

TEACH Certificate Program Changes

What is changing?

As of June 30, 2022, TEACH will be discontinuing the TEACH University of Toronto Certificate Program. While TEACH will no longer offer the TEACH University of Toronto Certificate Program, we will continue to offer courses accredited through regulatory colleges and other professional bodies.

What is not changing?

All existing TEACH courses will continue to be offered. TEACH courses will continue to be accredited and recognized by regulatory colleges and other professional bodies relevant to healthcare providers. TEACH will provide letters of completion for all courses completed. These letters of completion will outline the number of Continuing Education (CE) hours awarded by the relevant accrediting bodies.

Note: You do not need the TEACH University of Toronto Certificate to provide tobacco cessation treatment in clinical practice.

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 faculty-directed mini-courses (e.g., *Treating Concurrent Tobacco And Cannabis Use Disorder*), and self-study courses (e.g., *Tobacco Interventions for Cancer Care Settings*) of varying lengths. To increase the flexibility of our program, and to best meet the needs of healthcare providers, TEACH is moving away from the more formal Certificate Program structure. This change will allow the TEACH team to increase our number of accredited courses that recognize the different clinical practice and continuing medical education (CME) and needs of healthcare providers.

TEACH will continue to develop new accredited course offerings, and will be exploring opportunities with other partners to potentially develop a revised certificate program in the future.

How does this affect me?

This affects you if you have already completed some of the necessary requirements to obtain the TEACH University of Toronto Certificate. Before discontinuing the Certificate, we want to provide you with the opportunity to complete the Certificate requirements before June 30, 2022 if that is of interest to you. The following scenarios might help you decide your path:

Scenario 1:

I completed the Core Course only (An Interprofessional Comprehensive Course on Treating Tobacco Use Disorder).

Complete **two** specialty courses before June 30, 2022.

Topics and dates are listed below:

- *Tobacco Interventions for Clients with Mental Illness and/or Substance Use Disorders: May 19, 2021 – June 23, 2021*
- *Integrated Chronic Disease Management and Prevention: November 10, 2021 – December 15, 2021*
- *Tobacco Interventions for First Nations, Inuit, and Métis Populations: February 16, 2022 – March 23, 2022*
- *Tobacco Interventions for Clients with Mental Illness and/or Substance Use Disorders: May 18 – June 22, 2022*

Scenario 2:

I completed the Core Course and one Specialty Course.

Complete **one** specialty course before June 30, 2022.

Topics and dates are listed below:

- *Tobacco Interventions for Clients with Mental Illness and/or Substance Use Disorders: May 19, 2021 – June 23, 2021*
- *Integrated Chronic Disease Management and Prevention: November 10, 2021 – December 15, 2021*
- *Tobacco Interventions for First Nations, Inuit, and Métis Populations: February 16, 2022 – March 23, 2022*
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Scenario 3:

I completed two Specialty Courses.

Complete **one** Core Course before June 30, 2022. Dates are listed below:

- *July Core: July 7, 2021 - August 11, 2021*
- *October Core: September 29, 2021 – November 3, 2021*
- *January Core: January 5, 2022 – February 9, 2022*
- *April Core: April 6 – May 11, 2022*

Scenario 4:

I completed one or more of the requirements but am not interested in obtaining the certificate at this time.

You do not need to take any action. You can always take our courses in the future, however, you will not be eligible for the University of Toronto certificate after June 30, 2022.

How was June 30, 2022 chosen as a deadline?

This date coincides with the end of our accreditation cycle.

How does this affect my Certified Tobacco Educator (CTE)?

This will not affect the requirements for the CTE. The TEACH University of Toronto Certificate Program was never a pre-requisite for this certification.

To pursue the CTE certification, participants are only required to complete the TEACH Core Course, and Foundational Health Educator Course. For more information, see:

<https://www.nicotinedependenceclinic.com/en/teach/foundational-health-education-course>

Any Questions?

If you have any questions or require further clarification regarding this change please do not hesitate to reach out to our team at **teach@camh.ca**. We look forward to your continued participation with TEACH!

Kind regards,
The TEACH Project