3-Day Intensive Training

Advanced Mindfulness Certificate Course

In this comprehensive, three-day certificate course, international mindfulness teacher and best-selling author Donald Altman will share powerful clinical tools that will help you create a clear roadmap to wellness. From grounding and attention-focusing skills to metacognitive awareness, Donald will deliver detailed demonstrations and instruction on over a dozen mindfulness practices you can use to improve treatment outcomes.

Best of all, you will learn to embody mindfulness as you help your clients overcome clinical anxiety, depression, chronic pain, PTSD, addictive cravings, and stress related symptoms!

Spend three experiential days with Donald and learn to:

- Alter clients' habitual and conditioned reactions to anxiety, chronic pain, and depression with practical evidence-based mindfulness techniques
- Apply mindfulness to pain and improve mental and physical functioning in your clients
- Reduce anxiety by mindfully managing transitions through movement
- · Creatively adapt your newfound mindfulness tools to work with a variety of client populations

Donald is known for his compelling and entertaining presentations, and this 3-day workshop will get you excited about using mindfulness with your clients. Return to your practice with a wide range of tools to use in your next session!

Don't miss out - register now to reserve your seat!

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Outline

Mindfulness and The Latest Research Mindfulness as a metacognitive skill Negative effects of a wandering mind Breathing for rumination and anxiety Useful (and free) web resources

Introduce Mindfulness to Your Clients

Expand your mindfulness vocabulary Help clients understand mindfulness Find the right metaphor Using clients' learning styles * Practice: Getting into the Present Moment

The Power of Sense Grounding

Anxiety reduction with sense grounding Mindfulness for transitioning between activities Physical grounding method Integrate progressive muscle relaxation Spatial, visual, hands-on learning styles * Practice: Palm the Present Moment

Brain Basics, Metacognition, and Interpersonal Neurobiology

Emotional regulation for depression and anxiety Balance the brain's default survival mode Effects of cortisol on learning and immune system Visual Brain Model for clients The brain's mindfulness module The calm response and metacognition Navy Seals, arousal control & parasympathetic nervous system Heart rate variability & relaxation response * Practice: The Power of Breath

* Practice: Ask Clients the 3-Minute Question

The Behavioral Side of Mindfulness

Core lifestyle skills awareness training Sleep hygiene Manage sleep Sleep rituals and strategies Healthy eating/nutrition Caffeine, protein, neurotransmitters and the brain Exercise Manage technology - How weapons of mass distraction may be impacting the brain * Practice: Assessment of Technology and Time Focus the mind (useful for ADHD) Integrate breath with a word/image * Practice: Be the Pebble

Mindful Laughter for Depression and Grief

Tools for the "terminally serious" Research on laughter and mood Biochemistry of laughter & human laughter response Laughter in therapy * Practice: The Lightness of Laughter

The Uplifting Power of Storytelling

Storytelling, depression and relationships Fredrickson's Broaden and Build Theory of Positive Emotions Broaden attention: find resilience Stories are fundamental to attachment Build relationships through a story of strengths * Practice: Identifying Strengths & Strengths Journal

Manage Moods through Attention and Selective Memory Attention and memories Savoring of the present moment * Practice: Here and Now Pleasantness Selective memory the past and future

* Practice: Savoring Success: Past, Present and Future

Harnessing Gratitude to Increase Positive

Emotions Gratitude research Four psychological reasons for gratitude Make gratitude interpersonal and enhance supportive social networks * Practice: The G.L.A.D. Technique

Heal Emotional Pain through Acceptance,

Forgiveness, and Compassion Forgiveness is a skill Research on compassion practice Changes in brain function Security priming for feelings of safety and trust Develop positive emotions and resources * Practice: Loving-Kindness Affirmation

The Truth About Stress

Biological markers of stress: Telomeres and aging Identify and assess client stress levels Perceived Stress Scale Epstein Stress-Management Inventory * Practice: Be a Smart Stress-Avoider

Mindfulness for Addictive Cravings

Emotional regulation for cravings Impulse control and craving control using grounding * Practice: S-T-O-P Grounding Technique

The Perception of Pain: Mindfulness and Chronic Pain

Introduction to the Body Scan Practice Demonstrate how to pay attention non-judgmentally Powerful grounding method; applications * Practice: Surf the Body (The Body Scan)

The Power of Sense Grounding Trauma

Constructively distance from PTSD and negativity Three kinds of sense arounding * Practice: Focusing on Favorites

