

**Continuing Studies Seminar in
Family and Congregational Systems**

***Applying Bowen Family Systems Theory
in the arenas of family, faith community and society***

General Information

Full name _____

Mailing address _____

Daytime phone _____ Email _____

Current professional/volunteer position(s) _____

Professional and Educational Background

Please attach a brief resume listing job positions with dates employed.

Personal Data

Date of birth _____ Place of birth _____

Current marital status _____ *If ever married, please complete below:*

Name/age of spouse/partner _____

Date (year) of marriage _____ Year divorced _____ Year widowed _____

Date of prior marriage _____ Year divorced _____ Year widowed _____

Children (*List from oldest to youngest*) # of children _____ # of step-children _____

Full name of child _____ Age _____ Gender _____

Level of education _____ Profession _____

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APPLICATION – CONTINUING STUDIES SEMINAR

Full name of child _____ Age _____ Gender _____

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Health (*optional*)

How would you describe your current state of health? (*check one*)

Excellent _____ Good _____ Fair _____ Poor _____

List any serious illness, physical or emotional, current or chronic, in yourself, your immediate household, or extended family (*optional*).

Are you currently in a psychotherapy, coaching, or spiritual direction relationship? What is the theoretical orientation of your therapist/coach/spiritual director?

Essay Questions

Attach to application your response to the following questions:

1. Offer a brief history and description of your family: parents, siblings, grandparents, children – if any, and their functioning. What is your level of contact with your immediate and extended family? What particular challenges would you identify in relating to any of these individuals or to the family as a whole?
2. Please describe your previous experience with Bowen Family Systems Theory (courses, seminars, books, and/or conferences).
3. What are your goals for participating in this Continuing Studies Program in Bowen Family Systems Theory?

Seminar Calendar of Meetings (all sessions occur by Zoom unless otherwise arranged)

Presentation – Tuesdays, 9:00–10:30am Eastern Time (8x, once per month Oct – May)

10/10, 11/14, 12/5, 1/16, 2/6, 3/5, 4/16, 5/14

Video Discussion – Tuesdays, 9:00–10:30am Eastern Time (8x, once per month Oct – May)

10/24, 11/28, 12/12, 1/30, 2/20, 3/19, 4/30, 5/28

Individual coaching – one hour (8x, once per month Oct – May)

to be arranged in conversation with your coach

Application and Tuition

Application due date: **September 15, 2023** (*earlier if possible to assist our planning*)

2023-24 discounted tuition: **\$360**. Due by **September 30, 2023**

Actual tuition for the Continuing Studies Seminar is \$1,200. Discounted tuition is made possible this year through the Strengthening Foundations for Thriving in Ministry grant from the Lilly Foundation, Inc.

Submit **completed application** to Dr. Kenton T. Derstine by email (derstine@emu.edu).

Please mail **tuition check** made out to Eastern Mennonite University to:
Dr. Kenton T. Derstine, Eastern Mennonite University, 1200 Park Road, Harrisonburg, VA
22802

_____ I have attached my responses to the essay questions and a brief resume.

Initial

Signature

Date

For more information and questions contact:

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