

## **Barral Institute Mission Statement**

The curriculum offered through the Barral Institute provides continuing education courses directed toward excellence in the advancement of manual therapy. Our goal is to share knowledge through the highest professional teaching standards and to enhance therapeutic skills for structural relationships with techniques based on years of clinical experience. Our innovative approach to evaluation and treatment provide clarity, precision and anatomical detail to encourage proprioceptive communication for the entire body. We are dedicated to help the clinician receive a clear message from the body in order to create exceptional results for their patient's health and wellbeing.

## **Barral Institute Policies**

### **Barral Institute Policies Pertaining to Participants**

Check for updates and most current policies on  
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### **Cost**

The total cost for these programs may include city surcharges or taxes. The cost includes the application fee, as well as pre-preparation information/material that may be sent to you via the confirmation information. The remaining amount is the tuition for the seminar.

### **Cancellation Policy**

Our cancellation policies vary by specific course. In most cases, tuition is fully transferable up to 7 days prior to the start of the class. Within 7 days, a \$100.00 administrative fee will apply. Tuition is fully refundable up to 30 days prior to the start of the class. Refund requests must be made in writing within 12 months of the registration. Cancellation policies may vary for certain classes such as those held in Big Sur, California, taught by curriculum developers, dissection courses, courses held outside North America or classes that are privately sponsored. See individual classes or call 561.868.6898 for specifics.

### **Code of Ethics and Conduct**

As a practitioner using therapies taught through the Barral Institute you are expected to administer treatment protocols within your scope of practice, respect the code of ethics of your licensing or certifying body or locale that you practice in and adhere to the highest professional standards. Among these are the commitment to provide quality therapy, emphasizing the needs of the client, to all persons without discrimination, to seek educational opportunities to enhance therapeutic skills, to respect each client's right to privacy, and to accept the responsibility to do no harm to the physical, mental and emotional well-being of self, clients and associates. Additionally, you are expected to uphold and enhance the Barral Institute reputation.

### Student

As a student participating in educational seminars taught or sponsored by the Barral Institute, you are expected to fully participate, arrive prepared, and conduct yourself in such a way as to personally and professionally benefit while respecting the experience

of your peers. Students should use the classroom facility appropriately, limit practice to those therapies presented during scheduled class times, respect the feedback of the person you are practicing with and be courteous and respectful to seminar staff and other participants.

Students are expected to take self-responsibility for informing Barral Institute of any personal health issues or pregnancies in advance of class and with the teacher at the beginning of class. This may preclude a student from full participation at the discretion of Barral Institute and/or the teacher.

#### Teaching Assistant

As a teaching assistant participating in educational seminars taught or sponsored by the Barral Institute, you are expected to adhere to Barral Institute Teaching Assistant guidelines and appropriately and fully support the teacher to enhance the students learning experience.

#### Teacher

As a teacher presenting educational seminars taught or sponsored by the Barral Institute, you are expected to appropriately support the curriculum as designed and approved by Barral Institute. Additionally, you are expected to respect and support the students' learning experience, teaching assistants and all seminar staff, maintaining clear and professional boundaries, while meeting or exceeding all learning objectives.

#### **Insurance Reimbursement**

Insurance reimbursement policies vary for manual therapies. If insurance reimbursement is an integral part of your practice, we encourage you to verify insurance acceptance for your profession in your state/locale.

#### **Special Needs**

If special arrangements are required for an individual with a disability to attend a Barral Institute program, please inform us of any special needs at least 60 days in advance. Contact JR Olson, Community Relations Director, at 561.868.6898 or jr@barralinstitute.com, or fax at 561.868.6899.

#### **Scope of Practice**

Attendance at Barral Institute programs is not intended to be used as a hands-on license. You must work within your professional scope of practice and abide by the rules and/or laws that govern healthcare practices in your applicable region (i.e., city, state or province).

#### **Disclaimer**

Due to the litigious society in which we live, the following disclaimer is provided on the advice of counsel. Attendance at Barral Institute courses requires you to hold The Barral Institute and its representatives not liable and harmless from litigation for any injury, accident or undesirable effect that may occur at the meeting site, from their equipment, and/or from other attendees.

This is to include, but is not limited to, faulty elevators, slippery stairs or walkways, falling light fixtures, breaking chairs, collapsing tables and pre-existing medical conditions. If you are more comfortable bringing your own equipment, including a treatment table, you are welcomed and encouraged to do so. The Barral Institute and its representatives are also not liable for any injury, accident or undesirable effect that may occur due to any equipment another party, such as a fellow participant, may bring in. This is to include, but is not limited to, a treatment table that may be shared or be the cause of an accident or injury.

