

The Clinician as Shaman Intensive



April 2-6 & November 5-9, 2017

Santa Fe, New Mexico

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This year-long Intensive is designed to offer Western medical clinicians protected time to re-visit their call as healers through a transpersonal/shamanic lens with other like-minded clinicians. Our target group are those clinicians licensed in the biomedical care of patients such as RN, NP, MD, DO, DC, PA, DMD, PT, EMT, PharmD.

Illness often calls us to do soul-level healing in our work, beyond offering physical ministrations and emotional coping mechanisms. The Intensive will take participants deeply into the spiritual methodology of shamanism to attend to this level of care and to understand their larger role in clinical settings.

It will also be focused on using shamanism for personal transformation and for restoring health and balance in one's own life as we attend to others.

The program provides practical tools and is highly experiential, using journeying, ceremony, sharing in small groups, brief presentations, and selected films.

Part I (April 2-6) program: We will begin with ourselves, to deepen our alliance with helping spirits and to learn more about how to stay spiritually grounded. We will examine our personal healing gifts and how our present behavior supports or creates a barrier to allowing these to come through.

We will look at the power of shamanic language (thoughts and speech) to create or to relieve suffering through naming, reframing, and unraveling inadvertent cursing. We will

re-story ourselves, finding words and personal mythology to hold us steady in our life and in our work.

And we will visit our Shadow and face our death, with the helping spirits to guide us and help us dismember old patterns and personal beliefs that no longer serve us. We will honor our dreams and find ways to ground them in this ordinary reality.

Part II (November 5-9) program: As we steady and deepen, we will begin to take these personal tools out into our clinical work. We will then bring our questions and the complexities of the workplace to our Intensive community and to the helping spirits for guidance and creative input.

We will also share case studies to find new forms and formats for healing, attend to the spirit of our workplace, and invite the spirits of nature for their ministrations. And we will re-visit our soul's purpose and re-dedicate our life in service as we complete our time together.

Facilitators: Both facilitators are graduates of the Foundation for Shamanic Studies' Three year Program in Advanced Shamanic Initiation, Sandra Ingerman's Two Year Teacher's Training Program, and are Founding Board members of the Society of Shamanic Practice.

Carson, an internist and counselor, was Clinical Associate Professor at U of Rochester Medical Center from 1988 - 2008 and has been practicing and teaching shamanism for the past 27 years nationally and internationally. She is editor of the anthology *Spirited Medicine: Shamanism in Contemporary Healthcare*.

Davis is a board certified physical medicine and rehabilitation physician at the University of Utah with a practice focusing on inpatient medical rehabilitation for individuals with major disabling conditions. In that setting he blends skills learned both in medicine and shamanic practice. He organized and directed Shamanism in Healthcare conferences with other shamanically-trained physicians prior to helping found the Society for Shamanic Practitioners, and he continues to serve as the founding SSP board president.

Pre-requisites: Applicants need to be able to do a shamanic journey and have a connection with a helping spirit(s). They also need to be clinicians working in a Western medical setting, and commit to *both* sessions in the calendar year.

Tuition: The cost is \$1,660 for the year. Once accepted into the program, a non-refundable deposit of \$400 is due to hold your space in the group.

Location: Fort Marcy Suites, Santa Fe, NM. Very reasonable group rates available.

Application: If interested, please request an application by email to cecile@cecilecarson.com or phone 585-271-5650 or 801-631-4157.

Scholarship: Please let us know if you are able to help sponsor a participant thru a donation to help defray their costs.