

Welcome!

Hi, I'm Elaine! I am teaching you Mental Health First Aid on **April 30th**. I prepared this guide to help you prepare for our time together.

I teach and live this material: I have a disability and mental health problem. I make MHFA relevant to real life. **I bring a lot of knowledge**. I am trained in psychology, education, and disability studies. I am completing my Social Work Diploma at Mount Royal University. For 20 years, I have been supporting priority populations. I have **many examples** of **real people managing every day**.

I am sharing **key points** from the **Mental Health Commission of Canada**: all material is copyrighted; you must be 18 years old; and privacy protection is in place. You are responsible for providing accurate contact information.

MHFA is a blended learning program. The **registration code** I shared with you is for **Module 1**, which is the introduction. Your code is **unique to you** and **cannot be shared with someone else**. **You must finish Module 1 before our class on April 30th** - I cannot make any exceptions. In person, we will first learn **Module 2: Signs of Declining Mental Well-being**. In the afternoon, we will learn **Module 3: Mental Health Crises and Emergencies**.






I am including **Clear Mental Health's Terms and Conditions** with **expectations for participant behaviour** and **permission to contact** you in the future. I am also sharing images of two documents for your use: the **Mental Health First Aid Reference Guide** and the **Participant Handout**. Please have both available for class.



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Clear Mental Health Mental Health First Aid Standard Classroom Terms and Conditions

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Content: The Mental Health Commission of Canada owns or licenses the intellectual property rights for the content of its training courses.

Eligibility: MHFA Standard participants must be at least 18 years old and residing in Canada. No prerequisites are required for this course. The training course is for individual use only and you must not record any material. Registration codes cannot be shared with other people.

Preparation: Participants must complete the self-directed portion (Module 1) of the course, and submit proof of their completion a minimum of 48 hours before the first virtual session.

It is recommended participants arrive 5 minutes early to check attendance.

Punctuality: Participants must attend the scheduled all sessions to be certified. If a participant arrives later than 10 minutes past the start time of the scheduled session, they will not be admitted. This also includes returning from breaks and leaving the course early. If someone does not receive a certificate due to late arrival/absence, the full cost of the course applies.

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Behaviour: If a participant is disruptive, disrespectful, rude, or otherwise negatively contributes to the learning environment in any way, the Facilitator has the right to remove the participant from the course. In this instance, the participant will not receive an MHFA certificate or refund.

Cancellation: The Instructor reserves the right to cancel or postpone courses due to under-enrollment, instructor illness, or any unforeseeable reason. If a course is cancelled, you may transfer your registration to a future course date.

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Contact: By providing your email address to register for this course, you expressly consent to receive emails from Clear Mental Health. You may unsubscribe from this service at any time by replying to elaine@clearmentalhealth.org. Clear Mental Health may use email to communicate with you, send information you requested, or send details about other courses, products, or services.

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Checklist

What You Need to Know: Mental Health First Aid Standard

How to prepare for your Mental Health First Aid class

Date:	Tuesday, April 30, 2024
Times:	Module 2: 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Module 3: 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Location:	400, 1100 1st St. SW (main board room)

Checklist

- i) **Reply to my email** to confirm you received the course information and your registration code.
- ii) Use your registration code to **log onto Module 1** (Introduction to MHFA). It will take approximately two hours to complete.
- iii) **Download** the **Course Handout** and **open** the **Reference Guide** on the dashboard of your account (under **Course Materials**).
- iv) By *April 22nd*, **email me your Module 1 certificate** (it is a QR code and it will arrive via email). You **cannot participate in the class** on April 30th without forwarding me your certificate.
- v) **Punctuality is important.** Please do your best to arrive for class on April 30th a few minutes before 8:00 a.m. so I can confirm attendance. If you arrive more than ten minutes late for class, I will not be able to let you into the class or certify you.
- vi) After the class, the Mental Health Commission will send you an **email** with a **class feedback form** and information about your **Mental Health First Aid certificate**.

Thank you for participating!

