

# Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT) for Depression Among Older Adults AN ONLINE WORKSHOP FOR HEALTHCARE & OTHER PROFESSIONALS

When: Monday, Mar 14<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, Apr 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022 (4 weeks) ONLINE weekly at your discretion Cost: \$240 (Students \$120) *Sufficient Enrolment Decision Deadline: Monday, Mar 7, 2022*This workshop will be offered only if there is sufficient enrolment.

#### WEEK 1 – CBT for Older Adults

- Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT) and its usefulness
- The principles of CBT
- Expanding CBT to older adults and their caregivers (adaptations)
- o Goals of CBT for both the client and clinician

#### WEEK 2 – Body, Mood, Behaviour Connection

- o The importance of behavioural activation in depression and older adults
- o The connection between mood and physical reactions
- o Diaphragm breathing
- o Relaxation techniques: the progressive muscle relaxation technique and visualization

## **WEEK 3** – Restructuring Thoughts

- A closer look at thoughts
  - Automatic thoughts
  - Core beliefs
- o Restructuring thoughts through the thought record
- Cognitive distortions
- Case examples

### WEEK 4 - The Whole Picture

- o Problem solving
- Developing social skills
- Adapting to changes in later life (e.g. decrease in socialization, loss, physical decline, appearance changes, role changes)
- Engaging in meaningful activities
- Countertransference and burnout

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Janany has a Masters of Social Work from the University of Toronto, with a specialization in health and mental health. She has diversified experience in mental health, working in hospital and academic settings. As a clinical social worker and therapist at the Scarborough Health Network, Janany has extensive knowledge utilizing evidence based practices as well as training other practitioners in the field.

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