

## Calming the Emotional Storm: DBT Core Mindfulness Skills

Over 75% of mental illnesses described in the DSM are related to emotion dysregulation – the inability to manage emotions effectively. Given that Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT) was initially created to treat Borderline Personality Disorder (BPD), of which emotion dysregulation is a primary problem, it only makes sense that DBT would be effective in treating other disorders, and research in recent years is supporting this.

This seminar will provide an overview of the DBT Core Mindfulness skills. Participants will learn about these skills, including an introduction to mindfulness, the States of Mind, and the “What” and “How” skills. Discussion will be around how to use these skills ourselves in both professional and personal lives, and how to teach these skills to clients struggling with mental illness.

### Target Audience

Psychologists  
Therapists

Social Workers  
Psychiatrists

Counselors  
Nurses

Course level: Intermediate

### Learning Objectives

At the end of this seminar, participants will be able to:

1. Practice mindfulness in three different ways
2. Teach mindfulness to clients in individual or group sessions
3. Explain how mindfulness is helpful for clients with mental health problems
4. Explain the importance of practicing mindfulness ourselves as clinicians
5. Describe the Core Mindfulness skills taught in DBT (States of Mind, “What” Skills & “How” Skills) and how these assist in emotion regulation

### Seminar Schedule

The webinar outline is attached. See the Live Webinar page for the start and end times.

## Outline

### Overview of DBT Skills

What is mindfulness?

Four steps to mindfulness

Why practice mindfulness?

Mindfulness and emotion regulation

Tips for teaching mindfulness

Problems clients encounter

Core mindfulness skills

States of mind

The “What” skills

The “How” skills

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## The Presenter

Sheri is a Social Worker who has been working with clients with severe mental health problems since 2000. 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. In 2010 Sheri was the winner of the R.O. 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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