Want more information? Like free stuff? Check out my website:
www.ClearMentalHealth.org/resources



I am looking forward to meeting you!
Elaine Benacchio

Cancellation policy: the Facilitator has the right to postpone or cancel the class due to unforeseen circumstances. If so, you will receive at least 24 hours' notice and the opportunity to take another MHFA class on a different date. If you request a refund, you will receive the course fee minus the price of the registration code.



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Module 1

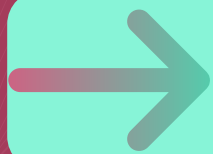
The Mental Health Commission of Canada uses **Opening Minds Learning** for participants to complete Module 1. I am including the **LMS Instructions**, which detail how to log into the program.

In your email is your **registration code** to log into Opening Minds Learning. The registration code is **unique to you**; it cannot be shared with anyone else. **One individual per code**: a group cannot use the same code.

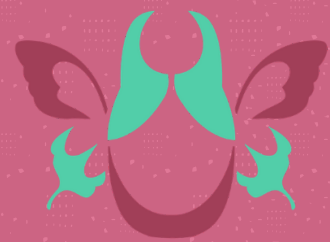
Module 1 takes approximately **two hours** to complete. At the end is a brief, open-book **quiz**. Afterwards, you will receive a **certificate** (it looks like a QR code) by email. I am including an example. Kindly **forward it to me** as soon as you can; otherwise, you **cannot** access Modules 2 and 3.

There are **two materials** to find when you log into Module 1. The first is the **Mental Health First Aid Reference Guide** - click "Access the reference guide (PDF)" to open the document. The **Course Handout** is used during Modules 2 and 3 for activities, including case studies.

Take note of **what MHFA is**, **why** it is **needed**, the **role** of a **first aider**, and the **ALGES** model. The **safety guidelines** are also very important.



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LMS Instructions



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LMS Instructions for Participants

STEP 1: Access

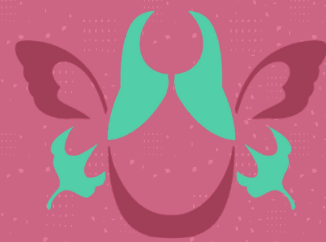
To access Module 1 of this course, go to <https://learn.openingminds.ca/courses/mental-health-first-aid> and click on "Take this course":

The screenshot shows the course page for 'Mental Health First Aid Standard (Virtual)'. At the top, there are logos for the Mental Health Commission of Canada and Opening Minds Learning. The main heading is 'MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID Mental Health First Aid Standard (Virtual)'. Below the heading, there is a 'View Training details' link. A 'Not Enrolled' button is visible, and a 'Take this Course' button is highlighted with a yellow box. A yellow arrow points to the 'Take this Course' button. Below the heading, there is a paragraph of text: 'The Mental Health Commission of Canada reports that one in every five Canadians experiences a mental health or substance use problem within a given year. While people often know a lot about physical illness, most people have less knowledge about mental health or substance use problems. This lack of understanding often leads to fear and negative attitudes towards those living with these problems. It prevents people from seeking help for themselves, and from providing appropriate support to people around them.' To the right, there is a 'TRAINING INCLUDES' section with a list: 1 Module, 13 Topics, 1 Quiz, and Training Certificate.

STEP 2: Create Account

Enter First Name, Last Name, Email Address, Registration Code, and set a password. Click on "Register".
Registration Code = this is the code that was uniquely provided for the participant – by either MHCC, the facilitator, or the host organization.

The screenshot shows the 'Mental Health First Aid Online Registration' page. It includes instructions: 'Use the enrollment code provided to you by your facilitator to register for this online module.' and 'If you are already registered, click here to login.' The form has the following fields: 'Name *' with 'Isabelle' in the 'First' field and 'Letourneau' in the 'Last' field; 'Email *' with 'email@domain.ca' in the 'Enter Email' field and 'email@domain.ca' in the 'Confirm Email' field; 'Password *' with '*****' in the 'Enter Password' field and '*****' in the 'Confirm Password' field; and 'Enrollment Code *' with 'EnterCodeHere' in the 'Enter Code here' field. A 'Register' button is highlighted with a yellow box.



