift in all components and qualities of the memory, including sense of time, beliefs, emotions, physical sensations, and sensory information.</p>   |  |  |  |
| <p><b>5.3</b></p> <p><b>5.3.1</b></p> <p><b>5.3.2</b></p>      | <p><b>Clinical Implications: The AIP model guides case conceptualisation, treatment planning, intervention, and predicts treatment outcome</b></p> <p>Clinical complaints that are not organically based or are caused by insufficient information are viewed as stemming from maladaptively stored and unprocessed information which has been unable to link with more adaptive information.</p> <p>Earlier memories which are maladaptively stored increase vulnerability to pathology including anxiety, depression, PTSD, and physical symptoms of stress and may interfere with healthy development of an individual's sense of self-worth, safety, ability to assume appropriate responsibility</p> |  |  |  |

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|              | for self or other, or limits one's sense of control or choices.   |  |  |  |
| <b>5.3.3</b> | The information processing system and stored associative memories are a primary focus of treatment.   |  |  |  |
| <b>5.3.4</b> | Procedures are geared to access and process dysfunctional memories and incorporate adaptive information.  |  |  |  |
| <b>5.3.5</b> | The intrinsic information processing system and the client's own associative memory networks are the most effective and efficient means to achieve optimal clinical effects.  |  |  |  |
| <b>5.3.6</b> | Targeted memories must be accessed as currently stored so the appropriate associative connections are made throughout the relevant networks.  |  |  |  |
| <b>5.3.7</b> | Unimpeded processing allows the full range of associations to be made throughout the targeted memory and the larger integrated networks.<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Interventions to assist blocked processing should be minimal and support the brain to initiate its intrinsic processing capacity.</li> <li>ii. All interventions change the natural course of processing and potentially close some associated pathways.</li> </ul> |  |  |  |

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| 5.4 | <b>Differentiate from other models:</b> Highlight how pathology and treatment are viewed differently from other orientations (see Appendix B).  |  |  |  |
| 5.5 | <p><b>Applications:</b> It is well documented that trauma can contribute to a wide range of presenting problems, not just PTSD. The curriculum provides an understanding of the wide range of applications for EMDR therapy, when the overall clinical picture (i.e., presenting problems, symptoms, and character structure and life stressors) is framed within the AIP model. This section also provides another opportunity for teaching how the AIP model guides case conceptualisation, treatment planning and overall clinical practice.</p> <p>5.5.1 Scientifically-validated applications</p> <p>5.5.2 Non-validated applications still needing research</p> <p>5.5.3 Current research and conceptualisation (e.g. See Lalotis, 2021; Hase, 2021; Matthijssen, et al., 2020)</p> |  |  |  |
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## 6. Methodology

The curriculum explains and teaches the method of EMDR therapy. Although the standard EMDR therapy protocol is taught, other such issues surrounding the practice and professionalism of EMDR therapy are to be included in the curriculum.

**8-Phases:** EMDRAA requires that the latest edition of the Shapiro text guides the teaching for all 8 Phases of EMDR therapy. EMDRAA also requires that participants must have exposure to all 8 phases through a combination of lecture, demonstration, and practice. It is imperative that trainees understand how case formulation and treatment planning are incorporated into each of the 8 phases.

### 6.1. Phase 1: History Taking, Case Conceptualisation & Treatment Planning

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| 6.1.1 | The curriculum provides instruction on what information is gathered from the client and how this information is used. That information with the evaluation of current level of functioning, character structure, and treatment goals are used to assess appropriate client selection, client readiness, target selection based on the three-pronged protocol and treatment planning. |   |                                       |  |
| 6.1.2 | Focus on areas of history taking unique to EMDR therapy.   |   |                                       |  |
| 6.1.3 | Offer a variety of ways to take a history of adverse events or thematic negative   |   |                                       |  |

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|        | cognitions.   |  |  |  |
| 6.1.4  | Offer an understanding of the impact of adverse events on healthy development and assessment of potential developmental deficits or maladaptively stored information that underlies current problems or symptoms. |  |  |  |
| 6.1.5  | Introduce the three-pronged approach and methods to identify appropriate targets as treatment planning methodology.   |  |  |  |
| 6.1.6  | Explain treatment planning, specifically strategies to select and sequence appropriate memory targets. This includes introducing appropriate techniques used to identify the earliest associated memories.        |  |  |  |
| 6.1.7  | Introduce case conceptualisation issues, such as degree of stabilisation, affect intolerance, assessment of the adequacy of skills and resources, duration of issues/ dysfunction.                                |  |  |  |
| 6.1.8  | Client selection criteria and indications of client readiness.  |  |  |  |
| 6.1.9  | Client's ability to sustain Dual Attention  |  |  |  |
| 6.1.10 | Explore issues that might impede or interfere with processing and readiness, such as:   |  |  |  |
| a)     | Secondary gain issues   |  |  |  |
| b)     | Present-day stressors (personal, work-  |  |  |  |

