Western diet and lifestyle have a profound effect on the growth and development of the face, lips, tongue, jaw, swallow, dentofacial, and orofacial muscle patterns. An estimated eight out of every 10 children exhibit learned dysfunctional patterns. If these anomalies are not addressed early in life, these patterns eventually turn into chronic health issues.

**CERTIFICATION PROGRAM**

The [Orofacial Myology Certification Program](#) is a fully live-interactive webinar-based curriculum that qualifies dentists, orthodontists, manual therapists, dental hygienists, speech pathologists and other healthcare practitioners with an appropriate background to: (1) assess oral posture and function and their effects on growth and development in the child, as well as address existing disorders in both adults and children; (2) train adults and children, who have developed dysfunctional patterns, to restore balanced functional oral posture based on the principles of behavior modification, and (3) to use the most effective means for assisting their clients in identifying and overcoming dysfunctional rest postures, breathing, chewing, swallowing, tongue function and body postural habits.

**CERTIFICATION OBJECTIVES**

The Certification program teaches colleague practitioners how to: (1) determine if there are dysfunctional orofacial myofunctional habits, (2) identify the learned behavioral components of dysfunctional habits, (3) identify the symptoms and deficits brought on by habits, (4) determine how existing health conditions may interact with the physiological effects of habits, (5) identify and rectify/eliminate factors that regulate these habits (e.g., cranial dysfunction, tethered oral tissues), and (6) teach clients how to restore functionality of the way they sit, stand, walk, talk, and sleep.

**CURRICULUM OVERVIEW (125 HOURS)**

The 125-hour curriculum includes three 15-hour workshop courses (45 hours), one 30-hour Case Review Proseminar, and one 50-hour Service Practicum (working with clients in your own setting). Participants completing the Certificate earn six ACADEMIC (university) units and 75 CE (continuing education) hours of credit. The Certificate includes the following Graduate School offerings:

**November 4 & 5: 8:00 am - 5:30 pm Mountain Time**

**COURSE: 121 Anatomy and Physiology of the Craniofacial Complex**

1 academic unit, 15 hours CE, two 1-day sessions

Functional anatomy and physiology of the face, head and neck, teeth, jaws and whole body postural structure - ascending-descending issues; explanation of various forms of malocclusion and description of range of orthodontic procedures used in rectification.
November 11 & 12: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm Mountain Time
**COURSE:** 122 Craniofacial and Orofacial Myofunctional Development
1 academic unit, 15 hours CE, two 1-day sessions
Orofacial myology as it relates to epigenetic and birth trauma complications, including tethered oral tissues and retained neonatal reflexes; syndromes and issues related to childhood development and implications for adults; digit sucking and other noxious habits - cause and rectification/remediation; Coulson Method of Orofacial Myology - early childhood through later in life.

November 18 & 19: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm Mountain Time
**COURSE:** 123 Craniofacial and Body Posture, Habit Correction and Business Practice Management
1 academic unit, 15 hours CE, two 1-day sessions
Issues of the head, neck and jaw for TMJD, snoring, and sleep apnea. The effects of oral dysfunction on sleep, energy, stamina, and overall personal performance and wellness. We will discuss business principles and marketing strategies for developing a viable practice and its function within the dental and medical communities.

November 20 & 26; December 4, 10, 17; January 7, 14, 21
**PROSEMINAR:** 621 Case Analysis & Review
2 academic units, 30 hours CE, seven 4-hour sessions, one 2-hour session

**PRACTICUM:** 721 Service Practicum
1 academic unit, 50 hours of practical experience, in your own setting
At least three of the Practicum sessions are formally presented during Case Review sessions.

**COMPLETION TIME (one trimester)**
If Practicum is not completed in the first trimester, enrollees may continue to work on the practicum requirements into the following trimester.

**REQUIRED SUPPLIES**
Supplies are provided at minimal cost through the Coulson Institute.
Contact debi@sandracoulson.com, or call 303-759-2760.

**TUITION:** $3,000.00 ($500.00 per unit)
At time of registration: $300 deposit
Option 1: $2,700.00
Option 2: three biweekly installments of $900.00

**ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS**
BS degree in appropriate field (or equivalent) and one year of recent experience.

**REGISTRATION**
Go to www.e-campus.bp.edu.