



International Certificate in Response-Based Practice

Located in Duncan B.C., on Vancouver Island, and with an office in Kamloops, B.C., the Centre provides services to individuals and families and to organizations working to promote the best possible social responses in cases of adversity, including violence.

Centre members provide many services; individual and family therapy, organizational consulting on responses to interpersonal violence, clinical supervision to individuals and groups, independent analysis in family law, professional training/education. We also conduct and publish original research and develop policy and analysis for the organizations that become involved where violence is at issue.

In response to requests for additional training, we have developed the *International Certificate in Response-Based Practice*. This is an 8-month, structured educational program designed to engage creatively with colleagues who want to further develop their understanding and application of Response-Based Practice. The program consists of online group learning, individual practice consults, and extensive articles provided each month. There are also assignments to be completed between classes.

The Response-Based Certificate program is relevant for diverse settings; social justice and mental health, law enforcement and forensic practice, education, emergency and second stage shelter organizations, child protection, addictions and substance use programs, and supervision.

The Centre for Response-Based Practice is solely responsible for the design and implementation of the International Certificate program.

Dates: Winter/Fall

Cost: \$ 5,000.00 CAN

Registration form attached.

Online classes, meeting as a group 1x per month (3 hours). Individual session with instructor(s) 1x per month (1 hour).

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Shelly Bonnah is a family therapist, clinical supervisor and organizational consultant from Kamloops, BC. Shelly works with children, youth and adults who have experienced violence and other forms of adversity, with a special interest in victims of institutionalized violence. Her research focuses on children's responses and resistance to violence--specifically understanding their behaviour in context, the nature of social interactions, the connections between violence, diagnosis, and the social responses that they receive. Shelly also teaches at City University of Seattle and Thompson Rivers University.

Linda Coates, Ph.D. lcoates@responsebasedpractice.com



Linda has received international acclaim from researchers, legal and mental health professionals, and victims' advocates for her work on the connection between violence and language in diverse settings. She has worked closely with Allan Wade and Nick Todd in developing the Response-Based approach to community work and therapy with victims and perpetrators and is Associate Professor of Psychology at Okanagan College. Linda has published numerous articles and book chapters on the connection between violence and language.

Cathy Richardson, Ph.D.: crichardson@responsebasedpractice.com



Cathy is an Assistant Professor in the School of Social Work, at the University of Montreal, and a social activist who has documented the ways in which Métis people respond to violence, racism, oppression, and cultural attacks. Cathy has worked as a family therapist in Métis and First Nations communities in B.C. and the Yukon and is currently developing a model of child protection intervention for urban Aboriginal and Metis people where violence is at issue. Cathy provides clinical supervision for therapists seeking Response-Based and Family Therapy perspectives.

Allan Wade, Ph.D, RCC: awade@responsebasedpractice.com



Allan lives on Vancouver Island where he works in private practice as a family therapist and researcher. Allan is primarily concerned with addressing the problem of violence in all its forms and in promoting socially just legal and human services work. With Linda Coates and Nick Todd, Allan has developed a Response-Based approach to working with victims and perpetrators of violence. Allan has published numerous articles and book chapters and is co-editor of “Response-Based Approaches to Interpersonal Violence” (2016), Palgrave-Macmillan.