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|                            | related, medical)                                |  |  |  |
| c)                         | Timing issues (e.g. unavailability of clinician) |  |  |  |
| d)                         | Medical concerns                                 |  |  |  |
| e)                         | Legal issues, (e.g. impending testimony)         |  |  |  |
| f)                         | Contraindications                                |  |  |  |
| <b>Applicant response:</b> |  |  |  |  |

## 6.2 Client Preparation (Phase 2)

The goal of this section of the curriculum is to assure that the client is informed about EMDR therapy, prepared for EMDR therapy, and to help the client establish the necessary ability to maintain dual awareness during processing and the ability to manage affective reactions between sessions.

These activities include but are not limited to:

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| 6.2.1 | Education about EMDR and its effects              |   |                                       |  |
| 6.2.2 | Assess/develop therapeutic rapport                |   |                                       |  |
| 6.2.3 | Address client's concerns                         |   |                                       |  |
| 6.2.4 | Explain the details of the EMDR therapy procedure |   |                                       |  |
| a)    | Seating arrangement                               |   |                                       |  |

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| b)                         | Dual attention stimulus in the form of bilateral eye movements, taps, or tones (e.g., different types, testing speed & distance) |  |  |  |
| c)                         | Accurate observation and reporting   |  |  |  |
| d)                         | Setting expectations and utilisation of the “Stop” signal  |  |  |  |
| 6.2.5                      | Client Safety and Stability:   |  |  |  |
| a)                         | Assess/develop client’s stabilisation skills   |  |  |  |
| b)                         | Knowledge of commonly used procedures to enhance safety and self- control for issues related to safety and stability.            |  |  |  |
| c)                         | Appropriate use of Safe Place, containment skills and resource development   |  |  |  |
| 6.2.6                      | Review client selection criteria and precautions   |  |  |  |
| <b>Applicant response:</b> |  |  |  |  |

### 6.3 Assessment (Phase 3):

All aspects of the assessment of targets are taught. The curriculum explains and teaches the function and importance of each component of the assessment, and how to obtain them, (e.g., distinguish between appropriate and inappropriate cognitions), and the rationale for the order of the assessment.

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| 6.3.1 | Adequate teaching of:                        |  |  |  |
| a)    | Image  |  |  |  |
| b)    | Negative Cognition (NC)                      |  |  |  |
| c)    | Positive Cognition (PC)                      |  |  |  |
| d)    | Validity of Cognition (VOC)                  |  |  |  |
| e)    | Emotions                                     |  |  |  |
| f)    | Subjective Units of Disturbance Scale (SUDS) |  |  |  |
| g)    | Sensations                                   |  |  |  |
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## 6.4 Desensitisation (Phase 4):

In this section, the curriculum provides instruction on all aspects and expectations of what and how processing occurs and evolves.

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| 6.4.1 | Explain channels of processing   |   |                                       |  |
| 6.4.2 | Explain the application of all forms of Dual Attention Stimulus (DAS), provided in the form of bilateral eye movements, taps, or tones offered in discrete intervals, and circumstances when alternatives to eye movement may be necessary |   |                                       |  |
| 6.4.3 | Note types of processing to expect (e.g., visual, emotional, sensations)   |   |                                       |  |
| 6.4.4 | Emphasise the importance of the therapist maintaining empathic connectedness while allowing the client to process without unnecessary therapist intrusion  |   |                                       |  |

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| 6.4.5  | Emphasise the importance of following the client's processing in determining the length of DAS sets.  |  |  |  |
| 6.4.6  | Reinforce the three-pronged approach  |  |  |  |
| 6.4.7  | Note themes of plateaus or difficulties in processing such as self-worth, appropriate responsibility for self and other, safety, and choices  |  |  |  |
| 6.4.8  | Explain working with abreactions  |  |  |  |
| 6.4.9  | Note how to work with the emergence of new memories that spontaneously occur during processing which may need additional targeting  |  |  |  |
| 6.4.10 | Identify the selection of appropriate clinical interventions for ineffective or blocked processing which include but are not limited to: change of DAS, return to target, maximise or minimise assessment components. |  |  |  |
| 6.4.11 | Explain cognitive interweaves.  |  |  |  |
| 6.4.12 | Identify methods to identify early memories which were not previously linked, such as the use of the affect bridge, float back or touchstone events.  |  |  |  |
| 6.4.13 | Explain timing of re-accessing and reassessing the target.  |  |  |  |
| 6.4.14 | Explain therapist characteristics or responses that may interfere with adequate processing.   |  |  |  |
| 6.4.15 | Explain client perceptions of therapist characteristics or responses that may interfere with adequate processing.   |  |  |  |

