

Advanced Clinical Weight Loss Practitioner

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The dangers of excess body fat

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What causes weight gain?

Unit	Here's what you'll learn	Client materials and handouts
<p>2.1 Skills Lab™: What is your weight gain probability?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What makes us fat? ▪ Insulin: The fat storage hormone ▪ Can fat make you fat? ▪ Why fat is more fattening ▪ Can alcohol make you fat? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Weight Gain Questionnaire™
<p>2.2 What makes us fat?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SKILLS LAB™: Rating your weight gain probability ▪ What is good nutrition? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Weight Gain Probability Score with personalised recommendations
<p>2.3 How to start losing weight?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The 50 essential nutrients that anyone needs ▪ Vitality and nutrient breakdown ▪ Anti-nutrient overload and weight gain ▪ The 10 weight loss rules ▪ What C.R.A.P. foods are – and why the brain can't resist them 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The 10 Weight Loss Rules (session handout) ▪ The 50 Essential Nutrients Table

How the body stores fat

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<p>3.1 How the body stores fat and protein</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ How the body stores energy ▪ What is fat? ▪ How the body stores fat ▪ Size of fat cells ▪ Risks of abdominal fat ▪ Body fat distribution ▪ How the body stores protein ▪ Risks of excessive protein consumption ▪ How the body stores carbohydrate ▪ The body's glycogen stores ▪ Glycogen storage capacity ▪ The weight loss behind low-carb dieting 	

How the body stores fat (cont.)

Unit	Here's what you'll learn	Client materials and handouts
<p>3.2 How the body stores carbohydrates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Do carbs make you fat? ▪ Cut carbs to lose weight? ▪ Which wins: Low-carb or low-fat? ▪ Low-carb or low-cal? 	
<p>3.3 Low carb vs. low fat diets</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Low-carb: Long-term solution or not? ▪ Can we survive without carbs? ▪ What happens when we cut carbs? ▪ What's the solution? ▪ Risks of fibre deficiency ▪ Fibre and weight control 	

Weight history evaluation

Unit	Here's what you'll learn	Client materials and handouts
4.1 Weight history analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The importance of weight history ▪ The concept of ideal weight ▪ Understanding a client's weight history 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Weight History Questionnaire™
4.2 Weight history evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ How to use the Weight History Questionnaire™ ▪ Weight discussions with your client ▪ How to analyse a person's weight history 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Weight History Analysis Record
4.3 Skills Lab™: What is your ideal weight?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Weight history evaluation steps ▪ Helpful client tips 	

Ideal weight

Unit	Here's what you'll learn	Client materials and handouts
<p>5.1 Optimal weight and goal setting</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What's "healthy weight"? ▪ How to set a weight loss goal ▪ BMI and optimal weight ▪ Helping a client who gained weight but is in the "healthy weight" range 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Weight Loss Calculator
<p>5.2 Successful weight loss and adherence</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ How long will it take to reach the target weight? ▪ Faster initial weight loss ▪ Weight loss rate vs. long-term success ▪ When is rapid weight loss ideal? ▪ Early weight loss satisfaction and adherence ▪ Long-term weight loss rate ▪ When exercise isn't an option 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Weight Category Chart

Ideal weight (cont.)

Unit	Here's what you'll learn	Client materials and handouts
<p>5.3 Calculating BMI</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Do unrealistic goals hinder success? ▪ Goal-setting strategies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ BMI Calculator
<p>5.4 Calculating ideal weight</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ How to calculate a person's BMI ▪ How to determine "overweight risk" ▪ Is BMI an accurate measure? ▪ BMI works, but not for everyone ▪ How to calculate ideal weight ▪ How to apply the Hamwi Formula ▪ The Hamwi adjustment per body type ▪ Performing the Wrist Measurement Test ▪ How to apply the Longevity Formula ▪ Which formula is best? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ideal Weight Calculator