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STEP 3: Enter Training Module

You will be re-directed here. Click on “Start Training”:

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Mental Health First Aid Standard (Virtual)

View Training details

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Course Materials

Mental Health First Aid Reference Guide
Click here to download the Mental Health First Aid reference guide (PDF)

TRAINING INCLUDES

- 1 Module
- 13 Topics
- 1 Quiz
- Training Certificate

STEP 4: Selecting the Topic

This will give participants access to the contents of Module 1 of the course. On the left side of the platform, click on “Introduction” to access the first topic in Module 1. Users must finish one topic before moving on to the next.

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Module 1: Introduction to the Course and to MHFA Actions

13 Topics

- Introduction
- What is MHFA?
- Why is MHFA needed?
- Course Overview
- Safety Guidelines
- Introduction to MHFA Actions - ALICES
- MHFA Actions in Action
- Role of a First Aider
- Key Knowledge, Attitudes, & Behaviours
- Self Assessment
- Key Knowledge - Terminology

Welcome to MHFA

Here is an overview of the three modules of this course.

1 Self Directed
2 Hours
Introduction to MHFA

This opening module sets the context of the course and introduces participants to MHFA actions. It familiarizes participants with information and strategies that they will practice in Modules 2 and 3.

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STEP 5: Progress

You may complete some or all topics at a given time. Your progress in the module will be saved as you go. You can log in to your account at a later time to complete the remaining sections.

Mental Health First Aid - Module 1: Introduction to the Course and to MHFA Actions - What is MHFA?

MODULE 1, TOPIC 2

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What is MHFA?

MODULE PROGRESS
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MHFA is the help provided to a person who is showing signs of declining mental well-being or experiencing a crisis.

STEP 6: Quiz

After completing all the required topics, you will gain access to the Quiz. The completion of this quiz is required before you participate in the virtual classroom, Modules 2 and 3 (facilitator-led sessions). There is no pass/fail requirement. Click on **“Start Quiz”**:

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100% Complete
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Module 1 - Introduction to the ... 13 Topics

- Introduction
- What is MHFA?
- Why is MHFA needed?
- Course Overview
- Safety Guidelines
- Introduction to MHFA Actions - ALGEE
- MHFA Actions in Action
- Role of a First Aider
- Key Knowledge, Attitudes, & Behaviours
- Self-Assessment
- Key Knowledge - Terminology
- Key Behaviours - Communication ess...

Thank you for completing the first module of the MHFA course. The goals of this review quiz are:

- To highlight the key concepts from this module
- To familiarize you with the more detailed information that is in the MHFA Reference Guide

Requirements

This quiz is made up questions that address the key terms and strategies discussed in Module 1. It should take about 10 minutes to complete. You are welcome to refer to all course materials provided. Your responses will be checked right away, and any incorrect responses will be identified.

NOTE! The completion of this quiz is required before you participate in the virtual classroom, Modules 2 and 3.

Questions/Comments

Please let us know if you have questions or would like to share your comments. Contact:

Program Development
Mental Health Commission of Canada, Opening Minds
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Feedback Form

Once you have completed the Quiz, please click here to take a short survey about this online module by clicking here.

