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ONLINE PROGRAM

Certificate in Harm Reduction

Co-Sponsored with the Faculty of Education – Research & Development, York University

Develop a Harm Reduction Strategy that will Improve your Practice, Mobilize Support, Help Shape Workplace and Government Policy, and Handle Resistance

Our Online Certificate in Harm Reduction is designed to introduce service providers, administrators and policy makers to the principles, concepts and practices of harm reduction; to provide an opportunity to critically examine examples of harm reduction work; and to become familiar with strategies for developing harm reduction programs and policies and mobilizing support for them in communities, agencies and institutions.

Course 1 - Introduction to Harm Reduction

An introduction to the concept of harm reduction, its history and efficacy, how it fits into a framework of working with people who use substances. This course provides a foundation for understanding key issues regarding harm reduction policy and practice.

Course 2 - Policies and Strategies

Participants will explore harm reduction from a policy perspective. This includes an examination of how current government policies have evolved that may support or, conversely, undermine harm reduction. Participants will learn strategies for contributing to the development of policies within their workplace and communities.

Course 3 - Programs and Practice

This course will focus on the development of programs which embrace the practice of harm reduction. Here, participants will be exposed to a variety of harm reduction programs and strategies, and will critically examine the effectiveness of different approaches to program development and implementation.

Our Program Instructors include front-line workers, researchers, program managers, administrators and others with current experience in harm reduction. They work in places such as Public Health, Universities, Community Health Centers, Center for Addiction and Mental Health and the Canadian Harm Reduction Network. The Program curriculum is overseen by a National Advisory Committee comprised of leading experts in harm reduction from across Canada.

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The Canadian Harm Reduction Network is the virtual meeting place for individuals and organizations dedicated to reducing the social, health and economic harms associated with drugs and drug policies.

Our goals are :

- 🌀 To develop a network of Canadian harm reduction workers, agencies, organisations, individuals and groups of individuals, including people with current-drug use experience, for the purpose of exchanging information and providing mutual support.
- 🌀 To educate the public, politicians, legislators and media about the efficacy and legitimacy of harm reduction for redressing the consequences of the use and distribution of illicit drugs.
- 🌀 To ensure that drug policies in Canada exemplify true harm reduction.
- 🌀 To work collaboratively to end the war on drugs and on the people who use them.



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