Objectives: Participants will be able to describe:

- How to implement Core Tasks to obtain improved treatment outcomes
- How to use client feedback to improve treatment effectiveness
- How to conduct risk assessments of a client's potential threat toward others and toward oneself
- How to conduct evidence-based integrative interventions with challenging clients who have co-morbid psychiatric disorders
- How to tailor treatment in a culturally-sensitive fashion
- How to integrate spirituality and psychotherapy
- How to bolster client and therapist resilience

Core Tasks of Psychotherapy
- What “expert” psychotherapists do
- Implications for conducting psychotherapy

Initial Phase of Psychotherapy
- Establishing and monitoring the therapeutic alliance
- Engaging clients and significant others
- The “art of questioning”
- Facilitating treatment adherence including Motivational Interviewing
- Using a Case Conceptualization Model
- Assessing for the client's violence potential

Nurturing Hope
- Conduct psycho-education
- Collaborative goal-setting
- Strengths-based treatment approaches
- Ways to bolster resilience

Implementing Cognitive Behavior Therapy
- Skills training: Emotional self-regulation, cognitive restructuring and stress inoculation training

Building in Generalization Guidelines
- Treatment of depression and suicidal behavior
- Using computer technology as an adjunctive tool

Applications to Challenging Clients
- Treating comorbid disorders
- Prolonged and Complicated Grief
- More Personal Healing

Substance Abuse Disorders
- Consideration of 12 STEP programs
- Relapse prevention interventions
- Integrating spirituality and psychotherapy

Personality Disorders - Emotional Dysregulation
- Borderline Personality Disorder

Traumatized Clients
- Complex PTSD
- Ways to avoid being revictimized
- Traumatic brain injuries

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