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|     | <b>Applicant Response:</b>   |  |  |  |
| 6.5 | <b>Installation (Phase 5):</b> The curriculum outlines all steps and components of Phase 5 as per the standard protocol.   |  |  |  |
| 6.6 | <b>Body Scan (Phase 6):</b> The curriculum outlines all steps and components of Phase 6 as per the standard protocol, including the importance of the information gained during the body scan.   |  |  |  |
| 6.7 | <b>Closure (Phase 7):</b> The curriculum instructs the purpose of closure for both a single therapy session as well as closure to the processing of a given EMDR therapy target. Rationale and methods to ensure client stability in the event of incomplete processing of a specific target must be emphasised.   |  |  |  |
| 6.8 | <b>Re-evaluation (Phase 8):</b> The curriculum instructs on the rationale of “checking your work” of the previous session. It provides information on the status of a fully processed memory. A fully processed memory needs to have processed the past memory, present triggers, and future template. If the memory is not fully processed phase 8 instructs on how to reengage the target for continuing processing. A re-evaluation of all targets occurs at the conclusion of therapy. |  |  |  |
|     | <b>Applicant Response:</b>   |  |  |  |
| 6.9 | Three-pronged model: –<br>The curriculum includes instruction on the three-pronged model, including information on   |  |  |  |

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|        | the sequencing of the three prongs and relevant targets within each prong.   |  |  |  |
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| 6.10   | Advanced methodology:<br>Procedural modifications are shown to produce better outcomes in specific situations. The curriculum must include the rationale for any modifications of the EMDR therapy basic protocol. This also provides another opportunity to discuss case conceptualisation and treatment planning from the framework of the AIP. Core inclusions are listed below; however, this is not an exhaustive list. |  |  |  |
| 6.10.1 | Protocols and procedures for special situations and populations<br>Recent events   |  |  |  |
| 6.10.2 | Common presentations such as anxiety and mood disorders (e.g., phobias, OCD, depression).  |  |  |  |
| 6.10.3 | Chronic pain and physical health related conditions  |  |  |  |
| 6.10.4 | Grief  |  |  |  |
| 6.10.5 | Children and adolescents   |  |  |  |
| 6.10.6 | Substance-use disorders and behavioural addictions   |  |  |  |

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| 6.10.7                     | Applications for complex trauma presentations   |  |  |  |
| 6.10.8                     | Delivering EMDR therapy online  |  |  |  |
| 6.10.9                     | Collective trauma including racial or cultural marginalisation.   |  |  |  |
| 6.10.10                    | Military and first responders   |  |  |  |
| <b>Applicant Response:</b> |   |  |  |  |
| 6.11                       | Professional, legal, ethical issues in the Australian context:<br>This curriculum provides an opportunity to remind trainees of the general principles and issues necessary for excellence in practice. It can also provide information about EMDRAA, the need for ongoing continuing education and other professional or practical issues. |  |  |  |
| 6.12                       | Medico-legal issues   |  |  |  |
| 6.12.1                     | Issues of informed consent.   |  |  |  |
| 6.12.2                     | Witness statements and impending legal matters.   |  |  |  |
| 6.13                       | Scope of practice. Trainees are reminded to:  |  |  |  |
| 6.13.1                     | practice within their competency level (i.e., education, training, and professional experience).  |  |  |  |
| 6.13.2                     | to maintain the standards of practice of their professional discipline.   |  |  |  |

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| 6.14 | Hypothesised mechanisms of action and neurobiological aspects of EMDR therapy (see Appendix C).<br>The curriculum must provide the most current information in these or any emerging explanatory models.   |  |  |  |
| 6.15 | <b>Common EMDR derived techniques:</b><br>Techniques which may be implemented in addition to or combination with the standard protocol may be introduced. This can include RDI, container, and memory mapping. If mentioning, ensure you outline the importance of having clear the rationale for their use. |  |  |  |
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## 7. SUPERVISED PRACTICUM

The goal of Supervised Practicum is to facilitate the demonstration and practice of the EMDR therapy methodology as per the standard protocol.

All practicum exercises must be supervised by an EMDRAA Accredited Consultant. The ratio of practicum supervisors to trainees should not exceed 1:12 to allow for direct behavioural observation of each trainee.

