

## attuned presence counselling

# FOREVER BECOMING A SMALL GUIDE TO INTEGRATION



## what is integration?

Integration is the ongoing process of making sense of your life story — especially the parts shaped by challenge, change, and emotional intensity. It's how we digest the past, bring all the pieces together, reclaim lost parts of ourselves, and step forward into our life's unfolding with an increased awareness of our own innate wholeness. It is a path of self-evolution in alignment with life itself.

Whether you're healing from trauma, navigating challenging relationship patterns, or deepening self-understanding, integration invites you to slow down, listen, honour, and express the many layers of what's unfolding. It's not about erasing the past — but weaving it into a tapestry that honours your full-spectrum humanness and resilience. It encourages you to stop splitting off from any part of yourself, and invites you to listen, learn from, feel and embrace all parts. Integration is a spiral — not a straight line. Each return has the potential to bring new perspective and deeper healing.

## how integration helps

- 🔥 Invites you revisit old places with new wisdom and welcome all parts of self and experience
- Y Supports nervous system regulation, emotional resilience and increased capacity to hold oneself
- 💬 Creates space for reflection, repair, inquiry, insight and relational growth with self and other
- → Moves you from surviving to thriving slowly over time through compassion, not perfection.

## integration as emotional digestion

Just as your body needs to digest food to absorb nutrients, your mind and your soul also need to digest impressions and imprints so that they can be clear to receive fresh nourishment from life experiences. When we allow ourselves to feel, reflect, and make meaning, we nourish our inner landscape — creating space for clarity, vitality, and connection.

## finding a coherent life narrative

Integration helps us to see our story as a whole — not just as a series of disconnected events. It helps us to realize that while our past shaped us, it doesn't have to define us. We slowly cease identifying with our wounds and begin to write new chapters. This shift is a hallmark of integration and steadily increases our self understanding over time.

## supportive practices for everyday integration

- Journaling or voice notes observe patterns, thoughts and emotions and inquire within
- Relational repair receive support from trusted others and notice disconfirming experiences
- Time in nature or with animals, regular life routine, and music in order to foster healthy rhythm
- 👗 Somatic tracking mindfully noticing sensations and body cues in response to life's moments
- 🥙 Creative expression, resourcing and self care do anything that nourishes you, on a regular basis

## reflection prompts to explore

- When I sit with this experience, what happens in my body? How would I describe the sensations?
- What strengths or insights have emerged from my journey? What does wholeness mean to me?
- What emotions are present now? Do they need anything? Do they want to move or express?
- What parts of my life feel undigested? Is there anything still weighing on me from the past?
- > Do I have enough of a support system for my process? What are my resources?
- Tan I be honest with myself? Are there parts of my inner world that I avoid?

## spiral of integration

Lifestyle

insights

Ceremony

and deepen

insights

Work with symbolic acts to embody

Alignment

Shift habits and time spent to reflect

Redeem

Wholeness

to conscious

Integrate all parts

of self and return

(innate) wholeness

#### Recognize Wounding

Ongoing Acknow Reflection impo

Journal and revisit insights over time Acknowledge & feel Identify Lenses impact of past trauma and hurt Understand how

Understand how experiences shape perception

#### Relational Support

Receive support within trusted relationships

#### Somatic Integration

Use somatic techniques to process in tandem with body wisdom

#### Inquire Into Beliefs

Practice self inquiry, observe and reframe limiting beliefs

#### Find Coherent Life Norrative

Bring together all threads of experience

#### Pacing and Titration

Take manageable and small steps to foster capacity to hold experience

#### Feel Emotions

Learn to allow, honour and process all emotions & elements of your experience





