



Social Thinking® Clinical Training Program 2021 School Year Level 1-Assessment Observation Application at Social Thinking Boston

****2020 Update response to the COVID-19 Pandemic

Our goal is to keep our clients and families safe and updated on our response to the ongoing COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic. At Social Thinking-Boston and Social Thinking-Santa Clara, we have decided to discontinue all 2020 clinical trainings. Given these unprecedented times, we do not know exactly when our face to face clinical trainings will resume in 2021 however, our clinical training program is on hold until further notice. If you are interested in learning when this program is up and running again, please sign up to receive our newsletter: www.socialthinking.com/join

You may still apply for the 2021 clinical training program and be placed into a training. We will continue to communicate any changes to all applicants and advise to not purchase travel accommodations until we have confirmed our clinic is open. Our staff continues to be available to answer your questions by phone and email. Stay positive, safe, and healthy!

Clinical Training Program

During the 2021 school year Social Thinking- Santa Clara, California will be taking a sabbatical, and we will only be offering our Clinical Training at our east coast location in Sudbury, Massachusetts, near Boston. (Social Thinking® Boston). This training is led by Nancy Clements, SLP, MA-CCC who is a member of the Social Thinking Training and Speaker's Collaborative. To learn more about Nancy, <https://www.socialthinking.com/Speaker%20Details?name=Nancy%20Clements>

Social Thinking Boston is approximately 20 miles west of Boston. Several hotels are located nearby in Sudbury, Concord, and Waltham but there is limited public transportation available. Participants who are traveling by plane or train should plan on renting a car or finding rides through Uber or Lyft.

Who should attend? Professionals with at least 12 hours of Social Thinking (ST) conference and/or eLearning training who have implemented components of the Social Thinking Methodology with individuals for at least one year. The Social Thinking® Clinical Training Program is an advanced three-day training session that lets you observe Social Thinking clinical sessions as a means to explore the Social Thinking Methodology in a deeper and more meaningful way.

Eligibility Requirements:

This is an advanced training on the Social Thinking Methodology and not a Social Thinking 101. To be eligible to participate in the Clinical Training Program, applicants must:

1. **Have at least one year of recent experience utilizing Social Thinking treatment frameworks, strategies, vocabulary, and concepts with clients/students of any age within the range of four years to adulthood.**
2. **All professionals (mental health, educational, OT, SLP, etc.) that work directly with individuals with social learning challenges, who have met other pre-requisites are welcome to attend.** We provide continuing education hours to some of these professionals (see below)
 - a. **Behaviorist needs to further evaluate if they should enroll in our Clinical Training Program.** We are now aware that licensed BCBA's and licensed behavior assistants are not allowed to utilize the Social Thinking Methodology as part of the work they do as a licensed BCBA according to their licensing agency. For this reason, when a licensed behaviorist or behavioral assistant applies to our Clinical Training Program, they will receive a letter from us reviewing the concerns. The licensed behaviorist will have to select if they still want to proceed in our training based on our explanation of the situation or withdraw their application at that point.
3. **Remain updated about evolving aspects of the Social Thinking Methodology by reading free articles and watching free webinars. Our quarterly newsletter (you can join through our website www.socialthinking.com) will guide you to some of the new content posted on our website.**
4. **Have attended at least two full-day Social Thinking conferences taught by a member of our Social Thinking Training and Speakers' Collaborative or a guest speaker invited by Social Thinking or watched at least 12 hours of Social Thinking eLearning modules (6).**
5. **Read and use two or more of the core books published by Think Social Publishing, Inc, including but not limited to:**
 - Thinking About You Thinking About Me
 - Inside Out: What Makes the Person with Social Cognitive Deficits Tick?
 - Social Thinking and Me
 - You Are A Social Detective combined with teaching about Superflex: A Superhero Social Thinking Curriculum
 - We Thinkers, Volume 1 (storybooks and curriculum)
 - Socially Curious and Curiously Social

How to Apply for the Program:

1. The application form must be filled out completely, and at least 3 date options selected for attending the training. (Please select as many date options as possible!)
2. Applicants must fill out the page explaining why they should be considered for inclusion in our Social Thinking Clinical Training Program. Due to our limited number of openings, we are seeking applicants who work with a relatively large number of students and have been using aspects of the Social Thinking Methodology for at least one year.
3. The applicant understands and agrees to the payment plan for this training. **There are no discounted fees or scholarships available.**
4. When an application is submitted a deposit in the amount of \$350 (USD) is required.
 - a. If paying this deposit by check, please make it payable to the "Social Thinking Center" and attach your check to the application for it to be considered for placement. Please mail the application to the attention of **Vanessa Alcantar, 404 Saratoga Avenue, Suite 200, Santa Clara, California 95050.**

- b. If paying by credit card or through other means, please coordinate the payment of the deposit within two days of emailing, faxing or mailing in your application by contacting the Clinical Training administrator, **Vanessa Alcantar** clinicinfo@socialthinking.com 408-557-8595 ext. 202
Office hours: 8 am – 4:30 pm Pacific Time
- 5. Multiple applicants applying to attend the same session as a small group must send their applications in *one* envelope, email, or fax. **Individual deposits are required for each person in the group.** There is no group discount offered.
- 6. Applications will be reviewed on a first-come, first-serve basis. While there is no “formal” deadline to apply, we encourage you to apply early if you’re eager to participate and want to secure your chosen date of attendance!
- 7. Applicants are selected based on the number of students/clients they serve in the community and their experience with the methodology.
- 8. We will inform you as to your status in our program within 2 weeks of the time we received your application. We will continue to enroll applicants until all spots are full. If an applicant is not accepted into our program, they will be fully refunded their deposit. Our website, www.socialthinking.com/clinic-services/clinical-training, will indicate when the Clinical Training program is full.
- 9. Participants will receive an email acknowledgment upon our receipt of the deposit and application.
- 10. If a participant changes their email, please remember to contact Vanessa to inform her, as all communication about your Clinical Training application and enrollment will be done through email.

Fee Schedule:

1. **Boston total fee:** \$1,500 (USD)
2. A \$350 (USD) deposit is required with your application to be considered for the program. Applicants who apply via fax or email must contact our office with credit card information within two business days of applying. We accept Visa, Mastercard, and Discover. Please make all checks payable to the “Social Thinking Center.” If you’re accepted, your deposit will be applied to your tuition. If you’re not selected, a \$50 administrative fee will be deducted and the remaining \$300 will be refunded.
3. After notification of placement, all further payments toward the full tuition are non-refundable at the time of receipt by the Social Thinking Center. Immediately upon acceptance into the Clinical Training Program, your second tuition payment is due. The second payment is \$600 (USD) for the Boston training. Individuals notified of placement in the program who decide to withdraw prior to making this second payment will forfeit their entire \$350 (USD) deposit.
4. A final tuition payment of \$550 USD is due 10 weeks prior to the start date. If payment is not made at that time, the spot can be forfeited along with all money paid toward the tuition.
5. The Social Thinking Center will send invoices for each payment and track all applicants’ payments and balances. The program tuition must be paid in full prior to attending the training.
6. Applicants will work directly with Vanessa Alcantar, our Clinical Training administrator in Santa Clara, California for registration for Clinical Training at Social Thinking Boston. Please avoid contacting Social Thinking Boston with regard to your registration for this program.
7. **Note: There are no discounted fees or scholarships available for Clinical Training Programs.**

Purchase Orders:

We only accept purchase orders if the \$350 deposit is paid upfront. The remaining balance may be paid with a purchase order as long as Social Thinking receives the remaining balance check 12 weeks prior to the training date. There are no exceptions for purchase orders to be paid after the scheduled training date. Delay receiving the lump sum check prior to the scheduled training date can result in losing the training spot

About the Application Process:

The Clinical Training Program is conducted monthly throughout the school year (September through May). There are only 8 spots available in each training session. Individuals who were on the waiting list from the previous year will be given the first chance to attend the current year's training.

