

HIGHLIGHTS

- *Dynamic teacher and lecturer —“A master of perception and attention training.”*
- *Recognized for research on transpersonal experience*
- *Insightful coach, counselor and trainer for groups, families, couples and individuals*

“Peter produces the most profound insights with an ease, a relaxation and a grace that is striking; the change that occurred in me after our session was startling. It was as if the beliefs I had about myself changed overnight.”

— Personal Coaching Client, Designer

Psychological Counseling and Coaching

Over 40 years counseling and coaching for individuals and organizations in Australia and the U.S.

2003-Present	CONSULTANT PSYCHOLOGIST (Licensed: Australia-wide)	Australia & US
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Individual psychological assessment, counseling, and supervision</i>• <i>Coaching for business and personal development</i>	
2003-04	LIFECONNECT: A Private Psychotherapy Practice <i>Psychological Counselor; Corporate Coach</i>	North Sydney, NSW, Australia
1986-2009	MEDIATOR <i>Consultant: University of Queensland and Konekt, Inc</i>	Brisbane, QLD, Australia

“In one meeting, Peter offers powerful insights and shares experiences that facilitate major changes in one’s perspective and problem solving approach. Months after a conversation, I often find it is beneficial to review notes from our meeting.”

— Business Coaching Client, CEO

Teaching Experience

Dr. Nelson has supervised M.A. and Ph.D. students in Psychology and taught university courses ranging from Applied Medical Statistics to the Psychology of Hypnosis.

2004-09	NORTHERN RIVERS GESTALT INSTITUTE <i>Adjunct Faculty: Psychodynamics of Interpersonal Perception; Clinical supervision</i>	Lismore, NSW, Australia
1996-2004	GRADUATE TEACHING AND SUPERVISION <i>Southern Cross University; California Institute of Integral Studies; Queensland University of Technology; University of Newcastle</i>	Australia and USA
1995-96	STATE UNIVERSITY OF WEST GEORGIA <i>Assistant Professor, Graduate Program: Consciousness and Self; The Technology of Experience</i>	Carrollton, GA
1987-90	PACIFICA GRADUATE INSTITUTE <i>Associate Professor and Director of Research, Ph.D. Program in Clinical Psychology</i>	Santa Barbara, CA
1985-87	UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND <i>Teaching Assistant: Psychology of Religion; Medical Statistics</i>	Brisbane, QLD, Australia
1969-83	INDEPENDENT WORKSHOPS: TEACHING & COUNSELING <i>Preston Institute, School of Art and Design: Facilitated group process on creativity and perception; Conducted numerous private workshops on attention and perception</i>	Australia and USA

Research Experience

Since the 1970s, Dr. Nelson has conducted and published studies spanning topics such as end-user confrontation with new technologies to the psychology of spiritual and anomalous experiences.

For a full list of studies and publications, see: www.socsci.biz/papers.html

- 1996-2008 SOCIAL SCIENCE AND PSYCHOLOGICAL RESEARCH CONSULTANT
5Dynamics, Inc. — Santa Cruz, CA
• *Psychological assessment development, product development research and end-user testing*
MAROC Market Research, Wyong, NSW
• *Statistical analysis and questionnaire design*
State University of West Georgia, Carrollton, GA (with The Child Spirit Foundation)
• *Design, implementation and analysis of empirical study of childhood spiritual experiences*
- 1997-98 TEXAS INSTRUMENTS CORPORATION Dallas, TX
Senior Social Scientist—Strategic Planning & End-User Research
• *Examined end-user confrontation with new technologies and the role of TV in the home*
- 1993-1995 SOUTHERN CROSS UNIVERSITY Lismore, NSW
• *Lecturer: Examined the relationship of cannabis use to personality trait absorption and anxiety.*
- 1992-94 CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION Brisbane, QLD
• *Social Science Consultant and Sr. Research Officer: Reported on cannabis use for the 1991-93 National Campaign Against Drug Abuse survey data.*
- 1990-93 GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY Brisbane, QLD
• *Social Science Consultant: As Australian Research Council Research Fellow, studied religious experiences of Australians joining an Asian religion (with Dr. Julia Howell).*
- 1988-90 PACIFICA GRADUATE INSTITUTE Santa Barbara, CA
Associate Professor and Director of Research, Ph.D. Program in Clinical Psychology
• *Developed methodological direction for the Ph.D. program and won two grants from the Nathan Cummings Foundation to continue research into non-ordinary experiencing.*
- 1985-88 UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND St. Lucia, QLD
Doctoral Student: Department of Studies in Religion
• *Developed statistical psycho-phenomenological methodology for studying anomalous experiences in a non-reductive way.*

“Peter nailed the core issue that has driven my choices and actions in almost every area of my life for 25 years. In one hour he did what all of my searching through self-help books, psychotherapy sessions, self-development courses and spiritual journeys had not done for me. He quietly and clearly revealed to me what my attention pattern is, how it had created the central issues in my life, and what I could do to change it. Wow!”

— Personal Coaching, HR Professional

EDUCATION

- 1984-88 **University of Queensland, Australia (Ph.D., Psychology of Religion)**
- 1970-71 Year-long study with Tarthang Tulku, a Tibetan Buddhist teacher of the Nyingma tradition
- 1966-68 **San Francisco State University (BA cum laude, Psychology)**