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# Fundamentals of Addiction

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Friday, September 28, 2012

Wilfrid Laurier University | Faculty of Social Work

## Workshop Details

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9 AM to 4 PM

## Location

Faculty of Social Work  
120 Duke Street West  
Kitchener, ON  
N2H 3W8

## Cost

\$175

## Registration

Register [online](#) or by calling Lynne at 519-884-0710 ext. 5265.

## Here's what past participants have said about this workshop:

*"I enjoyed everything about the presentation. Angela is a gifted teacher and presenter. The info was well-delivered. Guest speaker was equally gifted. Awesome workshop!"*

*"I have been wanting to attend a workshop like this for a long time. It was excellent."*

*"Information was factual, based on research, but experiences in working with people with addiction that were shared by Angela and others made it real and meaningful."*

*"Very useful workshop with lots of practical take-aways."*

## About the Workshop

Addiction can affect so many people, including those suffering from the addiction, their family and friends and the service providers that cross their paths. Unfortunately, many of the people in a position to help someone with an addiction don't know what to look for or how to help. Issues of shame, stigma and discrimination prevent many people with addictions from ever seeking assistance. And when the stars align and an individual does admit an addiction problem, they still face the challenges of navigating the addiction treatment system and getting help in a timely fashion.

So how do you recognize the signs of substance use and abuse in your clients? How can you effectively help them overcome fears about disclosing addiction problems? What can you do to help someone who is ready for help... and what can you do for those who are not? How do you successfully navigate the addiction treatment system before the opportunity has passed?

In this one-day workshop you will learn about common psychoactive drugs and their effects, signs and symptoms of substance abuse, the substance use continuum, the principle of harm reduction, the stages of change model, how best to identify and intervene with clients with addiction problems and addiction treatment options.

**In this workshop you'll have the opportunity to hear from a guest speaker with "lived experience" of addiction problems and who will answer questions from a client perspective.**

## Upon completion of this training, you will be able to:

- define and distinguish between substance use, abuse, dependence and addiction
- recognize signs and symptoms of substance use and abuse
- list common psychoactive drugs and their effects
- understand the stages of change model as it applies to clients with substance abuse problems
- understand how best to intervene with clients who have substance abuse problems
- understand the assessment and treatment of substance abuse problems and the range of treatment options