



## Social Thinking® Clinical Training Program 2023 School Year Level 1-Assessment Observation Application at Social Thinking Santa Clara, CA. and Social Thinking Boston, MA.

### Clinical Training Program

We have two clinic locations to make travel easier for both domestic and international trainees: the West coast Social Thinking® Clinic, Santa Clara, CA, led by Michelle Garcia Winner, SLP, MA-CCC and Pamela Crooke, SLP, PhD-CCC and the East coast Social Thinking® Boston, MA led by Nancy Clements, SLP, MA-CCC who is also a member of the Social Thinking Training and Speaker's Collaborative.

To learn more about Nancy Clements, owner of Social Thinking Boston please visit <https://www.socialthinking.com/Speaker%20Details?name=Nancy%20Clements>

**Who should attend?** Have attended at least two full-day Social Thinking conference courses taught by a member of our Social Thinking Training and/or Speakers' Collaborative or a guest speaker invited by Think Social Publishing, Inc. or watched at least 12 hours of Social Thinking OnDemand Courses (four, 3-hour courses) and have implemented components of the Social Thinking Methodology with a range of individuals for over one year.

### Eligibility Requirements:

This is advanced training on the Social Thinking Methodology and not Social Thinking 101. To be eligible to participate in the Clinical Training Program, applicants must:

1. Have at least one year of recent experience utilizing Social Thinking treatment frameworks, strategies, vocabulary, and concepts with clients/students of any age within the range of four years to adulthood.
2. All professionals (mental health, educational, OT, SLP, etc.) that work directly with individuals with social learning differences, who have met other pre-requisites are welcome to attend. We provide continuing education hours to some of these professionals (see below).
  - a. Behaviorists need to further evaluate if they should enroll in our Clinical Training Program. We are aware that licensed BCBA's and licensed behavior assistants are not allowed to utilize the Social Thinking Methodology as part of the work they do as a licensed BCBA according to their licensing agency. For this reason, when a licensed behaviorist or behavioral assistant applies to our Clinical Training Program, they will receive a letter from us further clarifying this information. The licensed behaviorist will have to select if they still want to proceed in our training based on our explanation of the situation or withdraw their application at that point.
3. Remain updated about evolving aspects of the Social Thinking Methodology by reading free articles and watching free webinars. You are subscribed to our quarterly newsletter (you can join through our website [www.socialthinking.com](http://www.socialthinking.com)) which will guide you to some of the new content posted on our website.

4. Have attended at least two full-day Social Thinking conference taught by a member(s) of our Social Thinking Training and Speakers' Collaborative or a guest speaker invited by Social Thinking or watched at least 12 hours of Social Thinking OnDemand courses (four, 3-hour courses) and have implemented components of the Social Thinking Methodology with individuals for over one year.
  - We encourage you to watch the two-part series [Navigating Across School, Home, and Screen Landscapes using the ILAUGH Model](#)
5. Read and use two or more of the core books published by Think Social Publishing, Inc, including but not limited to:
  - Thinking About You Thinking About Me
  - Social Thinking and Me
  - You Are a Social Detective combined with teaching about Superflex: A Superhero Social Thinking Curriculum
  - We Thinkers, Volume 1 (storybooks and curriculum)
  - Socially Curious and Curiously Social
6. Applicants are selected based on the number of students/clients they serve in the community and their experience using the Social Thinking Methodology. Professionals or parent-professionals working with very small caseloads are less likely to be selected.
7. With regards to Covid 19: all applicants must be fully vaccinated and acknowledge adherence to Social Thinking's COVID policies and procedures.

**Travel to clinic of choice:** Social Thinking Santa Clara & Boston participants who are traveling by plane or train should plan on renting a car or schedule to find rides through Uber or Lyft; neither clinic is in easy walking distance from a local hotel.

