

# Focusing Professional Training - Online

Leading to Certification as a Focusing Professional/Trainer with the International Focusing Institute



## Deepen your Focusing Skills - Become a Focusing Professional

This training is for you if you want to refine and deepen your Focusing, listening, and teaching skills in order to share Focusing professionally, both to individuals and to groups. You are equally welcome if you simply want to enhance your Focusing Partnerships and enrich and beautify your daily living.

I will provide supportive conditions and a safe framework for you to explore Focusing areas that you are drawn to and feel passionate about. This will awaken your creativity to find your own style and niche. I offer my teaching to a small group of trainees so that I can optimally accompany each one in their own unique process.

## Personal & Professional Competencies that you will take from this Training

- ✓ The ability to offer one-to-one Focusing sessions to people who have never done it before
- ✓ The ability to integrate Focusing into your professional field as a therapist, bodyworker...
- ✓ The ability to teach Focusing to individuals and groups (and offer the PFP-Award)
- ✓ The ability to naturally weave aspects of Focusing into all of your daily interactions

## Duration

The mentoring sessions and classes with me add up to 172 hours, taking place over a 2-year period. In addition, plan about half a day per week for everything listed under “Self-Directed Learning”, which may take longer than two years. I recommend trainees to complete the training within two to three years.

If you would like to attend only the first year to learn how to offer Focusing to individuals, please ask. If you have already trained with another Coordinator to offer Focusing one-on-one and would like to attend the second year of my training to learn how to teach Focusing to groups, please ask.

## Prerequisite

- You have to have completed a Focusing Skills Course level/module 1 to level 4 or 5, or have an equivalent foundation in Focusing skills. If you are unsure whether you meet this prerequisite, please ask.
- You have had a regular Focusing Partnership for some time.
- You have become a member of the International Focusing Institute (TIFI).
- We will meet for a one-on-one session. You can ask questions about the training and my background, and I can learn about your interests, expectations, and experience. We will sense together whether it is the right moment for you to begin this training.

## The Training Content — Years One & Two

This training consists of online classes with instructional material, supervised practice, and your self-chosen topics and projects. The combination of a scheduled training structure and self-directed learning allows you to craft a training that best fits your learning style and your life situation.

### **Online Classes**

During the classes, you will share your learning-journey with other trainees. Basic topics include the following: Revisiting Focusing basics, learning to accompany and guide those new to Focusing, learning how to teach Focusing to groups, and understanding practical aspects of working professionally such as finding words for advertising, insurance, accepting or referring clients... As the trainees grow in experience, the class content will increasingly be shaped according to their interests and input.

Training tools will include the following: Study materials, reading assignments, partner and group practices, discussions... Trainees will demonstrate and bring a recorded sample of working with people one-to-one in Focusing sessions and of teaching groups. Each participant will receive peer feedback and supervision support.

### **Sessions with me / Mentoring**

In these sessions, you will have the opportunity to share your experiences and progress and to sense for directions forward in what feels challenging. You can bring questions and issues for discussion or ask for emotional support. You can ask for Focusing time or to receive feedback or information.

### **Self-Directed Learning**

Outside the scheduled classes, you will set your own pace for your Focusing Partnership practices, your Peer Support meetings, your practice sessions with clients, your research and reading, your chosen theoretical and practical Focusing project, and your development and teaching of Focusing courses.

### **Optional Learning**

I encourage students to get involved in the international Focusing community by joining workshops, gatherings, and various Focusing partnerships. I am happy to review any journaling or creative work that comes from trainees' research and meetings with fellow Focusers.

## Training Schedule – Overview Years One & Two

I will discuss class times and days with all trainees to make it work for everyone. Participation in the classes is required, but if an aspect of the training does not fit or isn't possible for you, we can find other options together.

