How Your Brain Can Save Your Heart (and Your Life)™

A 5-Week Interactive Teleclass for Making Permanent Lifestyle Changes



"I was overweight, had high blood pressure, chest pains... I even smoked. My doctor told me I'd die soon if I didn't make some serious lifestyle changes. I tried, but they just wouldn't stick. Once my coach helped me see what I needed to do, I did it! Now, I can't stop smiling."

--Peter S., Denver, CO

What does it really take to make lasting lifestyle changes?

Lose weight. Start exercising. Relax. Quit smoking. Join a gym...

To break an old habit and create a new one, people need more than good advice. Neurologists say that learning a new behavior requires "rewiring" the brain's neural pathways that maintain the old behavior. They also tell us that there's a significant difference between conceptual learning and mastering a new skill. As research has repeatedly shown (see reverse side), significant health-related behavioral changes can be achieved when behavior-centered training is combined with an ongoing program of evidence-based **coaching interventions** delivered consistently over time in a supportive manner.

How Your Brain Can Save Your Heart (and Your Life)™ A brain-based approach to making permanent lifestyle changes that benefit the heart.

This innovative 5-week teleclass*, facilitated by an outstanding group of specialists from the fields of neuroscience, psychology and coaching, introduces a brain-based approach to lifestyle change that increases your prospects for a longer, healthier life. Instead of another list of do's and don'ts, we'll go right to the heart of the matter--the neural pathways in the brain that dictate how you think, feel and act in the present moment. You'll learn about 4 brain-based strategies which have proven critical for breaking down old habits and building up new neural networks. Along the way, a specific set of "rewiring" techniques will be introduced, drawing on the brain's 'higher order' functions--such as imagining, 'self talk', appreciative thinking, intention, 'mindfulness'--

- Recognize that you may have an 'immunity to change' that has played an important role in your life, but now undermines your efforts to make permanent lifestyle changes that will benefit your heart
- Enlist your character strengths to overcome obstacles, prevent relapse, and help you succeed
- Foster heart-felt positivity to encourage hope, optimism and resilience

to do the work. These techniques include:

Naturally stimulate specific peptides and hormones in the brain that not only make you feel good, but directly benefit the health of your heart, quality of relationships, and chances of living longer

* This interactive teleclass features five weekly sessions conducted live by phone, each session lasting 90 minutes. Besides comfort and convenience, utilizing the phone offers privacy while providing a safe, warm and open community experience to support your growth and learning. Several sessions include groupcoaching so that you can see what it's like working with a wellness coach. To help ensure individualized attention, group size is limited to ten people.

You'll have a unique opportunity to work with this outstanding group of specialists:



Cynthia Ackrill, M.D. has extensive training in new brain-based approaches to behavior change and performance enhancement. Her specialty is psychoneurobiology, a field of applied neuroscience measuring brainwave patterns and their correlation to psychometric measures of symptoms, behaviors, and performance. Currently, she is an Applied Neuro-physiology Practitioner at the *Center for the Advancement of Human Potential*. Dr. Ackrill is a member of the *International Society of Neurofeedback and Research*, a Fellow of the *American Institute of Stress*, and a Charter Member of the *Institute of HeartMath*.



Paul Nelson, Director of **HeartCoaches**, holds a B.A. in Psychology from the *University of Massachusetts* and an M.Ed. in Counseling Psychology from the *Harvard Graduate School of Education*. He has served as a Clinical Research Associate in the Department of Psychiatry at *Dartmouth Medical School* and as a staff therapist at a community mental health center near Boston. He has been trained as a wellness coach at *N.E. Coaching* and *WellCoaches Corp*. Paul has many years of experience in archetypal psychology and using 'generative metaphor' in the process of healing, personal development, and self-transformation.



Gloria Silverio holds a B.A. in Psychology and a M.A. in Clinical Psychology, and has worked as a therapist in private practice and taught psychology courses at the university level. She is a *CoachU* certified graduate and has achieved Professional Certified Coach (PCC) designation with the *International Coach Federation*. She a faculty member and mentor coach at *Wellcoaches Corp*. Gloria is a graduate of the *Authentic Happiness Coaching Program*, developed by Dr. Martin Seligman at the University of Pennsylvania. She also has extensive experience working with the VIA Survey which helps people uncover and engage their character strengths.



Kate Lund, Psy.D., is a licensed clinical psychologist and certified wellness coach who focuses her practice in the areas of health and positive psychology. She has worked extensively with individuals and families facing a range of mental health issues, helping them to navigate the challenges of each condition, while maximizing potential and creating a new sense of wellness. Dr. Lund has an integral understanding of the role of defense mechanisms, like projection, denial and repression, in managing acute anxiety, and extensive experience using diagnostic tools and cognitive-behavioral techniques to help people find healthier ways of coping.

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Tuition: \$298. Major credit cards accepted.

Registration: To register or find out when the next teleclass is starting, call **888-430-4469**To receive an announcement on the next teleclass, send an email to *info@heartcoaches.com*

* HeartCoaches are specially trained in behavior-change methodologies that help people master new lifestyle skills designed to prevent, halt and even reverse heart disease. Private sessions with a HeartCoach are available and encouraged. To arrange for private sessions, visit www.heartcoaches.com and see 'Get Started'.

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