

INSTRUCTION PROTOCOL

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Any school of mental healing in the past has been victimized by that irrationality known as psychosis. Dianetics, no matter if it has the answer to psychosis, is yet victimized by its existence in the society.

Psychotics, people with histories of known breaks, of suicide attempts, of homicidal tendencies, can yet be expected to apply for instruction in Dianetics.

An adequate screen has been set up to inhibit the entrance of such persons into training. A Minnesota Multiphasic, at least, must be given to all applicants for certification course training. This very far from guarantees insurance against enrolling a psychotic. Psychometry is not accurate and varies from over-optimism to over pessimism about psychotics. Therefore, all psychometry must be tempered by common sense. Also, it must be modified by what we know Dianetics can readily do for people.

A psychotic discovered by screening should either be routed into processing (if the case is mild and non-suicidal) or rejected. At such time as the Foundations possess adequate and lawful housing facilities for the retention of psychotics, those who might have been turned away may be routed to the unit which has such facilities in its charge. Efforts are being made, and others should be made, to procure such sanitarium facilities wherein psychotics may be Dianetically processed.

Once enrolled, the applicant, any applicant, should be regarded to some degree as a possible error in screening. A definite program of allowance for possible screening errors must consistently be adhered to.

Experience has demonstrated that psychotics may be enrolled and successfully released and trained. The strain on the school staffs, however, has been great; and the cost of enrolling a psychotic definitely exceeds the amount he has paid for his course. In Los Angeles, in August, about thirty percent of those enrolled, it has been estimated, were incipient psychotics. Turmoil was occasioned by this, training expense was raised well above training income in each case. This does not argue, however, that the enrolling and training of psychotics is without danger.

As an additional safeguard, the following observations should be taken into account. Wherever any trouble has been had with a student in training, One of the following factors has been present.

1. The student was run while tired or when lacking in proper food.
2. The auditing the student received was bad, extremely bad.
3. The student had in his environ, while in training, an individual who definitely and demonstrably sought the mental failure of the student.

4. Too many auditors worked on the student.
5. Dianetics, in the hands of some student, was crossed with an older therapy.

Directors of Training and Team Captains should do all possible to obviate the occurrence in training of any of the above five factors.

All training programs should have as their end the turning out of certifiable students. This means that the student's own case must be running well and that he must have absorbed maximal Dianetic information and acquired maximal skill. Obviating the above five factors pays the additional dividend of proofing the school against bogged-down cases, by which is meant those cases, not psychotic, which cease to run well. The above five factors not only threaten the psychotic, but are responsible in bogged-down cases. A bogged-down case does not find himself able to absorb information or acquire skill and certainly cannot be said to be running well.

To militate against the above five factors, to prevent any untoward incident should any psychotic slip through screening unobserved and to prevent bogged-down cases, the following program is the official school program.

The student is enrolled on a four-week course basis. At the end of this course, if certifiable by all criteria, the student is granted a *limited* certificate, printed in black and white, on which the words LIMITED, EXPIRES SIX MONTHS FROM DATE, is printed boldly. In order to gain an unlimited certificate, then, the student must, after graduation, release two persons, one of a mental condition and the other of a serious chronic somatic, and must furnish to the Foundation incontrovertible evidence from a medical doctor and psychometrist that this has been accomplished. When the Foundation receives such information and such incontrovertible evidence, the Foundation then forwards an unlimited certificate to the student. The student need not again appear at the Foundation. But on being given his limited certificate, he is also given a written paper stating exactly what he has to do to get his permanent certificate. The research division will furnish the protocol for this—as to what is acceptable evidence—and this protocol is based on what the research division can use as a major proof case.

The student, however, is given an alternative. He knows that it will be expensive for him to get examinations of patients and psychometry on them. He may submit as one of his cases his own intensive run of a Foundation patient or applicant, the Foundation doing the medical examination and the psychometry for him. The charge to the student is on the basis of one week's additional experience and instruction for \$75.00. This is cheaper than a case would cost him. He can actually stay for two weeks and get both his cases from Foundation applicants and patients at a cost of \$75.00 for the additional (second) week. The advantage to him is additional tips and instruction as he runs his first independent case or cases, that the Foundation handles all examinations and that his permanent certification is thus speeded up. The Foundation advantage is that it has a better chance to observe prospective employees.

By this means and others, the school then arranges for every applicant, within reason, to have a thirty-six hour run during his first week by a student auditor in his fourth or fifth week. This is no part of the guarantee. It is simply done. Directors of Training can then assign one fairly reliable auditor to one incoming case and so obviate some of the above five factors.

The protocol of training for a student is then as follows:

1. Entered after screening by psychometry and interview.
2. For the first week—a thirty-six hour intensive run and general indoctrination.

3. For the second week—training in theory.
4. For the third week—training in practice, strongly supervised by team captain, given adequate examples of auditing.
5. For the fourth week—additional training in practice; or, if good enough, given a new enrollee for a thirty-six hour intensive. (Does not count for permanent certification.)
6. For the fifth week, if enrolled—a thirty-six hour intensive on a chronic aberration case or any case.
7. For the sixth week, if enrolled—a thirty-six hour intensive on a chronic somatic case or any case.

The student's own case may be more or less neglected after his first week of intensive running immediately after enrollment. If the case requires further processing before limited certification can be given, the student can make his own arrangements. He is there to be trained, basically, not to be processed. Special arrangements for processing to the end of being certified can be made by the Registrar.

This protocol has been developed after consultation with the Foundation Registrar at Elizabeth, the Director of Training at Elizabeth and upon observations made during the past five months. If followed closely, it should adequately proof the schools against having psychotic breaks occur in them and against cases bogging down. Further, it should heighten the percentile of students certified.

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