

Affirmative Practice With LGBTQ+ Populations: The Basics and Beyond

Description

This skills-focused workshop will help providers understand LGBTQ+ population needs and begin delivering safe, inclusive, trauma-responsive, identity-affirming care. Content is evidence-based, accessible, and practice-oriented with a focus on youth and young adult experiences. This workshop empowers professionals to understand the theoretical and empirical underpinnings of affirmative practice and provides strategies for application.

Clinical- focused Outcomes

- Trauma-lens understanding of how rejection and non-affirming interactions/policies harm youth—and how to mitigate with affirming clinical strategies.
- Explore strategies to co-create safety, choice, and empowerment to reduce re-traumatization risk.
- Ability to name and spot minority stress in real cases
- Beginner-level fluency with affirming micro-skills
- Considerations to center hope and resilience in session

Target Participants

Helping professionals working in outpatient, school-based, residential, hospital, and community settings are welcome

Trainer


Professor Shelley L. Craig

Professor, Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work at the University of Toronto

Professor Shelley L. Craig is a Full Professor at the Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work (FIFSW) at the University of Toronto and Canada Research Chair in Sexual and Gender Diverse Youth (SGDY). Her program of research, based on twenty-five years of community and clinical practice, is focused on developing affirmative programs and clinical interventions to cultivate the resilience of SGMY, explore the role of digital technologies on youth mental health and develop competencies in social work. She has developed and tested the first evidence-informed and affirmative interventions for SGDY mental health, such as AFFIRMative Caregiver (for parents and caregivers of SGDY), AFFIRM Pro (peer-led organizational training), as well as AFFIRM Youth and AFFIRM Adult (affirmative cognitive-behavioural group intervention), which have been translated into multiple languages and implemented across the globe. She has published over 150 academic papers, has served as principal investigator on over 37 studies.




Course Code CE20260516
 Course Name Affirmative Practice With LGBTQ+ Populations:
 The Basics and Beyond
 Date May 16, 2026 (Saturday)
 Time 9:30 am - 5:00 pm (6 contact hours)
 Venue The Chinese University of Hong Kong
 Language English
 Class Size 40 participants
 Course Fee HK\$ 1,320
 Application Deadline May 7, 2026




Application

Register online via our website:
<https://web.swk.cuhk.edu.hk/en-gb/continuing-professional-education/programmes-information>



or



Send the following application form to CPE, Department of Social Work, CUHK, Shatin, N.T. Hong Kong with a crossed cheque payable to The Chinese University of Hong Kong

CPD Points for
Registered
Social Workers: 6

Discount Scheme (on or before March 20, 2026)

- 10% (HK\$1,190) discount for Early Bird Registration
- 20% (HK\$1,060) discount for CUHK Department of Social Work's members (Current staff, current students, SWK Alumni Association members, or CPE members)

[20% discount is applicable by POST only]

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 Application Form

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Full Name (English) Mr
 Please tick (V) appropriate boxes Ms

(中文)

Name of Organization: _____ Position: _____ Field: _____

Phone No.: _____ E-mail: _____

Academic Training Background: _____ Highest Educational Level obtained: _____

Payment Information

Cheque No.: _____ Bank name : _____ Amount (HK\$): \$1,320 \$1,190 \$1,060

Membership Yes No;

If Yes, #Staff ID/ Student ID/ Alumni Association membership ID/ CPE Membership No.: _____

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1. Application will be accepted on a first-come-first-served basis.
2. Email notification on application status will be sent to you only when application and payment have been received by the Division of Continuing Professional Education (CPE). It is suggested to first try checking your junk or spam email folders for the missing emails. If they are not there, please contact us if you do not receive any notification after 7 working days.
3. Application is regarded as successful only after a confirmation email is issued to you.
4. Cancellation of course will be announced via email at least one week before the commencement of the course. No separate notification will be issued by post.
5. Course fee is non-refundable or non-transferable to another course once application is confirmed.
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9. Certificate of Attendance will be given to participants who have attained at least 75% attendance of the course.
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