### How to Apply for the Program:

1. Training is offered in two locations: Santa Clara, California (near San Jose), and Boston, Massachusetts. You can apply specifically to one location or both locations. The monthly training is offered on the same dates in both locations.
2. The application form must be filled out completely, and at least 3 date options selected for attending the training. (Please select as many date options as possible!)
  - a. Must email or mail completed application.
3. Mail completed applications with a check or email the application to [clinicinfo@socialthinking.com](mailto:clinicinfo@socialthinking.com) and call our office to pay the \$350.00 (USD) deposit with a credit card.
4. Applicants must fill out an application explaining why they should be considered for inclusion in our Social Thinking Clinical Training Program. Due to our limited number of openings, we are seeking applicants who work with a relatively large number of students.
5. The applicant understands and agrees to the payment plan for this training. **There are no discounted fees or scholarships available.**
1. When an application is submitted a deposit of \$350 (USD) is required. If accepted, this deposit will be applied to your training tuition.

- a. To apply by mail: Please mail the completed application with the \$350.00 (USD) deposit by check. Please make it payable to the “Social Thinking Center” and attach your check to the application for it to be considered for placement.
  - b. To apply by email: Please email your application and pay the \$350.00 (USD) deposit by credit card or check, please coordinate the payment of the deposit within three days of emailing the application by contacting the Clinical Training administrator, Vanessa Alcantar. Email your application to [clinicinfo@socialthinking.com](mailto:clinicinfo@socialthinking.com) Office hours: 8 am – 4:30 pm Pacific Time.
2. Multiple applicants applying to attend the same session as a small group must send their applications together. Applicants must email all applications in *one* email. **Deposits are required for each person in the group.** There is no group discount offered.
  3. Applications will be reviewed on a first-come, first-serve basis. While there is no “formal” deadline to apply, we encourage you to apply early if you’re eager to participate and want to secure your chosen date of attendance.
  4. Applicants are selected based on the number of students/clients they serve in the community and their experience with the methodology.
  5. We will inform you of your status in our program within 2 weeks of the time we received your application. We will continue to enroll applicants until all spots are full.
  6. If an applicant is not accepted into our program, their deposit will be fully refunded. Our website, [www.socialthinking.com/clinic-services/clinical-training](http://www.socialthinking.com/clinic-services/clinical-training), will indicate when the Clinical Training program is full.
  7. Participants will receive an email acknowledgment upon our receipt of the deposit and application.
  8. If a participant changes their email, please remember to contact Vanessa to inform her, as all communication about your Clinical Training application and enrollment will be done through email.

## Fee Schedule:

**Boston total fee:** \$1,500 (USD) This training is led by Nancy Clements.

**Santa Clara, CA:** \$1,600 (USD) This training is led by Michelle Garcia Winner and/or Dr. Pamela Crooke.

1. All applicants must pay a \$350 (USD) deposit to be considered for the program. Applications can be mailed with a deposit or emailed however the deposit must be paid by credit card within three days to be considered for the program. We accept Visa, Mastercard, and Discover. Please make all checks payable to the “Social Thinking Center.” If you have been selected, your deposit will be applied to your tuition. If you are not selected, we will return your check uncashed or will not charge your credit card.
2. The second and third payments are split into two payments. If you wish to pay the two payments in full, you may do so.
3. Upon acceptance, you will receive an email that will include an invoice for the second payment. This payment is due within 14 days. The second payment is \$600 (USD) for the Boston training and \$700 (USD) for those attending the Santa Clara training. Individuals notified of placement in the program who decide to withdraw before making this second payment will forfeit their entire \$350 (USD) deposit.
4. The final payment of \$550 (USD) for Boston and Santa Clara locations is due 10 weeks before the training date and has a 30-day due date. If the payment is not made on time, the spot can be forfeited along with all money paid toward the tuition.
5. The Social Thinking Center will send invoices for each payment and track all applicants’ payments and balances. The program tuition must be paid in full before attending the training.

6. Applicants will work directly with Vanessa Alcantar, our Clinical Training administrator in Santa Clara, California for registration for Clinical Training at Social Thinking Boston. Please avoid contacting Social Thinking Boston about your registration for this program.
7. There are no discounted fees or scholarships available for Clinical Training Programs.

