

# Course Instructor Opportunity: Advanced Certificate in Couple and Family Therapy Studies

Open Learning and Educational Support (OpenEd), University of Guelph is recruiting for an instructor with a passion for teaching, and the academic knowledge and experience to develop and facilitate online synchronous continuing education courses for the [Advanced Certificate in Couple and Family Therapy Studies](#). The selected candidate(s) will develop and instruct [Emotionally Focused Couple Therapy](#) for April 2023. The timeline for commitment would be February to June inclusive of course development, course dates and grading timelines. Course dates are scheduled for:

- Day 1: Friday, April 21, 2023, 9 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. ET
- Day 2: Saturday, April 22, 2023, 9 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. ET
- Day 3: Sunday, April 23, 2023, 9 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. ET
- Day 4: Saturday, April 29, 2023, 9 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. ET
- Day 5: Sunday, April 30, 2023, 9 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET

## Certificate Description

Explore the major theories, central concepts and foundational approaches of couple and family therapy practice. Through interactive teaching and learning processes—including whole class and small group discussions, role-playing, research, assignments, and reflection from your own personal experience—you are better equipped to translate theory into practical methods for your practice.

While a strong focus is placed on the historical development of systemic therapy, you have many opportunities to study and compare a wide variety of therapy models, such as Cognitive-Behavioural, Experiential, Bowenian, Contextual, Structural, and Strategic.

## Position Description

We are looking for instructor(s) to develop and facilitate one or more courses in the Advanced Couple and Family Therapy Studies program. Instructors are contracted to instruct per course based on expertise, experience and availability. As an OpenEd instructor, you support student learning, and develop course content (content, activities and assessments) in alignment with provided learning outcomes. Key Responsibilities include:

- Developing course content, materials list and assessments in alignment with course learning outcomes
- Facilitating the course online based on a set schedule
- Creating a supportive and engaging online community that fosters student learning
- Sharing real-world experiences and providing examples that demonstrate your expertise in the topic area and meet the needs of the learners

- Grading all assessments following the rubric/grading criteria and providing appropriate feedback on submitted work

The content of the course will remain the instructor's intellectual property, and thus may be used for other purposes at the sole discretion of the instructor.

Instructor training is provided for synchronous (Zoom) and asynchronous (D2L/Brightspace – the University of Guelph's 'CourseLink') methods of course delivery.

The selected applicant(s) will join a team of instructors collaboratively facilitating the Advanced Couple and Family Therapy Studies Certificate program. Compensation is set at \$5,000 per course. The course details can be found on the [Emotionally Focused Couple Therapy](#) course description page.

## Qualifications

You have the following qualifications:

- RMFT-Supervisor Designation and Certified EFT Therapist and Supervisor (Membership of Canadian Association of Couple and Family Therapy is preferred.)
- A graduate university degree from an accredited institution with expertise in the subject area
- At least three years of work experience in family and couple therapy psychotherapist with experience in emotionally focused therapy
- Curriculum development and training/facilitation experience
- Teaching experience, ideally in an online environment, and an interest in adult learning and development
- Excellent written communication skills, including the ability to effectively communicate with students using tools such as email and web-conferencing (Zoom)
- A strong curiosity and a desire to learn
- A commitment to meeting timelines and the ability to balance competing priorities to ensure they do not interfere with developing and delivering the course
- A level of confidence with computer technology and the ability to master a learning management system (D2L Brightspace)
- Demonstrated subject-matter expertise related to equity, diversity, and anti-oppression, including the ability to speak from personal experience and engage students in the central concepts and learning to promote social justice and empower positive change

## How to Apply

If you are interested in this position, please send a resume with a cover letter that outlines your education and experience, how you meet the stated qualifications, and why you want to teach in the Advanced Couple and Family Therapy Studies program.

Applications must be submitted by February 4, 2023 via [email to Mariel Mading, Manager, Program Development](#).

## Continuing Education at OpenEd

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