Interventions for Addressing Substance Misuse Among Older Adults

AN ONLINE WORKSHOP FOR HEALTHCARE & OTHER PROFESSIONALS

When: Mon March 28th to Sun April 24th, 2022 (4 weeks)
ONLINE weekly at your discretion
Cost: $240 (Students $120) Registration Deadline: March 21st, 2022
This workshop will be offered only if there is sufficient enrolment. Register online at www.aging.utoronto.ca

Course Objectives:
Using case based learning you will
• Become familiar with differential approaches to Substance Use
• Develop skills to recognize types of Substance Use Disorders in older adults
• Be able to use geriatric, addiction-specific screening and assessment tools
• To understand the practical implications of the National Guidelines for Substance Use Disorders In Older Adults

Outline:
Week 1: Geriatric Addictions 101
• SUD’s in geriatric populations
• Stigma and barriers to treatment
• Screening & Assessment

Week 2: Harm Reduction and Treatment Approaches with Special Subgroups
• Alcohol induced dementia
• Supporting Transitions to long term care alcohol and nicotine dependence
• Acquired brain injury

Week 3: National Guidelines for Substance Use Disorders in Older Adults
• A review of the National Guidelines for SUD’s in Older Adults including: Alcohol, Benzodiazepines, Cannabis and Opiates

Week 4: Cannabis and Older Adults
• Cannabis Use Disorder/Medical Use of Cannabis
• Implications for LTCH
• Implications for Driving

Instructor: Marilyn White-Campbell, B.A., Dip. Grt is a Clinical Geriatric Addictions Specialist with Baycrest Long Term Care Behavioural Support Outreach teams. She is the provincial Lead for Behavioural Supports Ontario BrainXchange Older Adult Substance Use Collaborative and has recently launched “Cannabis and Older Adults, Know the Facts”. Marilyn is a co-investigator with the Canadian Coalition for Seniors Mental Health project which established 4 national clinical best practice guidelines for SUD’s in older adults including Alcohol, Benzodiazepines, Cannabis and Opiates and is co-chair for the Alcohol Working Group. She is the recipient of the Ontario Psychogeriatric Award of Excellence, and recipient of the inaugural 2018 CAGP/CCSMH Seniors’ Mental Health Outstanding Care & Integrative Practice Award from the Canadian Academy of Geriatric Psychiatry/CCSMH. With over 34 years clinical experience working with older adults with SUD’s she is recognized as a pioneer in the field of Geriatric Addictions.