Body composition assessment

Unit	Here's what you'll learn	Client materials and handouts
<p>6.1 Body composition assessment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Anthropometric measurements and weight control ▪ The importance of a body composition assessment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Classification of blood pressure
<p>6.2 Blood pressure and weight control</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Assessing health risk ▪ Why measuring weight alone isn't sufficient ▪ Why body composition is needed ▪ Objectives of a body composition analysis ▪ What is blood pressure? ▪ What affects blood pressure? ▪ How to measure blood pressure ▪ BP risk classification ▪ Nutrition tips for high blood pressure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Blood pressure tracker

Body composition assessment (cont. 1)

Unit	Here's what you'll learn	Client materials and handouts
6.3 Measuring height and weight	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Why measure height? ▪ What equipment is needed? (height measurement) ▪ Height measurement procedure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Client Height Record ▪ Weight Loss Tracker
6.4 Tracking body measurements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Why measure body weight? ▪ Weigh-in tips ▪ What equipment is needed? (body weight measurement) ▪ Weight measurement procedure ▪ Tracking body measurements ▪ How to get accurate measurements ▪ Why take waist measurements? ▪ Waist measurement procedure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Body Measurements Tracker ▪ Risk Classification by Waist Size

Body composition assessment (cont. 2)

Unit	Here's what you'll learn	Client materials and handouts
6.5 Monitoring body fat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Why take hip measurement? ▪ Hip measurement procedure ▪ What's waist-to-hip ratio? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Waist-to-hip ratio calculator
6.6 Preparing your consultation space	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ WHR formula and risk classification ▪ What's body composition? ▪ How much body fat for health? ▪ Who is considered very lean or overly fat? ▪ Body composition methods: Analysis and accuracy (DEXA, HW, ADP, BIA and skinfold callipers compared) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Body Fat Classification for Women and Men worksheets

Body composition assessment (cont. 3)

Unit	Here's what you'll learn	Client materials and handouts
<p>6.6 Preparing your consultation space</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Measuring body fat ▪ Pre-test recommendations and procedure ▪ How to prepare your consultation space ▪ Blood pressure monitor ▪ Body tape measure ▪ Electronic scales with bioelectrical impedance analysis ▪ Stadiometer ▪ Checking product reviews ▪ Additional equipment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ BIA pre-test recommendations and contra-indications ▪ Body Fat Tracker ▪ My Consultation Shopping List

Metabolic analysis

Unit	Here's what you'll learn	Client materials and handouts
<p>7.1 Effective weight management</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What does effective weight management involve? ▪ Energy and metabolic reactions ▪ Sources of energy in the diet 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Maintenance Calories Calculator
<p>7.2 Analysing the energy values in food</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Energy balance and weight control ▪ How to lose body fat ▪ Where do calories come from? ▪ The energy in food ▪ Nutritional facts ▪ Food energy ▪ Non-energy foods ▪ Understanding energy values in food ▪ Calculating calories per nutrient ▪ Comparing the macronutrient values in different foods 	

Metabolic analysis (cont.)

Unit	Here's what you'll learn	Client materials and handouts
7.3 What is metabolism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ When less calories equal more nutrition ▪ What's metabolism? ▪ Metabolic equations 	
7.4 Client metabolic assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What makes metabolism high or low? ▪ Metabolism and body weight ▪ Low metabolism: A survival mechanism? ▪ Can dieting slow metabolism down? ▪ How to increase your basal metabolic rate ▪ 3-step process to assess your client's metabolism ▪ How to calculate your client's BMR ▪ Physical activity and caloric expenditure ▪ Assessing daily caloric needs ▪ Where should calories come from? 	

Food addiction

Unit	Here's what you'll learn	Client materials and handouts
<p>8.1 Food addiction: Lack of willpower, or else?</p> <p>8.2 Skills Lab™: Are you addicted to food?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What is food addiction? ▪ Lack of willpower, or... ▪ Symptoms of food addiction ▪ What is substance dependence? ▪ Food addiction and brain activity ▪ Compulsive eating and food rewards ▪ Food environment ▪ Food addicts versus non-food addicts ▪ Food addiction assessment and results ▪ What's the solution? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Food Addiction Assessment with scores and recommendations

Food addiction (cont.)

