

# Global Trauma Recovery Institute

## Trainee Informed Consent

The Global Trauma Recovery Institute provides training for professionals and students seeking to advance their skills as they work with domestic and international trauma in their particular setting. Continuing education (CE) and credited courses provide postgraduate, specialized training through Biblical Seminary and are by application only. The following information describes the purpose, scope, and limitations of continuing education courses.

**Purpose:** GTRI courses are designed for postgraduate trainees seeking to advance training, clinical and consulting skills regarding the care for traumatized peoples. While the primary audience will be licensed mental health participants, other professional caregivers, graduate students, and/or experienced lay leaders may apply. The primary focus of the course series is the advancement of trauma recovery best practices and cross-cultural facilitation from a Christian perspective.

**Scope:** Our course series covers a wide variety of topics related to the causes of trauma, trauma recovery and facilitation of local trauma recovery caregivers. Matters of faith, physiology, ethnology, cross-cultural engagement, psychopathology, healing, and recovery are central to our course materials. Each on-line course includes both asynchronous and synchronous training experiences (e.g., discussion forums, readings and multi-media materials, brief reflection papers, and live group engagement).

Students unable to attend the in-person intensive class may complete the three online courses but will not be eligible for the international immersion experience. However, students completing both the on-line and in-person portions must still receive permission from the director to complete the immersion portion of the training. Spiritual, physical and psychological health along with clinical competency will be determining factors for eligibility.

**Limits:** While group members may discuss current cases, this is not considered a form of supervision as no authority is held by trainers. It is up to each CE participant to ensure that these courses will meet their license requirements. Those desiring social work, psychology, and/or marriage and family credits may wish to write to their licensing board for special permission.

It is the responsibility of each member to protect the privacy of their own clientele as well as the discussions of the group. Each member avoids disclosing identifying information in case studies and avoids disclosing the confidential discussions of the group with outsiders.

By signing below, I consent to participate in this course. I understand the nature of the course content may create some distress and acknowledge my need to engage actively in self-care. I commit to being an active participant by attending scheduled sessions for the course enrolled and understand I may contact the director with any concerns or complaints. I understand it is my responsibility to know my CE requirements.

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Name

Date