## Purchase Orders:

We only accept purchase orders if the \$350 deposit is paid upfront. The remaining balance may be paid with a purchase order **only if** Social Thinking receives the remaining balance check 12 weeks before the training date. There are no exceptions for purchase orders to be paid after the scheduled training date. Delay receiving the lump sum check before the scheduled training date can result in losing the training spot!

## About the Application Process:

The Clinical Training Program is conducted monthly throughout the school year (September through May). There are only 7 spots available for each training session at each of our two locations. Individuals who were on the waiting list from the previous year will be given the first chance to attend the current year's training in either of our locations, Santa Clara, CA, or Boston, MA.

Each Spring we post online the application for enrollment in the Clinical Training Program for the upcoming school year (September-May). Applications are collected until all spots are full. **A complete application is the ONLY way to secure a space. We do not hold spaces without a submitted application and deposit.**

A complete application must contain:

- Completed application forms.
- An indication of at least three training dates you can attend at their respective location.
- Written responses to the questions we ask about your experience using the Social Thinking Methodology.
- A \$350 (USD) deposit. This deposit will be applied to the total tuition if you are selected to attend the Clinical Training Program.

**Reminder about the Deposit:** Applicants accepted into the Clinical Training Program; the deposit is non-refundable! (See the Cancellation & Rescheduling Policies above.) If an applicant is not accepted into our program, they will be refunded the deposit.

## Team attendance:

Administrators and businesses wishing to enroll a team of individuals in a training need to submit one email or mailed packet containing each applicant's completed paperwork with the individual deposit fee for each person.

There is no group discount offered.

## Cancellation Policy & Rescheduling Policies:

If a person reschedules or cancels their participation in a training for which they have been enrolled, it is difficult and time-consuming for our staff to fill that space from our waitlist, even months before the training date. For this reason, we have strict policies regarding cancellations and requests to reschedule.

### Rescheduling or changing training location:

- **Before being assigned to a training date**
  - If you would like to change your preferred training dates or location, you selected on your application we are happy to assist you at no charge. Please contact Vanessa Alcantar as soon as possible.
- **After being assigned to a training date**
  - If you need to change your assigned training date or location, we will fulfill your request, but we charge a \$150 administrative fee. We will do our best to find you an available spot in a training that works for your schedule, however, if none are available for the remaining school year, you will be placed on the waitlist for next year. Please See our "Waitlist Policy" for more details.

### Canceling/revoking your application:

- **Before being accepted into the program**
  - If you contact us to cancel or revoke your application before you've been accepted and assigned to training, we will refund your \$350 deposit.
- **After being assigned to a training date**
  - If you contact us to cancel your participation after you've been assigned to training, you forfeit any money paid toward your program attendance (deposit plus additional payments).
  - The only exception is if the cancellation is due to a medical necessity as evidenced by a note from your doctor, then you will be refunded in full minus a \$150 administrative fee. You can elect to be placed on the waitlist or you can re-register for our Clinical Training Program the following year. Our administrative staff will work with you to coordinate which possible dates you can attend the next year. All monies already paid, minus \$150 in administrative fees, will apply to your alternative Clinical Training session. You have three years to schedule and attend another training; after that time, you forfeit all money paid.
  - If the cost of the Clinical Training Program increases between your placement on the waitlist and the date you attend, or if you change locations and the program cost is higher, you are responsible for paying the most current price of the training.

## Clinical Training Waitlist

1. If you are eligible to participate in the Clinical Training Program but all spots have been filled for the current U.S.A. school year, you will be notified via email, your deposit will be returned, you will be placed on the waitlist, and given priority placement for the following school year training or if there is a cancellation spot available.
2. If you're on the waitlist, we will notify you via email if someone cancels or when more training dates become available for you to consider.
3. Cancellation spots to fill: if a training session becomes available, we will attempt to reach you via email & phone to see if you are interested in taking the spot. We will not hold the open spot, they are on a first-come, first-serve

basis. If you accept the training session, your tuition is due immediately or the money you have paid will be applied to your future training.

4. If you canceled or rescheduled, you have three years to participate in another training. After three years, you forfeit all money paid.
5. If the cost of the Clinical Training Program increases between your placement on the waitlist and the date you attend, or if you change locations and the program cost is higher, you are responsible for paying the most current price of the training.