**FM** Focusing Meeting, to sense if it's the right moment to begin the training

**SA** Self-Assessment

**\*** In some cases, the Focuser might do Level 1-5 in year two.

### Year One

01	02	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	< month
<b>FM</b>														
<b>Level 1 – 5 Focusing Skills Course *</b>														
Bi-monthly			Two classes						Bi-monthly					
<b>Online Course Meetings</b>														
<b>Focusing Partnerships</b> >>>>														
						<b>Peer Support</b> >>>>								
						<b>Trainee offers Focusing Sessions</b> >>>>								
	<b>SA</b>													
<b>The Trainee decides when to engage with the other required aspects of the training program</b>														

### Year Two

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	< month
Bi-monthly			Two classes						Bi-monthly			
<b>Online Course Meetings</b>												
<b>Focusing Partnerships</b> >>>>												
<b>Peer Support</b> >>>>												
			<b>Trainee develops and offers Focusing classes</b>									
	<b>SA</b>										<b>SA</b> >>>>	
<b>Certification &gt;&gt;&gt;</b>												
<b>The Trainee decides when to engage with the other required aspects of the training program</b>												

## The Training Schedule – Overview Years One & Two

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### Online Classes

Revisit the Focusing Skills Course Level 1-5: 20 classes @ 3h, followed by 20 x ½ h with trainees.

Each year, fourteen class meetings @ 3h each, with trainees only, scheduled as follows:

- Months 1, 2, 3            Bi-monthly
- Months 4 to 9            Two classes
- Months 10, 11, 12      Bi-monthly

Class meetings add up to a total of 154 hours.

### Online Sessions

- Informational & Focusing meeting      Before the start of the training
- Three Self-Assessment meetings      Beginning, middle, and end of the training
- Focusing/Mentoring sessions          A minimum of seven per year
- Meetings with a supporting mentor      Optional

Sessions add up to a total of 18 hours, more can be booked.

### Your Self-Directed Learning

- Focusing Partnerships                      Weekly or at least fortnightly
- Peer Support meetings                      Recommended to begin by the 4<sup>th</sup> month, year 1
- Offering Focusing Sessions                Recommended to begin by the 4<sup>th</sup> month, year 1
- Develop your Focusing Course            Recommended to begin by the 3<sup>rd</sup> month, year 2
- Practical Project                              Trainee's choice, allow for enough time
- Theoretical Project                            Trainee's choice, allow for enough time

Plan about half a day per week.

## Certification

Certification allows you to introduce and guide people who are new to Focusing one-to-one, and to teach Focusing to groups. You are eligible for certification by the International Focusing Institute when you have met all training requirements and when you and me, your mentor/Certifying Coordinator in Training, feel that you are ready to offer Focusing the way you want to. You can then call yourself a Certified Focusing Professional or Trainer. You will be eligible to offer the TIFI 'Proficiency in Focusing Partnership Award' to students of your Focusing Courses.

## How to Join my Training

### My Upcoming Training

My 1-year teacher training will begin February 18, 2025. If you are interested, but the timing isn't right for you, please let me know.

My complete 2-year Training to learn to teach Focusing to individuals and groups is envisioned to begin in February 2025.

Training times will allow those in America and Europe to join.

### Fees

The full 2-year training consists of 172 hours with me as your mentor plus your supervised self-directed learning, which is the larger part of the training.

The cost of the two-year training is:

€3.880 / \$4,238

or per year:

€1.940 / \$2,119

Pay a fee of €500 / \$550 four times per year or pay the discounted annual fee in a lump sum.

#### **Additional costs:**

Additional sessions you may wish to book with me and/or a supporting mentor.

Workshops with other teachers (one workshop is required in the second year).

If you want to apply for certification, the TIFI certification fee is currently \$375.

### How to Sign Up - The First Step

If you think you might be interested, here is the next step:

You can schedule a free 20-minute informal meeting with me to address your questions.

Schedule a 1-hour Focusing session, the fee is offset against the training fee if you decide to join (required). <https://move-with-life.org/focusing-professional-training/>

### Cancelation Policy

If you cancel more than one month before the training begins, your payment will be refunded minus a €50/\$55 administration fee. If you cancel within the last month before the training begins, you can receive a refund minus a €50/\$55 administration fee if someone else takes your place, or you can use your credit for other courses and one-on-one sessions.

### Contact

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