



## Description of Response-Based Practice International Certificate Program

Response-Based Practice (RBP) is an approach to human service work .  
In this course, you will receive instruction on...

- Analysing social interaction in context
- Focusing on the importance of responses, such as resistance to violence
- Supporting victims through uplifting and restoring their dignity
- Using accurate language to describe events and interaction
- Orchestrating positive social responses to people who have been harmed
- Safety planning
- Working with perpetrators of violence
- Articulating critiques of victim-blaming psychology
- Applying response-based practice across contexts
- Interviewing across practice settings
- Formulating therapeutic questions
- Working with practice and research-based evidence for the effectiveness of RBP
- Understanding the role of the social network and institutional responses
- Analysing commonly used practice frameworks

### Instructor Bios

**Allan Wade, PhD**, is a therapist in private practice. He was Director of a university-based counselling program for many years, and is involved in many anti-violence initiatives domestically and internationally.

**Linda Coates, PhD**, is a co-founder of response-based practice and a professor at Okanagan College in Salmon Arm, British Columbia.

**Catherine Richardson, PhD**, is a co-founder of the Centre for Response-Based Practice. Cathy is the Director of First Peoples Studies at Concordia University in Montreal. She won a 2019 Indigenous Practice Award granted by the Canadian Counselling & Psychological Association.

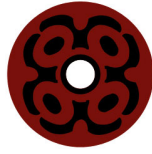
**Shelly Dean (Bonnah), PhD**, is a Registered Clinical Counsellor and the Director of the Centre for Response-Based Practice of the Interior in Kamloops, British Columbia.

### 2021 Program Delivery

The RBP International Certificate Program begins February 2021 and spans approximately nine months, via zoom. In this program, participants will engage in eight three-hour classes and receive one-on-one supervision each month from program instructors. They will be asked to engage with readings, prepare assignments, share learnings within the class. In addition to learning about response-based practice and its possibilities for application, participants will receive a certificate at the end of the program.

### DETAILED INFORMATION

<https://www.responsebasedpractice.com/rbp-certificate-program/>



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## **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, Ph.D., RCC:** [sbonnah@responsebasedpractice.com](mailto:sbonnah@responsebasedpractice.com)



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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.