## **Cancellation of a Clinical Training Sessions by the Social Thinking Center**

**On rare occasions, we have had to cancel Clinical Training sessions in the past for two reasons:**

**a. Challenges hosting a specific training after we have posted the schedule**

If a Clinical Training session is canceled by the Social Thinking Center, we will notify participants 90 days or more before the first day of the enrolled applicant's Clinical Training session, when possible. The Social Thinking Center will not be responsible for any travel-related expenses (airline, hotel costs) the attendee is paying due to the cancellation when given a 90-day or more notice. If a Clinical Training session is canceled by us and it is not due to an act of nature you have the following options:

- If you have paid in full, we will offer a different session that fits your schedule. If you accept the new training session offered, you will be placed and will bear no additional tuition expense for attending the future Clinical Training session- even if the tuition has increased since you paid for your original training session. If there is no other time that you can attend based on our posted schedule and availability, you may choose to be put on our waitlist for future training sessions and will get priority when the next school year's schedule is posted. You will have three years to schedule and attend another training; after that time, you forfeit all money paid.
- You may choose to be given a full refund of all fees paid up to the point of cancellation, including your deposit, minus a \$150 (USD) fee for administrative expenses.

**b. Acts of nature beyond anyone's control**

If there is a significant Act of Nature such as severe weather conditions, an earthquake, tornado, or a pandemic. etc. that restricts your ability to travel to your Clinical Training session or requires us to cancel the event for the safety of all participants, we will work with you to reschedule your training free of charge, and the money you have paid will be applied to your future training. You will not be charged an additional fee to attend the future Clinical Training session if the cost of tuition increases since the time of your originally scheduled training session. The Social Thinking Center is not responsible for the cost of canceling your airline ticket, hotel room, or other pre-paid travel-related expenses. You will also be responsible for all travel-related costs resulting from the rescheduling, including airline and hotel costs. You have three years to schedule and attend another training; after that time, you forfeit all money paid.

## Continuing Education Available!

We offer continuing education credit for attending the Clinical Training Program for the professions listed below. All attendees will receive a Certificate of Completion and an agenda as proof of participation. The training provides 20 hours of instruction.

**Contact your licensing and/or certification organization:** We are approved to offer continuing education (CE) credit in many U.S. states and Canadian provinces. However, because requirements can change without notice, we recommend contacting your licensing and/or certification organization to verify program approval to be 100% confident you can earn CE credit for the program. If you work in a location not listed, we recommend contacting your certification board to determine program approval.

### SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS (SLPs)

#### United States & Global ASHA Affiliates

All states: We are an approved continuing education provider through the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA); the program is offered for 2.0 ASHA CEUs. To apply for ASHA CEUs, fill out an ASHA registration form on the first day of training. Remember to bring your ASHA number to include on the form.



If you maintain your own CE hours, your Certificate of Attendance qualifies as your verification of attendance form.

**California:** Michelle Garcia Winner is an approved Continuing Professional Development Provider by the Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology and Hearing Aid Dispensers Board for state of California SLPs (PDP 54) (20 hours).

**Canada:** To apply for CEEs for our program, submit the Certificate of Attendance and agenda to your licensing organization. The Certificate of Attendance and agenda will be provided. Earn 2.0 CEEs for the training!

### COUNSELORS

Professions included under this category:

- Licensed Mental Health Counselors
- Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselors
- Certified Professional Counselors
- Licensed Professional Counselors
- Associate Professional Counselors
- Licensed Professional Clinical Counselors

## United States



Most states: The program is offered to counselors for 20 clock hours toward the National Board of Certified Counselors (NBCC) credit except where noted below. Social Thinking has been designated by NBCC as an Approved Continuing Education Provider (ACEP) No. 6685. Social Thinking is solely responsible for all aspects of the programs.

States that typically accept CE hours for programs approved by the National Board of Certified Counselors:

- All U.S. states *except* MT, NY, NV, OK

## EDUCATORS

### United States

Most states: To apply for continuing education credit for our training, submit your Certificate of Attendance and agenda documents to your district or employer after the program has taken place.