Unit	Here's what you'll learn	Client materials and handouts
<p>8.3 Food habituation and weight loss</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Can food habituation help to alleviate a food addiction? ▪ Meal monotony and caloric intake ▪ The food habituation hypothesis ▪ How habituation reduces caloric intake ▪ Does it work for obese people? ▪ What's the exception to the habituation rule? ▪ Your Brain on Sugar 	

Good carbs, bad carbs

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<p>9.1 Insulin and the glycaemic index</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Not all carbs are created equal ▪ What's insulin? ▪ Insulin and fat gain ▪ High insulin and hunger ▪ What's the glycaemic index? ▪ GI and the rise of blood sugar levels ▪ The GI of a diet and health ▪ Low GI foods and fat loss ▪ How to use the glycaemic index ▪ Where to find the GI of foods ▪ How to read a GI table ▪ A low GI diet and weight loss ▪ Benefits of low GI eating 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Low GI Grocery List ▪ My Personal Low GI Grocery List

Good carbs, bad carbs (cont.)

Unit	Here's what you'll learn	Client materials and handouts
<p>9.2 GI of foods and satiety</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Low GI and gut hormones ▪ GLP-1 and appetite suppression ▪ How high GI foods trigger cravings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Low GI Recipes
<p>9.3 Low GI or Low Carb</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Does low GI mean low carb? ▪ High carb, low GI diets ▪ Examples of low and high GI diets ▪ Visual representations ▪ How to reduce the GI of a meal ▪ Reducing the GI of a meal with fibre 	

Hunger and hormones

Unit	Here's what you'll learn	Client materials and handouts
<p>10.1 How do hormones work?</p> <p>10.2 Skills Lab™: Why are we getting fatter this fast?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What are hormones? ▪ How our hormones run and regulate our bodies ▪ What's leptin? ▪ Leptin resistance and weight gain ▪ Fructose and leptin resistance ▪ High-fructose sweeteners to avoid during weight loss ▪ Client recommendations ▪ Fruits and fructose ▪ Types of fruit to avoid 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Shareable video series

Building a personalised plan

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11.1 How to plan a weight loss diet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Who are these guidelines for? ▪ How to plan a weight loss diet – step by step ▪ Weight loss speed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Weight Loss Caloric Planner
11.2 Carbs and weight loss	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Personalising a reduction plan ▪ How much carbohydrate? ▪ How to calculate carb needs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Weight Loss Carb Planner
11.3 Dietary fat reduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What's your carb target? ▪ What type of carbohydrate? ▪ Does low GI, high calorie work? ▪ Nine principles of low GI eating ▪ How much dietary fat? ▪ Fat intake calculation ▪ What's your dietary fat limit? ▪ Five principles of low fat eating 	

Building a personalised plan (cont.)

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11.4 Protein for fat loss	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Protein and weight control ▪ Thermic effect of protein ▪ Protein and increased glucagon 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Weight Loss Fat Control Planner
11.5 How to personalise target macronutrient ratios	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Protein and increased IGF-1 ▪ How much protein? ▪ How to calculate protein needs ▪ What's your protein target? ▪ How to integrate the optimal carbohydrate, protein and fat intake based on the caloric reduction percentage ▪ Target macronutrient ratios corresponding to a 20% caloric reduction ▪ Target macronutrient ratios corresponding to a 30% caloric reduction 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Weight Loss Protein Planner ▪ Target Macronutrient Ratios worksheet

