



ATKINSON

Faculty of Liberal & Professional Studies
Division of Continuing Education

HARM REDUCTION

Theory, Policy and Practice

Co-Sponsors:
Faculty of Education, Field Development, York University

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Background and Purpose

Harm Reduction is a term that refers to a specific set of approaches and corresponding policies that underlie those approaches to reduce risks for people who use drugs and/or engage in behaviours that put them "at risk". Increasingly harm reduction is deemed to be a realistic, pragmatic, humane and successful approach to addressing substance use problems of individuals and communities.

This 24-hour non-credit course is designed to introduce service providers, administrators and policy makers to the basic principles, philosophy and application of harm reduction.

Who Should Attend

This course will be of interest to a broad range of front-line service providers, practitioners, administrators, and policy advisors/analysts interested in better understanding and implementing harm reduction policy and practice within their organization and community.

Letter of Attendance from York University

Participants who successfully complete the course will receive a letter of attendance from York University. We are currently working on developing a more comprehensive Certificate Program in Harm Reduction that will be launched in 2007. Please note that participants that complete the 4-day Harm Reduction course outlined in this brochure will receive advanced standing in the newly developed Certificate Program. Please visit our web-site in late Summer 2006 for further details: www.atkinson.yorku.ca/dce or call the Program Manager at 416-650-8049.

Course Content and Structure

On completion of this course, participants will be able to:

- describe the principles, philosophy and application of harm reduction as a strategy for working with individuals, families and communities;
- define the major elements of harm reduction strategies employed in Toronto, across Canada and internationally;
- identify and describe strategies to address 'resistance' to harm reduction; and
- provide a critical analysis of a broad range of examples of harm reduction work and determine what policy and practices apply to their particular work setting.

The course will be organized over 4-full days. Topics will include:

1. Introduction to principles, philosophy and application of harm reduction;
2. History of harm reduction;
3. Models of harm reduction and risk reduction;
4. Strategies for mobilizing support;
5. Harm reduction policy development;
6. Peer education; and
7. Developing and supporting harm reduction policy and practise in organizations.

Course Instructor

Diane Riley, PhD. Diane is a policy analyst with the Canadian Foundation for Drug Policy. Her doctorate is in Psycho-physiology, University of Toronto, 1983; her post-doctoral research was at the Addiction Research Foundation, Toronto. Diane has worked with community groups to set up the first bleach kit programs and syringe exchanges in Toronto. Diane is a founding member of the Canadian Foundation for Drug Policy and the International Harm Reduction Association.

Advisory Committee on Harm Reduction

This course was developed in consultation with an Advisory Committee representing leading experts in Harm Reduction, including representatives from the Harm Reduction Network, York University, The Toronto Harm Reduction Task Force, Public Health, community-based service providers and educators.

Course Schedule

Time: Classes will be held from 9:00am-4:00pm
Location: To Be Confirmed

SUMMER 2006 (PDHRS06-676)	
DATE	DAY
July 17-20, 2006	Monday-Thursday

FALL 2006 (PDHRF06-677)	
DATE	DAY
October 16-19, 2006	Monday-Thursday

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REGISTRATION

PLEASE PRINT

Continuing Education Student ID # _____

Salutation ☐ Mr ☐ Mrs ☐ Miss ☐ Ms _____

First Name _____

Last Name _____

Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) _____

Home Address - Street _____ Apt. _____

City/Province _____

Postal Code _____

Home Phone Number _____

E-mail Address _____ @ _____

Business/Employer _____

Business Address _____

City/Province/Postal Code _____

Business Phone/Extension _____

Fax Number _____

OFFICE USE

Student ID # _____

REGISTRATION

PLEASE PRINT

Mailing Address _____

☐ Home ☐ Business ☐ Other _____

Please include other Address Below _____

Disabilities/Special Requirements _____

Where did you hear about York University?

- ☐ Employer/colleague
- ☐ Family/friend
- ☐ Former student
- ☐ DCE website
- ☐ Newspaper/journal
- ☐ DCE brochure/calendar

Which of the following applies to you - please select only one:

- ☐ York Student
- ☐ York Alumnus
- ☐ Atkinson Alumnus
- ☐ None of the above

☐ I consent to receiving additional information on future courses.

Registration Date _____

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COURSE / METHOD OF PAYMENT

PLEASE PRINT

☐ Summer 2006 (PDHRS06-676)

☐ Fall 2006 (PDHRS06-677)

Course Fees

☐ \$529.65 (includes GST)

Total fees submitted: _____

Method of Payment

Cheque/Money Order payable to York University.

- ☐ Personal Cheque ☐ Money Order
- ☐ Company Cheque ☐ Invoice *

*York University will invoice employers only when a letter of authorization or purchase order number accompanies the registration form. Registrant is ultimately responsible for payment of fees regardless of a third party being invoiced.

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Date _____

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Comments _____

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registrations can be made in person, by mail or by fax. **Faxed registrations must include credit card payment .**

The Division of Continuing Education does not have registration deadlines. The registration office receives and processes registrations on a first-come first-serve basis. Courses may fill in advance of the start date, so **early registration is recommended.**

The Division of Continuing Education reserves the right to alter fees, other charges and course dates/location described in the brochure.

Please refer to the DCE website www.atkinson.yorku.ca/dce for up-to-date policies.

FEE POLICY

Transcript Fee:	\$10.00
Session Transfer Fee:	\$25.00*
Exam Duplication Fee:	\$15.00
Declined Credit Card Fee:	\$25.00
Returned Cheque Fee:	\$25.00
Tax Receipt Duplicate Fee:	\$10.00

** Students must contact the Program Manager in order to receive permission to transfer to another session.*

REFUND POLICY

The tuition will be refunded, less an administrative fee of \$50, if written cancellation is received by 4:00 pm 2 days prior to the start of the course.

No refund will be given after this date.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

Income tax receipts will be mailed at the end of February of the following year.

Please refer to the income tax guide for allowable education deductions.