#### Introduction to Mindfulness

In recent decades, researchers have been learning that Mindfulness not only helps us live healthier lives, but reduces emotional problems such as depression, anxiety, and anger; helps with sleep difficulties; improves concentration, memory, and immune system function; and generates changes in our brain that helps to counteract the problems in thinking we start to experience as we age:

This seminar will provide an introduction to mindfulness. Participants will learn about the different ways mindfulness is helpful for both physical and mental health. They will be introduced to some different ways of practicing mindfulness, and will learn some tips to help them teach these skills to clients, as well as problems clients often encounter when first learning about mindfulness.

# Target Audience

Psychologists Therapists Social Workers
Psychiatrists

Counselors Nurses

Course level: Intermediate

# Learning Objectives

At the end of this seminar, participants will:

- 1. Be able to practice mindfulness in a variety of ways
- 2. Teach mindfulness to clients in individual or group sessions
- 3. Explain three ways mindfulness is helpful for clients with mental health problems
- 4. Explain the importance of practicing mindfulness ourselves as clinicians
- 5. Identify three benefits of mindfulness

## Seminar Schedule

Typically begins at 10:00 AM and ends at 1:15 PM Eastern time. However, check the webinar schedule.

## Outline

Begin 1 PM ET

The benefits of mindfulness A definiton of mindfulness Why practice mindfulness Two types of practice

Break 2:30-2:45 PM ET

Mindfulness and emotion regulation Tips for teaching mindfulness Problems clients encounter Mindfulness as part of self-care

End 4:15 PM ET

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## The Presenter

Sheri is a Social Worker who has been working with clients with severe mental health problems since  $2000 \cdot$  With extensive experience in a hospital as well as community setting, Sheri now sees clients in private practice, and provides consultation and training internationally to other clinicians. Sheri has had extensive training in dialectical behavior therapy (DBT) and mindfulness and has been providing DBT-informed therapy to individuals and groups since  $2004 \cdot$  In 2010 Sheri was the winner of the  $R \cdot O \cdot$  Jones award for her research on using DBT with bipolar disorder, presented at the Canadian Psychiatric Association Conference.

Sheri is the author of numerous books that focus on helping readers learn DBT skills and apply them to a variety of mental health problems, including The DBT Workbook for Emotional Relief; the best-selling Don't Let Your Emotions Run Your Life for Teens; and her newest book, coming in 2025, The DBT Workbook for C-PTSD-Sheri trained in Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR) in 2018 and is an EMDRIA-approved Consultant; she is a member of the International Society for the Study of Trauma and Dissociation (ISSTD), and is a consultant for the ISSTD's EMDR training program.

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