Diet evaluation and action planning

Unit	Here's what you'll learn	Client materials and handouts
12.1 The Weight Loss Formula™	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Weight Loss Formula™ ▪ Caloric reduction, not restriction ▪ What's energy density? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Food Frequency Questionnaire
12.2 Dietary evaluation methods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Energy density and weight loss ▪ More food, less calories? ▪ Greater weight loss with less hunger ▪ The soup experiment ▪ Bigger portions, better diet quality ▪ Strategies for overeaters ▪ Can meal frequency help with overeating? ▪ Does snacking cause weight gain? ▪ Why it's important to analyse your client's diet ▪ Methods to record dietary intake and their efficacy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 24-hour Food Recall Diary ▪ Daily Food Diary ▪ Food Diary Analysis ▪ Fluid Intake Assessment

Diet evaluation and action planning (cont. 1)

Unit	Here's what you'll learn	Client materials and handouts
<p>12.3 Food record analysis with recommendations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Food Frequency Questionnaire ▪ 24-hour Recall ▪ Daily Food Diary ▪ How to conduct a food record analysis and provide recommendations (step-by-step) ▪ 5 questions to evaluate your client's fluid intake ▪ What process to follow in the second consultation ▪ Programme goal setting and action planning ▪ Weight loss strategies ▪ Pictorial food guides: Why the Eat Well Plate is not relevant to your client ▪ How to plan a weight loss diet 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Food Diary Discussion worksheet ▪ Programme Goal Sheet

Diet evaluation and action planning (cont. 2)

Unit	Here's what you'll learn	Client materials and handouts
12.4 Introducing the Weight Loss Pyramid™	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ How to use the Weight Loss Food Pyramid™ ▪ How to calculate portions ▪ Tips for each nutrient group (Water and zero-calorie fluids, Non-starchy vegetables, Fruit, Protein-rich foods, Calcium-rich foods, Starches, Healthy fats, Extras) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Weight Loss Food Pyramid™ (with recommendations table)
12.5 Skills Lab™: Current Weight Loss Pyramid™	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What foods to choose? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What is a portion?
12.6 Meal planning and eating times	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Meal planning: Step by step ▪ Is breakfast for everyone? ▪ Ideal meal frequency ▪ Meal frequency alternatives in weight loss ▪ “Should I eat now, just in case?” ▪ Can a late dinner stop weight loss? ▪ How to activate rapid changes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ My Current Food Pyramid (Skills Lab™) ▪ Daily Meal Planner ▪ Food Pyramid Daily Diary

Promoting immediate changes

Unit	Here's what you'll learn	Client materials and handouts
<p>13.1 The 15 pillars of weight control</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The 15 pillars of weight loss ▪ Why each pillar is important ▪ How to apply them in practice ▪ How to double your weight loss 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Daily Action Tracker ▪ Your Personal Goal Guidelines
<p>13.2 Skills Lab™: What is your personal action plan?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Food diary benefits ▪ Psychology behind food diaries ▪ Food diaries and overeating ▪ Food diaries and accountability ▪ Recording unplanned excesses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Goal Journaling Workbook ▪ Change Action Planner
<p>13.3 How to promote weight loss success</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What every food diary should include ▪ Food journaling and achievement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Food Diary Tip Sheet ▪ Daily Achievement Journal

How to speed up fat loss

Unit	Here's what you'll learn	Client materials and handouts
<p>14.1 Is exercise really necessary to lose weight</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ How to speed up fat loss ▪ How can exercise help with fat loss? ▪ Lack of activity and weight gain ▪ Exercise and the mind ▪ Low impact or high impact? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Calories per Activity Calculator ▪ HRmax Calculator
<p>14.2 How to speed up fat loss</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Moderate and vigorous exercise ▪ Muscle strengthening ▪ Physical activity volume per age group ▪ The great benefits of exercise ▪ Can you speed up fat loss? ▪ Calories burned from exercise 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ HRmax Goal Tracker

How to speed up fat loss (cont.)

