

TEACH Certificate Program Changes FAQ

Have a question about changes to the TEACH Certificate Program? See our Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ), below, for more information!

Key Certificate Program Changes

What is changing?

Effective June 30, 2022, the *TEACH Certificate in Intensive Cessation Counselling* will no longer be accredited by the University of Toronto.

What is new?

Starting July 1, 2022, the *TEACH Certificate in Intensive Cessation Counselling* will be administered through the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH).

Why is TEACH no longer offering the TEACH University of Toronto Certificate?

Over the past several years, our team has made significant changes to the TEACH program, including the introduction of self-directed courses of varying lengths. This change will allow the TEACH team to increase the number of accredited courses that recognize the different clinical practice and continuing medical education (CME) needs of healthcare providers.

What is not changing?

Students who are interested in receiving the *TEACH Certificate in Intensive Cessation Counselling* administered through CAMH will still need to complete the TEACH Core Course and two TEACH Specialty Courses. To learn more about certificate program courses, click [here](#).

How Do These Changes Affect Me?

I have already received the *TEACH Certificate in Intensive Cessation Counselling* from the University of Toronto.

Students who have already completed and received their certificate through the University of Toronto will still have their certificate recognized as a continuing education certificate in intensive cessation counselling. You do not need to re-take any TEACH courses you have already completed. The new certificate administered through CAMH is effectively the same certificate.

My certificate requirements for the *TEACH Certificate in Intensive Cessation Counselling* from the University of Toronto are still in progress.

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Students who started to complete the requirements for the certificate offered through the University of Toronto can complete the remaining requirements through the new certificate program administered through CAMH. The requirements remain the same (i.e., complete one Core Course and two Specialty Courses). You will receive a digital certificate from CAMH upon completion of your certificate requirements.

I have never taken a TEACH Course. How do I receive the *TEACH Certificate in Intensive Cessation Counselling* administered through CAMH?

Students interested in receiving the certificate administered through CAMH need to complete the following requirements:

TEACH Core Course 19.5 hours 5 weeks online	+	TEACH Specialty Course #1 13.5 hours 5 weeks online	+	TEACH Specialty Course #2 13.5 hours 5 weeks online	=	TEACH Certificate 46.5 hours 15 weeks online
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Once all requirements of the certificate have been met, students will be emailed their *TEACH Certificate in Intensive Cessation Counselling*, offered by CAMH within one month of completion. Please note that physical copies of certificates will NOT be provided.

Who is eligible to take a TEACH Certificate Program course?

TEACH courses are interdisciplinary and are targeted towards health and allied health professionals who have the ability to deliver intensive tobacco cessation counselling. There is no minimum educational or professional designation/credential requirement to attend TEACH courses.

How long do I have to complete the certificate program requirements?

While students are required to complete individual course requirements within a specific time frame (i.e., 5 weeks for each course), there is no time restriction on completing the overall certificate program.

Accreditation

Am I considered a Certified Tobacco Educator (CTE) after completing the TEACH Certificate Program?

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Practitioners who complete the requirements of the *TEACH Certificate in Intensive Cessation Counselling* will receive a certificate, **NOT** the CTE credential.

The CTE credential, launched by the Canadian Network for Respiratory Care (CNRC), recognizes healthcare professionals who provide tobacco prevention and cessation services. This credential demonstrates to clients, peers, and supervisors that you have the competencies to provide comprehensive, evidence-informed care in tobacco.

To obtain the CTE credential, you must have:

1. A degree or diploma in a recognized healthcare profession that includes counselling within its scope of practice.
2. Completed CNRC-approved Tobacco Education Program (Note: the *TEACH Core Course* is a recognized equivalent of a comprehensive tobacco education program for healthcare professionals).
3. Completed CNRC-approved Health Education Program (Note: The [TEACH Foundational Health Educator Workshop](#) is a recognized equivalent of a comprehensive health education program. The core course is a pre-requisite to this workshop).

Note: In Ontario, healthcare practitioners are not required to have a CTE designation or the TEACH Certificate to provide tobacco cessation counselling. These programs do, however, ensure you have the recommended competencies to provide evidence-based cessation to your clients and/or patients. For more information about the CTE credential, [please contact CNRC](#).

I have already received the CTE credential OR my requirements for CTE are in progress. How does this affect me?

This will not affect the requirements for the CTE. The *TEACH Certificate in Intensive Cessation Counselling* is not a pre-requisite for CTE certification.

A reminder: to pursue the CTE certification, students are only required to complete the TEACH Core Course, and the Foundational Health Educator Course.

Are all TEACH Certificate Program courses accredited?

All TEACH Certificate Program courses are individually accredited by the following accrediting bodies:

- College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC)

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- Canadian Addiction Counsellors Certification Federation (CACCF)
- Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario (RCDSO)

If applicable, students who are regulated health professionals may submit individual course letters of completion to their regulatory college as part of their continuing education requirements.

Unable to Find a Response to Your Question?

If you have any questions, or require further clarification regarding these changes, please do not hesitate to reach out to our team at teach@camh.ca. We will respond to your request within two business days. We look forward to your continued participation with TEACH!