

## QUALIFICATION

Qualification is at the discretion of the Council of GASW which considers the recommendations of its Training Committee. It is dependent upon satisfactory performance in, and integration of, the different elements of the training; personal group analysis, supervised practice, theoretical work and written assignments. The minimum duration of the training is four years. GASW retains the right to terminate a trainee's training at any time.

## TUTORIAL ASSISTANCE

Trainees will be offered assistance from the Training Co-ordinator throughout their training and are particularly encouraged to seek their tutor's assistance in the preparation of the theory and clinical papers.

## LIBRARY

There is a small library of books, journals and other papers for the use of trainees. These can be obtained from the Training Co-ordinator, who is also available for consultation and advice.

## PROFESSIONAL INDEMNITY INSURANCE

Trainees must take out professional indemnity insurance unless already adequately covered. Relevant information is available from the Training Co-ordinator

## COST OF THE TRAINING.

Selection Procedure Fee: £195.00

Twice-weekly Group Analysis:  
(Fees privately negotiated with the Group Analyst)

Theoretical & Supervision Seminars: £2,500 p.a.  
(payable by standing order in ten monthly instalments)

**Fees are subject to annual review.**

Please note that trainees are liable for the full course fee, whether or not they complete the training.

## APPLICATIONS

Applicants are asked to provide:

1. A personal statement, in the form of a letter, stating why they wish to train.
2. A full Curriculum Vitae.
3. The names of three referees, at least two of whom should know the candidate professionally. The experiential group conductor on the Introductory Course and the candidate's Group Analyst will also be asked to indicate with a Yes or No, as to the applicant's suitability and readiness to begin the training. Please provide their names and the year/locality of the Introductory course.
4. Selection Procedure Fee.

## ADMISSION PROCEDURE

Once a written application has been received, the admission process consists of a clinical interview with a Consultant, followed by a further interview with a Board of Assessors to whom the Consultant's report is submitted, together with all other relevant documentation.

## APPLICATIONS AND ENQUIRIES TO:

The Training Co-ordinator,  
Group Analysis South West  
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Bristol BS6 5SH  
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The information in this leaflet is correct at the time of printing. Group Analysis South West reserves the right to make any changes that may become necessary.

**GASW is committed to Equal Opportunities and welcomes everyone without discrimination of race, class, culture, gender, marital status, physical disability, religion or sexual orientation.**



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## GROUP ANALYSIS SOUTH WEST

Founded by members of the Institute of Group Analysis, London, GASW offers training in group analysis leading to qualification as a Full Member of GASW. This training is accredited by the United Kingdom Council for Psychotherapy and graduates may seek individual registration through GASW with that body. All aspects of the training comply with the Codes of Ethics and Practice of the UKCP and GASW.

### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

1. **Academic Requirements:** Candidates will normally have a university degree or professional qualification, though some academic requirements may be waived for those with exceptional professional experience.
2. **Prior Training:** Candidates are required to have completed one of the Introductory Courses in Group Analysis recognised by GASW.
3. **Prior Psychotherapy:** Candidates are required to have been in twice weekly group analysis with an approved Group Analyst for at least a year prior to starting the theoretical, clinical and written components of the training.
4. **The Psychiatric Experience, Infant Observation Seminars, Psychotherapy with Individuals and the first year of the Theory Seminars** listed under the Outline of Training may be completed prior to application or acceptance on the training. Candidates are encouraged to seek the advice of GASW's Training Co-ordinator when selecting placements, courses, supervisors, etc.

### OUTLINE OF THE TRAINING

1. **Personal Group Analysis:** Trainees must undertake a twice-weekly personal group analysis with an approved Group Analyst throughout their training. Group Analysts provide a yes/no response to GASW's Training Committee when trainee patients seek to begin a different component of the training. The length of each trainee's personal analysis is not fixed and continues at least until the Training Committee is satisfied that the trainee has fulfilled the requirements of the course.

2. **Psychiatric Experience:** Trainees must produce evidence of previous adequate experience of work with psychiatric patients. Those who do not have this experience will be asked to undertake, on a voluntary basis, a psychiatric placement which will normally involve a half day placement within an NHS Secondary Care setting for a minimum of six months.
3. **Infant Observation Course:** Trainees are required to produce evidence of having completed a recognised Infant Observation Course. Those who do not have this experience will be asked to undertake, at his/her own expense, a course recommended by the Training Committee. This will involve a weekly seminar group, weekly visits to observe a mother and infant, and writing up the visit.
4. **Work with Individuals:** Trainees will need to provide written evidence of experience and competence in therapeutic work with individuals, supervised on a weekly basis for a minimum of one year by an approved psychoanalytic psychotherapist.
5. **Theoretical Seminars (UKCP minimum 250 hours)**  
The academic curriculum begins in September and mainly takes place on ten Saturdays throughout the year over a four year period. Trainees will be expected to attend two courses or workshops recommended by the Training Committee during their training, for instance those currently provided by GASW, Group Analytic Network (West), or IGA. The choice of course or workshop can be decided with the Training Co-ordinator to reflect a trainee's individual needs and areas of interest.
6. **Supervised Clinical Work:**  
Trainees are expected to have completed the Psychiatric Placement, Infant Observation, Work with Individuals and the first year of the Theoretical Seminars before proceeding to set up and conduct two groups under supervision.

**The first group**, set up at the beginning of the second year and continuing for a minimum of six full terms, will be a once weekly clinical group for adults. For this group trainees will be required to attend weekly supervision seminars during the academic term throughout the training period and continue for as long as required by the Training Committee.

**The second group**, set up in the third year of training, will be a time-limited, theme-focussed group (normally for a minimum of nine months). This group can accommodate trainees' own special areas of interest. For this group trainees will be required to attend additional weekly supervision seminars. Arrangements for these groups may be made at a trainee's own place of work or elsewhere, and must be approved by the Training Committee. If there are difficulties in establishing groups, GASW's Training Co-ordinator may be able to assist. Trainees who have successfully completed GASW's Diploma Training may seek exception from this component of the training by writing to the Chair of Training Committee.

#### 7. Written Assignments:

- a) **Essays:** At the end of each of the first two modules of theoretical seminars in Year One and Two, trainees are required to prepare an essay, approx. 2,500 words in length, on a topic relating to the teaching of those modules.
- b) **Theory Paper:** A topic of interest related to group analysis is explored and discussed in some depth. This paper, approx. 5,000 words in length, is presented in the fourth year of training.
- c) **Clinical Paper:** This paper 7,000 to 10,000 words in length, should focus on aspects of the first clinical group which the trainee presented for supervision, drawing on the clinical material for illustration. The aim of the paper is to demonstrate how the trainee has used the training (theory, supervision and personal analysis) to develop a group analytic way of working. It is normally presented within twelve months of completing the other components of the training. A trainee cannot qualify until this paper is presented and accepted by the Training Committee.

**The Training** is under continuous review and is liable to change at any time at the discretion of the Training Committee, in order to meet the training requirements of the UKCP. It is important to recognise that the nature of group analysis is long term and the duration of the training cannot be shortened.