

Youth Issues Training Centre Certificate (YITC) Criteria

In order to provide more comprehensive and certified training for those who work directly with homeless, street involved and at-risk youth, the Toronto Hostels Training Centre created the Hostels Training Centre Certificate in Youth Issues.

Pre-requisite Courses:

1. Shelter Standards Training
2. Standard First Aid and CPR
3. Crisis Prevention Training (Non-Violent Crisis Intervention CPI **or** Understanding and Managing Aggressive Behaviour UMAB **or** Defusing Hostility – Crisis Intervention with the Hostile and Aggressive Individual)
4. Documentation Skills Introduction **or** Advanced **or** Record Keeping and Client Information
5. WHMIS (Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System)

Candidates are required to take the **five mandatory courses** listed below and **two of the seven elective courses** for receipt of the Hostels Training Centre Certificate in Youth Issues (YITC).

Mandatory Courses:

1. Harm Reduction* (will also accept Ontario HIV and Substance Use Training Program)
2. Anti-Racism/Anti-Oppression Training – Introduction **or** Advanced **or** Managers/Board Members
3. Mental Health – An Overview **or** Mental Health Part II **or** Youth Mental Health and Addictions
4. Substance Use – Introduction **or** Advanced
5. Transgender Transsexual Awareness for Shelters **or** My Issues-Their Barriers

Elective Courses:

1. Case Management Introduction **or** Advanced
2. Conflict Resolution and Negotiation Skills Introduction **or** Advanced **or** Supervisors/Managers
3. Cultural Diversity Training
4. Exploring Urban Aboriginal Issues
5. Motivational Counselling Techniques Introduction **or** Advanced
6. Working and Developing Programs for FASD Children, Youth and Adults **or** Hidden Disabilities
7. Ontario HIV and Substance Use Training Program (two-day training)

*The Toronto Hostels Training Centre will accept equivalency workshops submitted from Toronto Public Health. Contact: Susan Talusan at stalusa@toronto.ca for Harm Reduction Training.