Each Spring we post online the application for enrollment in the Clinical Training Program for the upcoming school year (September-May). Applications are collected until all spots are full. **A complete application is the ONLY way to secure a space. We do not hold spaces without a submitted application and deposit.**

A complete application must contain:

- An application form
- An indication of at least three training dates you would be able to attend
- Written responses to the questions we ask about your experience using the Social Thinking Methodology
- A \$350 (USD) deposit. This deposit will be applied to the total tuition if you are selected to attend the Clinical Training Program

Reminder about the Deposit: If an applicant is accepted into the Clinical Training Program, the deposit is non-refundable. (See the Cancellation & Rescheduling Policies above.) If the applicant is not selected for the Clinical Training Program, a \$50 administrative fee will be deducted and the remaining \$300 will be refunded.

Team attendance:

Administrators and businesses wishing to enroll a team of individuals in a training need to submit one packet containing each applicant's completed paperwork with the individual deposit fee for each person attached.

Cancellation Policy & Rescheduling Policies:

If a person reschedules or cancels their participation in a training for which they have been enrolled, it is difficult and time-consuming for our staff to fill that space from our waitlist, even months before the training. For this reason, we have strict policies regarding cancellations and requests to reschedule.

Rescheduling or changing training location:

- **Before assigned to a training date:** If you would like to change your preferred training date before you've been assigned to a training date, we would be happy to assist you at no charge. Please contact us at the information provided below.

- **After assigned to a training date:** If you need to change your assigned training date, we will fulfill your request but we charge a \$150 administrative fee. We will do our best to find you a spot in a training that works for your schedule, but if none are available for the remaining school year, you will be placed on the waitlist. See “Waitlist Policy” for more details.

Canceling/revoking your application:

- **Before assigned to a training session:** If you contact us to cancel or revoke your application before you’ve been assigned to training, we will refund your \$350 deposit minus a \$50 administrative fee.
- **After assigned to the training session:**
 - If you contact us to cancel your participation after you’ve been assigned to training, you forfeit any money paid toward your program attendance (deposit plus additional payments).
- The only exception is if the cancellation is due to a medical necessity as evidenced by a note from your doctor, then you will be refunded in full minus a \$150 administrative fee. Or you can elect to be placed on the waitlist for the current school year in which your session was to take place or you can request to re-register for our Clinical Training Program the following year. Our administrative staff will work with you to coordinate which possible dates you can attend the next year. All monies already paid, minus \$150 in administrative fees, will apply to your alternative Clinical Training session. You have three years to schedule and attend another training; after that time, you forfeit all money paid. If you do not complete your Clinical Training session within 3 years of your cancellation date, you forfeit your money.

Note: If the cost of the Clinical Training Program increases between your placement on the waitlist and the date you attend, if you change locations and the program cost is higher, you are responsible for paying the most current price of the training. If the program cost is higher, you are responsible for paying the most current price of the training.

Waitlisted Enrollment in Clinical Training Program

If all Clinical Training spots are sold out on your available dates:

- If you are eligible to participate in the Clinical Training Program but all spots have been filled for the current U.S. school year, you will be notified, your deposit will be returned, and you will be placed on the waitlist.

Waitlist Policy

- If you’re placed on the waitlist, we will notify you when more training dates become available for you to consider. Any money you have paid so far will be applied to your future training. You have three years to schedule another training; after that time, you forfeit all money paid.

Important! If the cost of the Clinical Training Program increases between your placement on the waitlist and the date you attend, or if you change locations and the program cost is higher, you are responsible for paying the most current price of the training.

Cancellation of a Clinical Training Sessions by the Social Thinking Center

On rare occasion, we have had to cancel Clinical Training sessions in the past for two reasons:

a. Challenges hosting a specific training after we have posted the schedule

If a Clinical Training session is canceled by the Social Thinking Center, we will notify participants 90 days or more before the first day of the enrolled applicant’s Clinical Training session, when possible. The Social Thinking Center will not be responsible for any travel-related expenses (airline, hotel costs) the attendee

is paying due to the cancelation when given a 90 day or more notice. If a Clinical Training session is canceled by us and it is not due to an act of nature you have the following options:

- If you have paid in full, we will offer a different session that fits your schedule, and should you accept, you will be placed in the selected session and will bear no additional tuition expense for attending the future Clinical Training session, even if the tuition has increased since you paid in full for your original CT session.
 - If there is no other time that you can attend based on our posted schedule and availability, you may choose to be put on our waitlist for future training sessions. All waitlisted trainees will get priority when the next school year’s schedule is posted. You will have three years to schedule and attend another training; after that time, you forfeit all money paid.
- You may choose to be given a full refund of all fees paid up to the point of cancellation, including your deposit minus the \$50 for administrative expenses.

b. Acts of nature beyond any one’s control

If there is a significant Act of Nature such as severe weather conditions, an earthquake, tornado, etc. that restricts your ability to travel to your Clinical Training session or requires us to cancel the event for the safety of all participants, we will work with you to reschedule your training free of charge and the money you have paid will be applied to your future training. You will not be charged an additional fee to attend the future Clinical Training session if the cost of tuition increased since the time of your originally scheduled training session. The Social Thinking Center is not responsible for the cost of canceling your airline ticket, hotel room, or other pre-paid travel-related expenses. You will also be responsible for all travel-related costs resulting from the rescheduling, including airline and hotel costs. You have three years to schedule and attend another training; after that time, you forfeit all money paid.

Continuing Education Available!

We offer continuing education credit for attending the Clinical Training Program for the professions listed below. All attendees will receive a Certificate of Completion and agenda as proof of participation. The training provides 20 hours of instruction.

Contact your licensing and/or certification organization: We are approved to offer continuing education (CE) credit in many U.S. states and Canadian provinces. However, because requirements can change without notice, we recommend contacting your licensing and/or certification organization to verify program approval to be 100% confident you can earn CE credit for the program. If you work in a location not listed, we recommend contacting your certification board to determine program approval.

COUNSELORS

Professions included under this category:

- Licensed Mental Health Counselors
- Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselors
- Certified Professional Counselors
- Licensed Professional Counselors
- Associate Professional Counselors



- Licensed Professional Clinical Counselors

United States

Most states: The program is offered to counselors for 20 clock hours toward the National Board of Certified Counselors (NBCC) credit except where noted below. Social Thinking has been designated by NBCC as an Approved Continuing Education Provider (ACEP) No. 6685. Social Thinking is solely responsible for all aspects of the programs.

States that typically accept CE hours for programs approved by the National Board of Certified Counselors:

- All U.S. states *except* MT, NY, NV, OK

EDUCATORS

United States

Most states: To apply for continuing education credit for our training, submit your Certificate of Attendance and agenda documents to your district or employer after the program has taken place.



LICENSED MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS

United States

Most states: Each course is offered for the National Board of Certified Counselors (NBCC) credit except where noted below. Social Thinking has been designated by NBCC as an Approved Continuing Education Provider (ACEP) No. 6685. Programs that do not qualify for NBCC credit are identified. Social Thinking is solely responsible for all aspects of the programs.

States that typically accept CE hours for programs approved by NBCC, though they can change without notice:

- AL, AR, AZ, CA, CT, DC, DE, FL, GA, HI, IA, ID, ME, MN, MO, NH, NJ, NM, NV, OR, PA, RI, SD, TN, VA, VT, WA, WI, WY

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS (OTs)

Contact your licensing and/or certification organization to see if you can earn continuing education credit for our program. Many states accept CE hours for our training; however, Social Thinking is not an AOTA-approved provider.

United States

States that are *likely* to accept CE hours for our program when submitting paperwork after the training takes place:

- AL, AZ, AR, CA, CO, CT, DE, GA, HI, ID, IA, KS, KY, ME, MA, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NE, NV, NJ, OH, OK, OR, PA, SD, TN, UT, VA, WA, WV, WI, WY, Washington DC

States that require participants to submit the program for approval before the event to receive CE hours for attendance:

- IL, LA (for live events only), NM, ND, VT

States that are *unlikely* to accept CE hours for our program:

- The states not listed in either category above require attendance at AOTA-approved programs to earn CE credit. Unfortunately, Social Thinking is not an AOTA-approved provider.

Canada

To apply for CEEs for our training, submit the Certificate of Attendance and agenda provided at the training to your licensing organization. The program is offered for 20.0 CEEs.