Unit	Here's what you'll learn	Client materials and handouts
<p>14.3 Skills Lab™: How fit are you?</p> <p>14.4 Client activity programme</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Do you lose muscle during weight loss? ▪ What's the best exercise for fat loss? ▪ High intensity better than low intensity? ▪ High intensity for unconditioned clients ▪ Making an emotional connection ▪ Enjoyment comes first ▪ Client activity programme ▪ Creating accountability 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Fitness Assessment (as part of Skills Lab™ – “How fit are you?”) ▪ Physical Activity Score Sheet ▪ Daily Activity Log

Food intolerances and weight gain

Unit	Here's what you'll learn	Client materials and handouts
<p>15.1 Skills Lab™: Could you have a food intolerance?</p> <p>15.2 When is fat not fat</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ When fat is not fat ▪ Causes of water retention ▪ When you react to food ▪ Food addiction as a symptom ▪ Food intolerances and cravings ▪ Food intolerances and binge eating ▪ The response to reactive foods ▪ Food sensitivities and fat gain ▪ Food allergy or intolerance? ▪ How to tell the difference 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Food Intolerance Assessment™ ▪ Food Intolerance Scores and Recommendations

Food intolerances and weight gain (cont. 1)

Unit	Here's what you'll learn	Client materials and handouts
<p>15.3 Detecting a food allergy or intolerance</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Food intolerance triggers ▪ What's gluten? ▪ Gluten and autoimmune conditions ▪ Coeliac disease symptoms, complications, and treatment ▪ What causes gluten sensitivity? ▪ Candida and food reactions ▪ Candida overgrowth ▪ Identifying problem foods ▪ Can you be allergic to any foodstuff? ▪ Does allergy to fruit or vegetables exist? ▪ Referring your client to their GP ▪ Skin-prick testing, blood test, and biopsy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Symptom Monitoring Workbook

Food intolerances and weight gain (cont. 2)

Unit	Here's what you'll learn	Client materials and handouts
15.4 Pulse testing methods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Pulse testing for intolerances ▪ Pulse testing procedure ▪ The isolated pulse testing method 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Isolated Pulse Test Log
15.5 Food rotation and reintroduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ How can you check your pulse? ▪ The combined pulse testing method ▪ Why do we teach pulse testing? ▪ Nocebo foods and psychosomatic reactions ▪ Food exclusion diets ▪ Monitoring symptoms ▪ Reintroduction procedure ▪ Importance of the 4-day gap ▪ How to relieve food intolerances ▪ Is reintroduction always possible? ▪ Food rotation diets 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Combined Pulse Test Log

Stress as a weight gain contributor

Unit	Here's what you'll learn	Client materials and handouts
<p>16.1 Skills Lab™: How stressed are you?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What's "bad stress"? What causes it? ▪ Risks of acute psychological stress ▪ Comfort food as self-medication ▪ Acute stress and visceral fat 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Perceived Stress Scale Test (part of Skills Lab™: "How stressed are you?")
<p>16.2 Comfort food as self-medication</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ "Bad stress" and the drive to eat ▪ Stress eating and weight gain ▪ Weight control beyond your diet ▪ Stress reduction tips ▪ The sleep/cortisol connection ▪ Sleep and weight loss 	

Stress as a weight gain contributor (cont.)

Unit	Here's what you'll learn	Client materials and handouts
<p>16.3 Sleep debt and cravings</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ When less sleep means more calories ▪ Sleep debt and food purchasing ▪ How poor sleep causes overeating 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sleep-Wake Cycle Questionnaire
<p>16.4 Sleep and weight loss</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bad sleep, bad food choices? ▪ Poor sleep and hormones ▪ Why sleep should be part of any weight loss plan ▪ Resetting your internal biological clock ▪ Sleep tips for your client ▪ How to record your client's sleep patterns and monitor any correlations to their body weight 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Weekly Sleep Log ▪ Sleep Tips