Reduce Anxiety by Mindfully

Managing Transitions Mindfulness, movement and nature Process orientation vs. outcome orientation Attention Restoration Theory Effects of nature on focus, moods & healing Integrated Tools— * Practice: Ground-Surfing (Mindful Walking)

* Practice: Turning Down the Volume

Re-Envision and Refocus

Working with difficult, unresolved life situations Metacognition as a path to insight * Practice: Bear Meditation

Put It All Together

Create a mindfulness roadmap for clients Bundling practices together Engage through learning styles Maintain skills Follow-up and reinforcement Research limitations and the potential risks of mindfulness in treatment





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- Evidence-based approaches that shift attention, regulate emotion and manage depression
- Address emotional pain with acceptance, forgiveness and compassion
- Clinical implications of research exploring the relationship between chronic pain reduction and mindful awareness

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Objectives

- 1. Evaluate how understandable explanations of mindfulness' impact on neurological processes involved in common mental health disorders can be used to promote engagement in treatment.
- 2. Explore the effect of diaphragmatic breathing on the parasympathetic nervous system and communicate how mindful breathing techniques can be incorporated into therapy.
- 3. Assess the latest research analyzing mindfulness, attention and depressive symptoms.
- 4. Connect how clinical tools based in mindfulness and grounding can be used to impact the biological stress response in clients with trauma.
- 5. Consider how treatment plans for depression can incorporate mindfulness interventions that clients can use to counter automatic patterns of thoughts.
- 6. Communicate the clinical implications of research regarding the health benefits of nature and exposure to the natural world.
- 7. Plan how mindfulness strategies focused on impacting the neural pathways associated with fear can be incorporated into treatment to help alleviate symptoms in anxious clients.
- 8. Articulate how mindfulness techniques that impact the areas of the nervous system associated with stress can be used in clinical practice.
- 9. Analyze the state of research on the use of mindfulness as an intervention for the management of chronic pain.
- 10. Scrutinize how barriers to implementing mindfulness can be overcome using practical informal techniques clients can easily and naturally incorporate into their lives.
- 11. Appraise the latest research on the efficacy of mindfulness as an approach to aid in relapse prevention for alcohol and substance use disorders.
- 12. Characterize how clinical tools that increase self-awareness can be used in therapy to help clients better manage their thoughts, emotions and behaviors.
- 13. Communicate how self-compassion and feelings of safety, trust and forgiveness impact the therapeutic process.
- 14. Analyze the latest research regarding the biochemistry of laughter and the connection between laughter and mental and physical health.
- 15. Evaluate research on gratitude, it's impact on depressive symptoms, and how easy to implement gratitude exercises could be beneficial to clients.
- 16. Assess how mindfulness' ability to shift awareness can be used to positively impact relationships and help clients to recognize their strengths.
- 17. Establish how mindfulness can be taught to clients as a skill they can employ to ease anxiety associated with transitions.
- 18. Evaluate the role of compassion in treating clients suffering from high levels of shame and self-criticism.

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Bio

Donald Altman, M.A., LPC, is a psychotherapist, award-winning writer, former Buddhist monk, teacher and an adjunct professor at Lewis and Clark Graduate School of Education and Counseling. He is also a faculty member of the Interpersonal Neurobiology program at Portland State University and teaches various classes blending mindfulness and Interpersonal Neurobiology. A prolific writer whose career spans more than 25 years, Donald has authored several pioneering books on mindfulness, beginning with his 1998 Art of the Inner Meal. His book, The Mindfulness Code was named as "One of the Best Spiritual Books of 2010." He has also authored Meal By Meal, Living Kindness, One Minute Mindfulness, The Joy Compass, The Mindfulness Toolbox: 50 Practical Tips, Tools & Handouts for Anxiety, Depression, Stress & Pain and his newest book 101 Mindful Ways to Build Resilience Cultivate Calm, Clarity, Optimism & Happiness Each Day. In addition to his books, Donald was a staff writer for an EMMY-Award winning children's television show ("The Magic Door," CBS Chicago), won an American Medical Writer's Association Award, co-created the first interactive comic strip on America Online, and has had articles appear in New Age Journal, the Los Angeles Times, and Independent Business Magazine, among others. Donald reaches out to the professional community by serving as the vice president of The Center for Mindful Eating. Donald works extensively with mindful meditation in his own life, as well as offering these tools to others through his books and classes. He teaches mindfulness and spiritual values around the country. He is dedicated to bringing these ancient practices in tune with modern living and to invite wellness into our stress-filled lives. Donald is also a member of the Burma Buddhist Association. An avid motorcyclist, he enjoys riding his motorcycle along the beautiful Oregon coast.

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