PSYCHOLOGISTS (CLINICAL & SCHOOL)

The United States All states: The Clinical Training Program is approved for APA credit through our partnership with Commonwealth Educational Seminars (CES). CES is approved by the American Psychological Association (APA) to offer continuing education credit programs. Commonwealth Educational Seminars maintains responsibility for this program and its content. Psychologists receive 20 hours of continuing education credit upon completing this program. If you are not affiliated with APA, inquire with your respective state board to see if you can earn CE credit by attending our program. It might help to tell them the program is approved for APA credit.



SOCIAL WORKERS

The Clinical Training Program is available for continuing education credit in partnership with Commonwealth Educational Seminars (CES). CES is approved by the American Psychological Association (APA) to offer continuing education credit programs. CES maintains responsibility for this program and its content. Social Workers completing this program will receive 20 clinical hours of clinical continuing education credit.

United States – as of January 2019

States that typically accept CE hours for programs approved by Commonwealth Educational Seminars:

AK, AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, CT, DE, FL, GA, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MA, MD, ME, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, NC, ND, NE, NH, NM, NY, OR, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VA, VT, WA, WI, WV, WY

States that typically accept CE hours for programs approved by other organizations:

- NY: Social Thinking, SW CPE, is recognized by the New York State Education Department's State Board for Social Work as an approved provider of continuing education for licensed social workers #SW-0334. The program is offered for 20 contact hours.

If your state is not listed above, inquire with your state board to see if you can earn CE credit for attending our program.

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS (SLPs)

The United States & Global ASHA Affiliates

All states: We are an approved continuing education provider through the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA); the program is offered for 2.0 ASHA CEUs. To apply for ASHA CEUs, fill out an ASHA registration form on the first day of training. Remember to bring your ASHA number to include on the form.



Social Thinking Publishing is approved by the Continuing Education Board of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) to provide continuing education activities in speech-language pathology and audiology. **See course information for number of ASHA CEUs, instructional level and content area.** ASHA CE Provider approval does not imply endorsement of course content, specific products or clinical procedures.

The program is offered for **2.0 ASHA CEUs** (Intermediate level, Professional area).

If you maintain your CE hours, your Certificate of Attendance qualifies as your verification of attendance form.

California: Michelle Garcia Winner is an approved Continuing Professional Development Provider by the Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology and Hearing Aid Dispensers Board for the state of California SLPs (PDP 54) (20 hours).

Canada: To apply for CEEs for our program, submit the Certificate of Attendance and agenda to your licensing organization. The Certificate of Attendance and agenda will be provided. Earn 20.0 CEEs for the training!

Why isn't Clinical Training offered in Santa Clara, California this year?

Michelle and Pam have been running the Clinical Training program since 2002 without taking any time off. The program is not being offered this year so they can focus on writing about their newest ideas for utilizing the Social Thinking Methodology to share with the public. They plan to offer Clinical Training in Santa Clara again in the future. Nancy Clements the leader of Social Thinking Boston works closely with Michelle and Pam behind the scenes to provide the most up to date information to all attendees and she receives excellent reviews.

Questions?

We're here to help! Questions about the program (except continuing education questions):

Vanessa Alcantar

The administrator of Clinical Training for Social Thinking Boston and Social Thinking Santa Clara (California)

clinicinfo@socialthinking.com

408-557-8595 ext. 202

Office hours: 8 am – 4:30 pm Pacific Time

Questions about continuing education for the Clinical Training Program:

Elena Samsonova

Director of Conferences & Continuing Education

esamsonova@socialthinking.com

408-557-8595 ext. 325

Office hours: 9:30 am – 6:00 pm Pacific Time



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Level 1-Assessment Observation Application

Name _____ Date _____

Please check your preferred dates.

2021 Training Dates

Table with 1 column and 4 rows: BOSTON TRAINING DATES, [] January 25-27, 2021, [] March 22-24, 2021, [] April 12-14, 2021

Acknowledgment of Basic Training in Social Thinking Concepts:

Are you applying to attend the Clinical Training Program for the 2nd time?