Psychology of weight loss

Unit	Here's what you'll learn	Client materials and handouts
17.1 Psychology of change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Behavioural modification ▪ Understanding habits and motives ▪ Developing your skills 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Stages of Change Model
17.2 Motivational interviewing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ How does change come about? ▪ How can you assess readiness? ▪ Stages of Change Model for weight loss ▪ Cognitive and behavioural processes of change ▪ SCM coaching techniques ▪ Understanding progress ▪ What's motivational interviewing ▪ How to inspire change and action ▪ Motivational interviewing in practice ▪ Motivational interviewing strategies and scripts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SCM Coaching Techniques ▪ Motivational Interviewing Scripts

Psychology of weight loss (cont. 1)

Unit	Here's what you'll learn	Client materials and handouts
<p>17.3 Roadmap to success</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Barriers to change and suggestions ▪ How to create a session summary for your client ▪ 20 proven methods to help your client succeed ▪ Why internal motivation is what counts ▪ Ideas to stay motivated ▪ Developing your own ideas ▪ How to make change stick ▪ Psychology of chronic dieting ▪ Can “food stress” cause weight gain? ▪ Enjoyment of food and weight loss ▪ Stress and lack of self-control ▪ Learning new habits vs. self-control 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Barriers to Change and Suggestions ▪ Session Summary Handout ▪ Automatic Behaviour Wish List

Psychology of weight loss (cont. 2)

Unit	Here's what you'll learn	Client materials and handouts
17.4 How not to fail	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ How stress and exhaustion cancel willpower ▪ Back-up strategies in times of stress ▪ How not to fail in the long run 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Food Relationship Questionnaire with Scores
17.5 Food relationship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Weight re-gain predictors ▪ What are the key maintenance habits to develop? ▪ How long does it take to form a new automatic behaviour? ▪ Have you got disordered eating? ▪ The effects of disordered eating ▪ Helping a client with an eating disorder ▪ Characteristics of bulimia nervosa ▪ Characteristics of anorexia nervosa ▪ Treating eating disorders ▪ What can treatment involve? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Characteristics of bulimia nervosa ▪ Characteristics of anorexia nervosa

Weight Loss Personality Test™

Unit	Here's what you'll learn	Client materials and handouts
<p>18.1 Personality traits and weight loss</p> <p>18.2 Skills Lab™: What is your weight loss personality?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Weight Loss Personality Test™ ▪ Why personality matters ▪ Why strengths and weaknesses matter ▪ Weight Loss Personality and health ▪ The four Weight Loss Personalities ▪ Origins of the Weight Loss Personality ▪ Psychological types compared 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Psychological Types table ▪ The Weight Loss Personality Test™ ▪ Weight Loss Personality Results, Individual Analysis and Action Workbook (part of Skills Lab™)

Professional considerations

Unit	Here's what you'll learn	Client materials and handouts
<p>19.1 Dos, don'ts, and must dos as a Clinical Weight Loss practitioner</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Acting responsibly and ethically ▪ What you CAN and CANNOT do ▪ What you MUST do ▪ The importance of medical advice ▪ Which products or brands? ▪ Setting up your practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Client Health Check Questionnaire ▪ Medical Referral Form
<p>19.2 Legal, Insurance, Tax, and Professional considerations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The 4 most important steps to follow ▪ Types of insurance cover you need ▪ Registering as self-employed ▪ Your initial client consultation ▪ Observing client confidentiality and Data Protection 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Client Informed Consent Form (done-for-you legal template)

Summary Course Overview

1	The dangers of excess body fat	11	Building a personalised plan
2	What causes weight gain?	12	Diet evaluation and action planning
3	How the body stores fat	13	Promoting immediate changes
4	Weight history evaluation	14	How to speed up fat loss
5	Ideal weight	15	Food intolerances and weight gain
6	Body composition assessment	16	Stress as a weight gain contributor
7	Metabolic analysis	17	Psychology of weight loss
8	Food addiction	18	Weight Loss Personality Test™ BONUS
9	Good carbs, bad carbs	19	Professional considerations
10	Hunger and hormones	20	Certification



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