### MASSACHUSETTS

Social Thinking is an approved PD Provider #2017F007 with the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. To use the hours for PDPs, you must attend at least 10 hours of Social Thinking workshops.

## LICENSED MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS

### United States

Most states: Each course is offered for the National Board of Certified Counselors (NBCC) credit except where noted below. Social Thinking has been designated by NBCC as an Approved Continuing Education Provider (ACEP) No. 6685. Programs that do not qualify for NBCC credit are identified. Social Thinking is solely responsible for all aspects of the programs.

States that typically accept CE hours for programs approved by NBCC, though they can change without notice:

- AL, AR, AZ, CA, CT, DC, DE, FL, GA, HI, IA, ID, ME, MN, MO, NH, NJ, NM, NV, OR, PA, RI, SD, TN, VA, VT, WA, WI, WY

## OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS (OTs)

Contact your licensing and/or certification organization to see if you can earn continuing education credit for our program. Many states accept CE hours for our training; however, Social Thinking is not an AOTA-approved provider.

### United States

States that are *likely* to accept CE hours for our program when submitting paperwork after the training takes place:

- AL, AZ, AR, CA, CO, CT, DE, GA, HI, ID, IA, KS, KY, ME, MA, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NE, NV, NJ, OH, OK, OR, PA, SD, TN, UT, VA, WA, WV, WI, WY, Washington DC

States that require participants to submit the program for approval before the event to receive CE hours for attendance:

- IL, LA (for live events only), NM, ND, VT

States that are *unlikely* to accept CE hours for our program:





- The states not listed in either category above require attendance at AOTA-approved programs to earn CE credit. Unfortunately, Social Thinking is not an AOTA-approved provider.

### **Canada**

To apply for CEEs for our training, submit the Certificate of Attendance and agenda provided at the training to your licensing organization. The program is offered for 20.0 CEEs.

### **PSYCHOLOGISTS (CLINICAL & SCHOOL)**

In the past we were able to provide approved CE credit to clinical psychologists for attending livestream courses. This option is no longer available. If we find another way to provide CE approval for the courses, we will update this page. You may contact your licensing organization to see if they can accept CE hours from non-approved providers.

School Psychologists may not need American Psychological Association (APA) approval of the CE hours. You may still be able to earn credit for watching our courses—please contact your licensing and/or employer organization to find out.

### **SOCIAL WORKERS**

#### **NY State Social Workers**

Social Thinking, Inc., SW CPE, is recognized by New York State Education Department's State Board for Social Work as an approved provider of continuing education for licensed social workers #SW-0334. The training is offered for 20 contact hours (unless other total time is clearly stated on the course page).

#### **Other States**

In the past we were able to provide approved CE credit to clinical social workers for attending livestream courses. This option is no longer available. If we find another way to provide CE approval for the courses, we will update this page. You may contact your licensing organization to see if they can accept CE hours from non-approved providers.

## Questions?

All the clinical training registration and payments are handled through our Santa Clara, CA Office. Please do not call the Boston office with any administrative questions before your arrival for the clinical training program.

Please contact Vanessa, Clinical Training Coordinator at the Santa Clara office with questions.

### **Vanessa Alcantar**

[clinicinfo@socialthinking.com](mailto:clinicinfo@socialthinking.com)

408-557-8595x202

Office hours: 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM Pacific time

11:00 AM – 7:30 PM East coast time

## Questions about Continuing Education?

### **Elena Samsonova**

Director of Conferences & Continuing Education

[esamsonova@socialthinking.com](mailto:esamsonova@socialthinking.com)

408-557-8595 ext. 325

Office hours: 9:30 am – 6:00 pm Pacific Time

### **Email your completed applications to:**

[clinicinfo@socialthinking.com](mailto:clinicinfo@socialthinking.com)

### **Mail your completed application to:**

Social Thinking Center

Att: Vanessa Alcantar

404 Saratoga Ave

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Santa Clara, CA 95050



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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please check your preferred dates.

2022-2023 Training Dates

Table with 2 columns: BOSTON TRAINING DATES and SANTA CLARA TRAINING DATES. Rows list training periods from Sep 2022 to Apr 2023 with checkboxes.