___ Yes

___ No

If yes, which year did you attend: _____

I acknowledge I have at least ONE YEAR OF RECENT EXPERIENCE UTILIZING SOCIAL THINKING'S TREATMENT FRAMEWORKS, STRATEGIES AND CONCEPTS WITH CLIENTS/STUDENTS WITHIN THE RANGE OF FOUR YEARS OLD TO ADULTHOOD: _____ (initials)

I acknowledge I have attended two full-day Social Thinking workshop hosted by Think Social Publishing, Inc, or led by a member of the Social Thinking Training and Speakers Collaborative or I have watched at least 12 hours of Social Thinking eLearning modules (6); in addition to reading and utilizing TSP published products in my clinical/treatment work. _____(initials)

I acknowledge I have read three or more free articles related to the methodology (as posted on the website or in the Social Thinking Newsletters): _____(initials)

I acknowledge I have read and utilized two or more of the books published by Think Social Publishing, Inc, including, but not limited to: _____ (initials)

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Inside Out: What Makes the Person with Social Cognitive Deficits Tick?
Social Thinking and Me
You Are a Social Detective combined with teaching about Superflex
We Thinkers Vol. 1
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I acknowledge I understand the policy for collecting payments, non-refundable deposits for the Social Thinking Clinical Training Program Level 1-Assessment, and the cancellation policy: _____(initials)

I understand there is a fee of \$1500 for the Boston training: _____ (initials)

I would like to receive ASHA-SLP CEUs for this training: Yes No

MY ASHA MEMBERSHIP NUMBER IS: _____

I would like to receive CES CE credit: I am an MH COUNSELOR, CLINICAL OR SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST, or SOCIAL WORKER _____(initials)

Please print clearly!

NAME		PROFESSION/CREDENTIALS	
*MAILING ADDRESS		WORK NAME/SCHOOL OR AFFILIATION	
CITY		WORK WEBSITE	
STATE/PROVINCE		ALTERNATE/ADDITIONAL WORKNAME	
ZIP OR MAIL CODE		WEBSITE	
COUNTRY		PLEASE INDICATE THE AGE GROUP OF CLIENTS YOU WORK WITH (IF YOU WORK WITH CLIENTS). CHECK ALL THAT APPLY.	
*PRIMARY EMAIL		PRESCHOOL	
SECONDARY EMAIL		K - 5	
PRIMARY TELEPHONE	Circle One: H C W	MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL	
SECONDARY TELEPHONE	Circle One: H C W	TRANSITION TO ADULT & YOUNG ADULTS (16-90)	
ADDITIONAL TELEPHONE	Circle One: H C W	ADULTS (26 AND BEYOND)	

BEST ADDRESS to assure you receive email/mail information. Most correspondence will be via email. If your email address changes, please inform us right away.

Questions?

All the clinical training registration and payments are handled through our Santa Clara, CA Office. Please do not call the Boston office with any administrative questions prior to your arrival for the clinical training program.

Please contact Vanessa; Clinical Training Coordinator at the Santa Clara office with questions.

Vanessa Alcantar

clinicinfo@socialthinking.com

408-557-8595x202

Office hours: 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM Pacific time

11:00 AM – 7:30 PM East coast time

Email your completed applications to:

clinicinfo@socialthinking.com

Fax applications to:

408-557-8594

Mail your completed application to:

Social Thinking Center

404 Saratoga Ave

#200

Santa Clara, CA 95050

Your Signature:

Please sign below acknowledging you understand all the information presented in this 12-page application. **No typed signatures accepted.**

Signature

Date

Print name

2021 Social Thinking® Clinical Training Program: Personal Paragraphs

Please answer the questions below and include them with your application. Your application will not be accepted without these questions completed. You may attach an additional paper if you need more room for your descriptions.

Name _____

Briefly describe the type of individuals (age group, level of the Social Communication Profile) with whom you have been using the Social Thinking Methodology.

Briefly explain your current and/or prior experience using aspects of our Social Thinking Methodology. Describe types of lessons you have done or materials you have utilized that are published by Social Thinking Publishing. *(It is mandatory that you have experience actively using the Social Thinking Methodology with clients or students for at least ONE YEAR before the time you plan to attend our clinical training program).*

Briefly explain what you hope to gain from attending this training.

Any additional information you would like us to know?