Start Quiz



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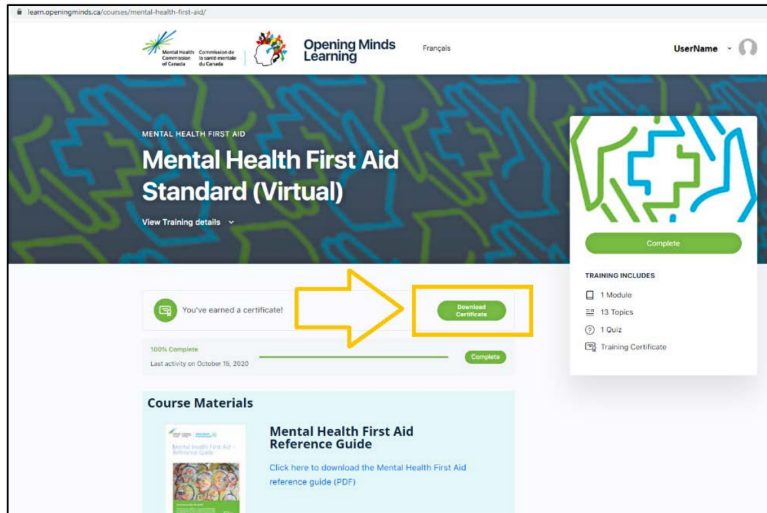
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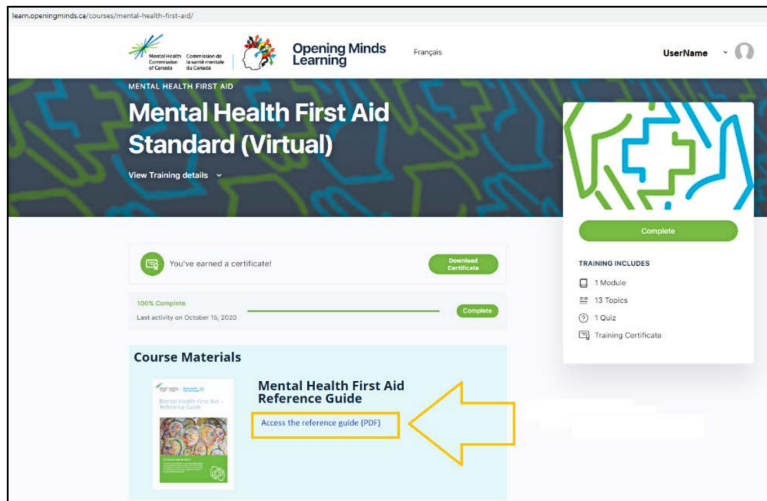
STEP 7: Download Certificate and Send to Facilitator

On the dashboard of your account, you will now have access to your Module 1 certificate (click on “**Download Certificate**”). You will also receive an email from learn@openingminds.ca with a PDF of your certificate. You must present the certificate to your facilitator before the scheduled sessions of Module 2 and 3.

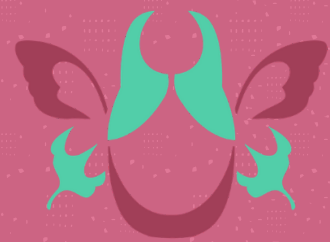


STEP 8: Viewing the Reference Guide

On the dashboard of your account, you can also view the reference guide by clicking “**Access the reference guide (PDF)**”:



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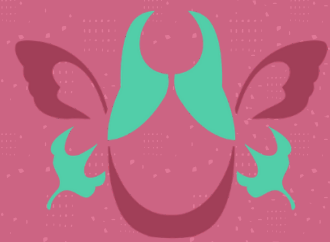
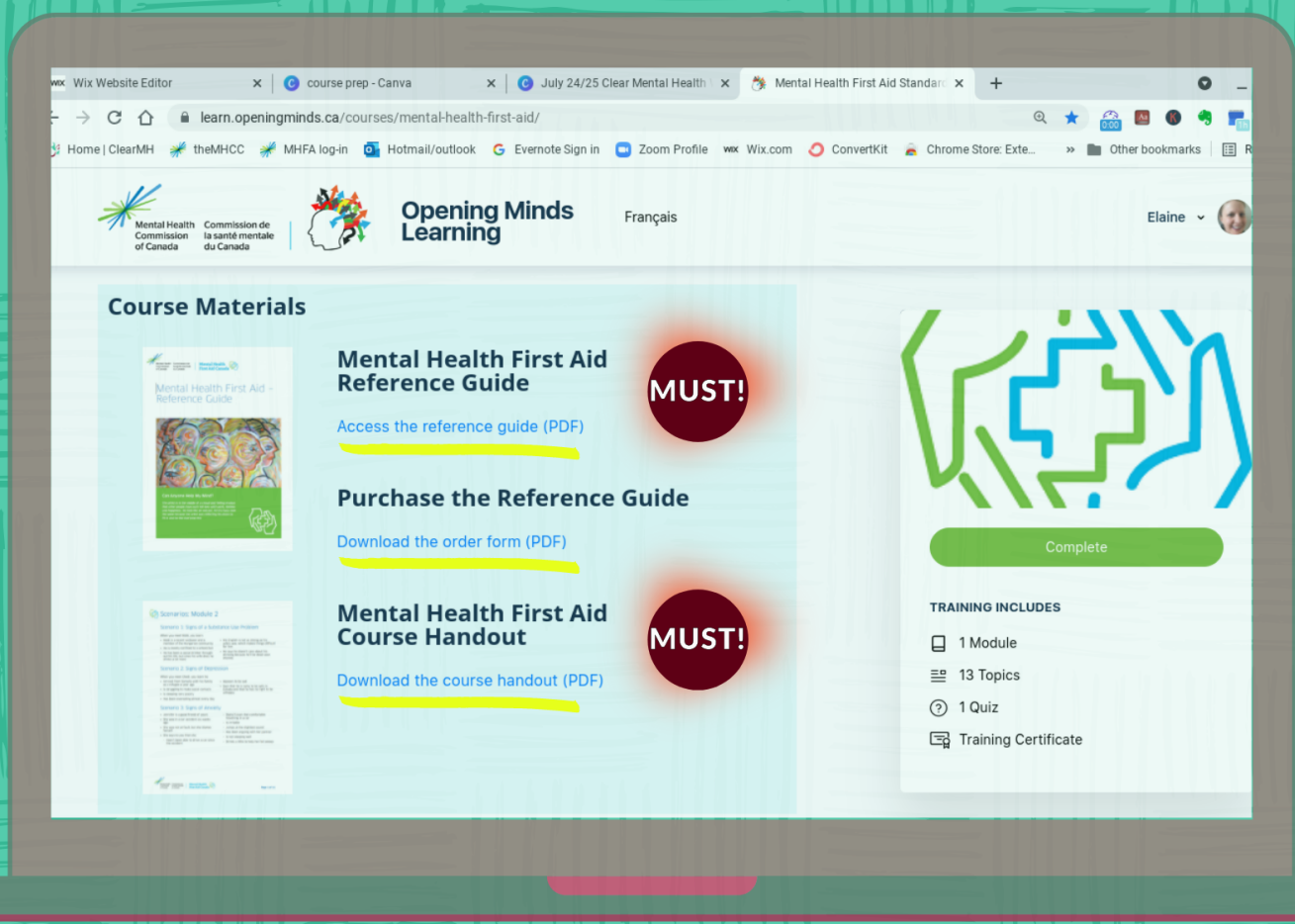
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MHFA Materials

Here are images of the **two documents** on Module 1; please ensure you have **access to both**. The **Reference Guide** is excellent and includes more content than we will discuss in Modules 2 and 3. The site also has a copy of the **Order Form** if you want a **printed** copy.



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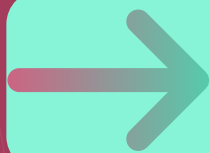
Proof of Completion of Module 1

This is to certify that the Opening Minds Learning user with the email address: S [REDACTED] completed Module 1 of Mental Health First Aid on January 19, 2021, 7:26 pm.

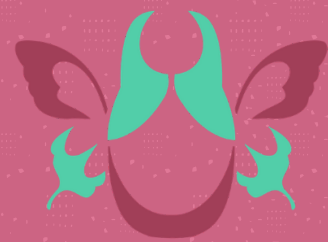


The **Module 1 Review Quiz** is multiple choice. You may use the **Reference Guide** as you complete it. You can also submit **feedback** about the online learning module. Your Module 1 **certificate** will then be emailed to you.

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I Will See You Soon!

Your **registration code** remains active for several months for review. After our class, I will submit your **name** and **email address** to the Mental Health Commission of Canada. They will contact you with a **feedback form** and your **certificate** - please monitor your junk folder.



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of the Métis Nation of Alberta.

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