Acknowledgment of Basic Training in Social Thinking Concepts:

Are you applying to attend the Clinical Training Program for the 2nd time?

- Yes
No

If yes, which year did you previously attend: \_\_\_\_\_

I acknowledge I have at least ONE YEAR OF RECENT EXPERIENCE UTILIZING SOCIAL THINKING’S TREATMENT FRAMEWORKS, STRATEGIES, AND CONCEPTS WITH CLIENTS/STUDENTS WITHIN THE RANGE OF FOUR YEARS OLD TO ADULTHOOD: \_\_\_\_\_ (initials)

I acknowledge I have attended two full-day Social Thinking workshops hosted by Think Social Publishing, Inc, or led by a member of the Social Thinking Training and Speakers Collaborative or I have watched at least 12 hours of Social Thinking OnDemand Courses (four, 3-hour courses): \_\_\_\_\_ (initials)

I acknowledge I have read three or more free articles related to the methodology (posted on the website or in the Social Thinking Newsletters): \_\_\_\_\_(initials)

I acknowledge I have read and utilized two or more of the books published by Think Social Publishing, Inc, including, but not limited to: \_\_\_\_\_ (initials)

- Thinking About You Thinking About Me
Social Thinking and Me
You Are a Social Detective combined with teaching about Superflex
We Thinkers Vol. 1 (storybooks and curriculum)
Socially Curious and Curiously Social



I acknowledge I understand the policy for collecting payments, non-refundable deposits for the Social Thinking Clinical Training Program Level 1-Assessment, waitlist, and the cancellation policy: \_\_\_\_\_(initials)

I understand there is a fee of \$1500 (USD) for the Boston training and a fee of \$1600 for the Santa Clara training: \_\_\_\_\_(initials)

I would like to receive ASHA-SLP CEUs for this training: Yes  No

MY ASHA MEMBERSHIP NUMBER IS: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to receive CES CE credit: I am an MH COUNSELOR, CLINICAL OR SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST, or SOCIAL WORKER \_\_\_\_\_(initials)

**Please print clearly!**

NAME		PROFESSION/CREDENTIALS	
MAILING ADDRESS		WORK NAME/SCHOOL OR AFFILIATION	
CITY		WORK WEBSITE	
STATE/PROVINCE		ALTERNATE/ADDITIONAL WORKNAME	
ZIP OR MAIL CODE		WORK WEBSITE	
COUNTRY		PLEASE CHECK EACH AGE GROUP OF CLIENTS YOU WORK WITH (IF YOU WORK WITH CLIENTS).	
PRIMARY EMAIL		PRESCHOOL	<input type="checkbox"/>
SECONDARY EMAIL		K - 5	<input type="checkbox"/>
PRIMARY TELEPHONE	Circle One: H C W	MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL	<input type="checkbox"/>
SECONDARY TELEPHONE	Circle One: H C W	TRANSITION TO ADULT & YOUNG ADULTS (16-26)	<input type="checkbox"/>
ADDITIONAL TELEPHONE	Circle One: H C W	ADULTS (26 AND BEYOND)	<input type="checkbox"/>

Most correspondence will be via email. If your email address changes, please inform us right away.

**Your Signature:**

Please sign below acknowledging you understand all the information presented in this 13-page application. **No typed signatures accepted.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print name



## 2023 Social Thinking® Clinical Training Program: Personal Paragraphs

Please answer the questions below and include them with your application. Your application will not be accepted without these questions completed. You may attach an additional paper if you need more room for your descriptions.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly describe the type of individuals (age group, level of the Social Communication Profile) with whom you have been using the Social Thinking Methodology:

Briefly explain your current and/or prior experience using aspects of our Social Thinking Methodology. Describe types of lessons you have done or materials you have utilized that are published by Social Thinking Publishing: *(You must have experience actively using the Social Thinking Methodology with clients or students for at least ONE YEAR before the time you plan to attend our clinical training program).*

Briefly explain what you hope to gain from attending this training:

Any additional information you would like us to know?