

# FLORIDA FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGY, INC

## UPCOMING MENTAL HEALTH CONTINUING EDUCATION SEMINARS

### MALINGERING, SUICIDE RISK ASSESSMENT, AND ETHICAL AND LEGAL PITFALLS: COMMON CHALLENGES IN THE MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONS

#### PRESENTERS

**Johanna W. Guerrero, Ph.D.** is the course director. She is a licensed psychologist in the State of Florida (PY8056) and the State of Texas (33487). Dr. Guerrero has specialized training and experience in Forensic Psychology. She earned a Master Degree in Psychology from Columbia University in New York and a Doctorate Degree in Clinical Psychology from Fairleigh Dickinson

University in New Jersey. She completed a post-doctoral internship with the Federal Bureau of Prisons at the Carswell Federal Medical Center in Fort Worth, Texas.

Dr. Guerrero has worked in private practice, correctional institutions, and hospitals. She has conducted well over 500 psychological examinations for Federal, State, Criminal, Civil,

Immigration, and Juvenile courts. She has testified as an expert witness on more than 50 occasions. Dr. Guerrero is a regular speaker in professional settings to include detention centers, probation departments, and school districts. She is a member of the American Psychological Association and the American Psychology-Law Society.

**Belayne D. Guerrero, J.D.**, earned a Juris Doctorate from Stetson University College of Law in 2005. She is a member of the Florida Bar and the United States District Court, Southern District of Florida. She currently defends insurance companies in matters involving automobile accidents, slips and falls, and all types of personal

injury cases. She has conducted pro-bono legal research for The National Clearinghouse for Science, Technology & the Law and has mediated cases as a certified county mediator with the Florida Supreme Court. Ms. Guerrero worked for Broward County's Public Defender's Office as an Assistant Public Defender. She has also worked

in private practice handling all aspects of misdemeanor and felony DUI cases.

*Please note that the aforementioned speakers have been scheduled and confirmed. However, we reserve the right to substitute or cancel a speaker in the event of unforeseen circumstances.*

#### WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- **Social Workers**
- **Mental Health Counselors**
- **Marriage and Family Therapists**

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## CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS

Persons who fully complete the seminar will be granted four (4) general CE and two (2) ethics CE. Please note that, in accordance with Board rules, partial CE credits will not be granted.

The Florida Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy and Mental Health Counseling has approved the following seminar: Common Challenges in the Mental Health Professions: suicide risk assessment, malingering, and ethical and legal pitfalls.

## CONFIRMATIONS AND CANCELLATIONS

You will receive a confirmation email within three days from the date of registration. Please add [jguerrero@FloridaForensicPsychology.com](mailto:jguerrero@FloridaForensicPsychology.com) to your address book to ensure delivery. For questions or concerns or to confirm your registration, you may reach Dr. Guerrero at 817-707-6307.

Cancellations received at least five (5) working days prior to the seminar are refundable, but a \$30.00 administrative fee will be charged. There is no refund for cancellations received later, but a credit will be issued for any future seminars.

## GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

Dr. Guerrero personally handles all grievances. She may be reached via telephone at 817-707-6307 or by email at [jguerrero@FloridaForensicPsychology.com](mailto:jguerrero@FloridaForensicPsychology.com).

## LEARNING OBJECTIVES

### *Malingering and Deception in Clinical and Forensic Settings*

- Describe the difference between malingering and mental health disorders of deception
- List some indicators of malingering of amnesia
- List some indicators of malingering of Mental Retardation
- Describe characteristics of questionable affective disorders
- Name characteristics of questionable hallucinations and delusions

### *Suicide Risk Assessment, Documentation, and Prevention*

- List strong suicide risk indicators
- Name suicide protective factors
- Describe common myths about suicide
- Write a suicide risk assessment
- Discuss rationale behind the interventions used after a suicide risk assessment

### *Ethical and Legal Pitfalls in the Mental Health Professions*

- Describe the difference between ethics and the law
- List common ethical violations among mental health professionals
- Describe the importance of practicing within your area of professional competence
- Discuss landmark legal cases on privacy and confidentiality
- List steps to take after receiving a subpoena

# SYLLABUS

**8:00 - 8:30 Registration**

**8:30 - 9:30 Suicide Risk Assessment, Documentation and Prevention**

- Definitions and statistics
- Risk Factors and Protective Factors
- Theory of Suicide Risk Assessment

**9:30 - 10:30 Suicide Risk Assessment, Documentation and Prevention**

- Risk assessment methods
- Myths of suicide
- Documentation of suicide risk assessment
- Ethical and legal issues

**10:30 - 10:45 BREAK**

**10:45 - 11:45 Ethical and Legal Pitfalls in the Mental Health Professions**

- Ethics and the law
- How to resolve ethical issues
- Competence
- Human Relations
- Privacy & confidentiality

**11:45 - 12:45 LUNCH ON YOUR OWN**

**12:45 - 1:45 Ethical and Legal Pitfalls in the Mental Health Professions**

- Record keeping and fees
- Malpractice Issues

**1:45 - 2:45 Malingering & Deception in Clinical & Forensic Settings**

- Definitions and statistics
- Malingering amnesia and cognitive deficits
- Malingering mental retardation
- Malingering affective disorders

**2:45 - 3:00 BREAK**

**3:00 - 4:00 Malingering & Deception in Clinical & Forensic Settings**

- Malingering of psychosis
- Ethical and legal concerns

## DATES AND LOCATIONS

**Ft Lauderdale–Fri, February 18, 2011** 8:30am to 4:00pm  
401 East Las Olas Blvd, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301  
**Miami–Saturday, February 26, 2011** 8:30am to 4:00pm  
Hilton Miami Airport, 5101 Blue Lagoon Dr, Miami, FL 33126

## REGISTRATION FEE

**Before 2011 \$125.00 Early Registration\* \$145.00**  
**Regular Registration \$165.00**

\*Registration must be received ten (10) days prior to the date of the seminar

### PAY ONLINE BY CARD OR CHECK

Send your completed registration form to receive an electronic invoice to make your online payment.

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### MAIL CHECK OR MONEY ORDER

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# FLORIDA FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGY, INC LIVE SEMINAR: MALINGERING, SUICIDE RISK ASSESSMENT & ETHICS

## DATES AND LOCATIONS

**FORT LAUDERDALE – FRIDAY FEBRUARY 18, 2011**  
**MIAMI – SATURDAY FEBRUARY 26, 2011**

### **Malingering and Deception**

- Distinguish between malingering & deception
- Identify common indicators of malingered amnesia & mental retardation
- Describe characteristics of questionable affective disorders, hallucinations & delusions

### **Ethical and Legal Pitfalls**

- Identify common ethical violations
- Discuss landmark legal cases
- List steps to take after receiving a subpoena

### **Suicide Risk Assessment and Documentation**

- Identify suicide risk and protective factors
- Write a suicide risk assessment
- Discuss rational behind suicide prevention intervention

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