It is imperative that trainees receive direct behavioural observation and feedback. Whenever appropriate, trainees practice with real life experiences.

Ample practice is recommended before introducing/teaching the cognitive interweave.

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| 7.1   | Time requirement: 20 Hours  |   |                                       |  |
| 7.2   | Practicum exercises<br>To achieve the goals of the supervised practicum, the practice may be done in dyads or triads.   |   |                                       |  |
| 7.2.1 | The role of the therapist is required.  |   |                                       |  |
| 7.2.2 | The role of the client is required.   |   |                                       |  |
| 7.2.3 | The role of observer is preferred but not mandatory. EMDRAA recognises that it is not always possible to fill the role of observer during the supervised practicum. |   |                                       |  |
| 7.3   | Practice should be included for each phase of the procedure as outlined in the instructional section.   |   |                                       |  |

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| 7.4   | Phase one<br>Practice using different history taking strategies  |  |  |  |
| 7.5   | Phase two<br>Explaining a rationale for EMDR and the AIP model   |  |  |  |
| 7.5.1 | Establishing seating and practising DAS (including testing appropriate distance, speed, etc of eye movements).   |  |  |  |
| 7.5.2 | Implementation of self-regulation, containment, or other preparation skills.   |  |  |  |
| 7.6   | Phase three  |  |  |  |
| 7.6.1 | Appropriately moving through all components of Phase 3 in the standard sequence  |  |  |  |
| 7.6.2 |  |  |  |  |
| 7.6.3 | Obtaining valid negative and positive cognitions   |  |  |  |
| 7.6.4 | Obtaining valid <i>Validity of Cognition and Subjective Units of Distress</i> ratings  |  |  |  |
| 7.5   | Phase four: Desensitisation  |  |  |  |
| 7.5.1 | Application of all aspects of Phase 4, including effective implementation of DAS, navigation of blocks or issues in processing, and appropriate progression through the standard protocol. |  |  |  |
| 7.5.2 | It is understood that trainers will have different ways of implementing this practice, but it is recommended that every  |  |  |  |

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|       | effort be made to include each aspect of the three-pronged protocol – Past, Present and Future. In addition, it is recommended that trainees work on their own issues to the extent consistent with participant safety. |  |  |  |
| 7.5.3 | Additional areas that may be explored when they arise:  |  |  |  |
| 7.5.4 | Therapist characteristics or responses that may interfere with adequate processing.   |  |  |  |
| 7.5.5 | Client perceptions of therapist characteristics or responses that may interfere with adequate processing  |  |  |  |
| 7.6   | Phase five.<br>Application of all aspects of Phase 5 including when to progress to Phase 5, checking the positive cognition, and when to conclude Phase 5.  |  |  |  |
| 7.7   | Phase six.<br>Application of the body scan including appropriate decision making based on client responses.   |  |  |  |
| 7.8   | Phase seven.<br>Application of appropriate closure activities including decision to move to closure, initiating a positive closure, and providing appropriate advice and information for after processing.              |  |  |  |
| 7.9   | Phase eight.<br>Application of an appropriate re-evaluation including changes in symptoms, target memory (as per Phase 3 components).   |  |  |  |

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**Appendix A:** Antecedent, historical models of emotional information processing:

1. Peter J. Lang (1977, 1979, 2000)
2. Stanley Rachman (1980)
3. Gordon Bower (1981)
4. Edna Foa and Michael J. Kozak (1986)

**Appendix B** Differentiate from other models:

Highlight how pathology and treatment are viewed differently from other orientations. The trainer should be prepared to highlight and/or to answer questions regarding how EMDR therapy and the Adaptive Information Processing Model contrast and compare with other psychotherapeutic approaches. This might include the view of pathology and health, case conceptualisation, and how change occurs. Examples would include:

**Cognitive**

- Irrational thoughts are the basis of pathology
- Cognitions are changed through reframing, self-monitoring, and homework exercises

**Behavioural**

- Cannot see within the “black box” (the brain)
- Learned behaviour is changed through conditioning, exposure, modelling, etc. (learning processes)

**“Third wave” of CBT**

- Suffering is inevitable
- Change is through acceptance, commitment, and Mindfulness exercises

**Psychodynamic**

- Explores the impact of Family of Origin, Object relations
- Change is created by insight or “working through”
- Goal is to make the subconscious conscious

**Family Therapy**

- Problems and solutions are interactional
- Exploration and evaluation of family dynamics
- Change through education and role realignment

**Experiential**

- Facilitates client self-healing

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- Affect and body are central
- Uses relationship, “two-chair,” “meaning bridge”

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