NPSI Institute Attendance Policy

Psychoanalytic training is a rigorous endeavor that entails substantial commitment. The curriculum is carefully planned, and attendance at each scheduled class is expected as an indication of the candidates’ commitment.

While NPSI realizes that an absence may be unavoidable, the candidate is asked to weigh the following issues when deciding to miss a seminar:

1. Due to the small size of the seminars, and the intimate nature of many of the discussions, the presence of each candidate is valued. Thus, anyone’s absence has an impact on the continuity of the seminar process.

2. Instructors plan the curriculum of the didactic seminars carefully, and missing a seminar can limit the ability of the candidate to fully assimilate material in subsequent seminars.

3. Clinical seminars are particularly problematic in this regard. They represent an opportunity for candidates to follow the unfolding process in a psychoanalytic treatment. As such, missing even a single session compromises the candidate’s comprehension of the case material and ability to contribute.

4. In all but the direst emergencies, the candidate is expected to inform the instructor(s) and classmates in advance of the absence. If a candidate misses more than two seminars during a quarter the instructor(s) will discuss the matter with the candidate. Further discussion, if deemed necessary, may be brought to the Progression and Curriculum committees. At the discretion of the instructors, a candidate may be asked to complete additional work in order to receive credit for the seminar. In other cases, a candidate may be asked to repeat a full quarter.