There may be certain pre-existing medical conditions that are contra-indicated for the course work you are attending. It is your responsibility to inform the staff of any pre-existing conditions prior to the course or the practice sessions.

It is also agreed that The Barral Institute and its representatives are held not liable for any inappropriate behavior or actions by any persons encountered at the seminar. This is to include, but is not limited to, hotel or meeting-site staff, other participants, teaching assistants and BI staff. If you encounter any inappropriate behavior, please notify the Teacher or facilitator immediately. If this is not possible, please contact The Barral Institute office directly.

### **Website Policy**

In no event will The Barral Institute (BI) be liable for damages of any kind, including, without limitation, direct, incidental or consequential damages (including, but not limited to, damages for lost profits, business interruption and loss of programs or information) arising out of the use of or inability to use BI's Web site or its content, or any other information provided on the Web site or in specific products and services offered through the Web site. While BI takes reasonable steps to determine the accuracy and completeness of the content contained on its Web site, BI disclaims all warranties as to the accuracy, completeness, adequacy, timeliness and your ability to use such content. You assume sole responsibility for your results using any content from BI's Web site.

### **Cancellation of Seminar**

BI does not like to cancel seminars. If at 30 days out there are less than 10 participants registered, the CEO will determine the course of action to take.

### **New Editions of Study Guides Policy**

This work is constantly evolving resulting in updated versions of Study Guides. As Alumni of a particular course, you are eligible to purchase the corresponding updated versions of the Study Guide at cost - \$20 each.

### **Minimum Pre-requisite for Attendance at Classes**

Attendees at BI seminars must meet one of the following criteria:

1. Have a license to touch
2. Have a comparable certificate if their state does not require licensure
3. Be a student in a healthcare program
4. Be a graduate from a healthcare program awaiting licensure or certificate.

### **Adding a New Class to Schedule**

At an existing class, if 20 registration deposits are collected for the next level class, administration will add the next level class in that city. In rare circumstances the minimum number of deposits required may be reduced.

### **Pregnancy Policy**

A person may attend a Barral Institute class when they are pregnant. They may work on people during the trade part of the course, so it would be helpful if they can bring a person to work on. This should be a non-therapist, just someone to be “a body”. If an additional ‘body’ is not available, the Teacher should insure that people rotate partners during the trades.

There may be some parts in each class that they will not be able to receive. VM3 will have the most techniques that they will not be able to receive.

The Teacher should be made aware of any pregnant students. They will determine at the end of the class if a student needs to repeat the class before moving on to the next level. If the Teacher felt that they were able to give all the techniques, as well as receive a fair amount of techniques, the Teacher can approve the student to move on to the next class. If the student must repeat the class, they may do so for no charge.

### **Practitioners trained by Teachers or through programs approved by the Barral Institute outside of UI/BI**

VM and NM seminars taught by Jean-Pierre Barral, Alain Croibier, Christoph Sommer, Peter Schwind, and Didier Prat (and potentially others) outside of the Barral Institute (and previously the Upledger Institute) will be recognized by the Barral Institute. Also programs that follow Jean-Pierre Barral’s curriculum taught in school or college settings will be recognized by the Barral Institute.

Practitioners that have attended these trainings will be recognized by BI after successfully completing the following program.

1. E-mail BI a list of the courses attended, dates and Teacher, or a copy of their transcript/diploma from approved program.
2. Based on the program, the practitioner would test through certain VM levels (written portion of the certification exam). The fee to take the test is \$50. A passing grade is 80% or greater.
3. As an added benefit, should the practitioner pass the Grandfathering test and decide to take the complete certification program, the \$50 that they paid for this Grandfathering test would apply toward the certification price. They would also receive credit for completing the corresponding written portion of the certification exam.
4. The practitioner may purchase the corresponding study guide for the level they are testing through. The fee to purchase study guides is \$20 each.
5. The practitioner would be listed in the BI database as having completed that level, and able to continue through the curriculum. They will be listed on BI’s website in the Find a Therapist section.

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6. In those instances whereby a practitioner has taken such auxiliary VM programs, and has taken NM classes with UI/BI, and their skill level has become known to Jean-Pierre, Alain or Gail, any one of the three may Grandfather the practitioner through certain VM levels without the testing process.
7. Should such practitioners wish to become a Teaching Assistant, they would need to repeat that class level with BI and receive Teacher approval.

**Gail Wetzler's Visceral Gynecological or Practical Integration of Visceral class**

Practitioners who have successfully completed Gail Wetzler's Visceral Gynecological or Practical Integration of Visceral class may attend BI's Visceral Listening Techniques class. Participants may also attend BI's VM3 class at the repeater rate.

**Seminar Product Sales and Shipping**

All items that are ordered at seminars that need to be shipped will be charged standard or slightly reduced BI shipping price.

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