

November 2022

Thank you for your interest in the **Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction (MBSR)** course offered through the *UW Health Mindfulness Program*. MBSR is designed to introduce mindfulness meditation practice as a way of developing greater balance, ease, and fuller participation in your life. Established in 1993, this program is one of over 250 MBSR centers worldwide.

What is mindfulness? Mindfulness is a way of learning to relate directly to whatever is happening in your life rather than operating on “automatic pilot”. Through practice you can more fully experience moments of joy and connection, and find new ways to relate to the illness, pain, and stress that is part of life as well.

What is the class like? The weekly classes include guided instruction in mindfulness meditation practices, gentle yoga, group dialogue and application to experiences of daily living.

What is required of class participants? We ask that participants bring a willingness and commitment to attend weekly classes and take time for home practice each day, supported by a course notebook and audio recordings. Online classes will need access to an internet connection along with a computer or tablet that can run the Zoom application. The online course takes place in live, online sessions that will not be recorded to maintain confidentiality.

Who is this class for? Anyone is welcome who is interested in mindfulness meditation and is willing to engage in the process of exploring and practicing mindfulness formally and informally. Practices are appropriate for people of all backgrounds and beliefs.

Winter 2022 MBSR Schedule

~ Session 1 – Sundays Online

Introductory Session: 2-3pm CT, Sunday, January 16, 2022

Classes: 2-4:30pm CT Sundays, January 23 - March 13, 2022

~ Session 2 – Mondays Online

Introductory Session: 5-6pm CT, Monday, January 17, 2022

Classes: 5-7:30pm CT, Mondays, January 24 - March 14, 2022

~ Session 3 – Tuesdays In-person, UW Health at The American Center,

4602 Eastpark Blvd, Madison, WI

Introductory Session: 5:30-6:30pm CT, Tuesday, January 18, 2022

Classes: 5:30-8pm CT, Tuesdays, January 25 - March 15, 2022

***Day of Mindfulness for all sessions – Saturday, March 5, 2022, 9:30am-3:30pm CT**

To enroll (enrollment is first come, first served)

1. Submit payment *online* or by check (payable to: UWHC/MBSR)
2. Complete and submit registration forms (pages 3-8)

The Winter 2022 class fee of \$450 covers:

- Introductory session
- Eight weekly sessions
- One all-day session (Day of Mindfulness)
- Guided audio recordings and class materials

Financial Support, Insurance, and Refunds

Contact your insurance provider for possible discounts and/or reimbursement. Upon completion of the class, Quartz and other plans may offer points towards wellness programs.

Partial financial assistance is available for those where financial needs complicate their participation. The UW Health Mindfulness Program aspires to make mindfulness training relevant, welcoming, and accessible to all. A supported fee of \$295 is offered for young adults/students, BIPOC participants, and others with financial need. Use coupon code MBSR295 when registering.

Refunds are considered if class is dropped within 24 hours after end of the Introductory Session. This refund policy allows adequate time for us to contact and admit applicants from the waitlist.

Miscellaneous Information

- First and last class sessions sometimes meet for 3 hours.
- Dress comfortably.
- It is advised not to eat a heavy meal right before class.
- Sitting on the floor is not a requirement. There will be opportunities to lie on the floor during class, i.e., during the body scan exercises and gentle yoga. Adaptations will be offered as needed. You may like to have a chair, cushion, yoga mat and/or bolster.

About the Instructors

Cynthia Nordmeyer

- Licensed School Counselor
- Qualified MBSR teacher through University of California San Diego Mindfulness-Based Professional Training Institute

Donald Bialkowski

- completed mindfulness training through the Center for Mindfulness at the University of California San Diego and the UW Health Mindfulness Program
- Licensed Clinical Social Worker

Katherine Bonus

- completed the Professional Training Program and Teacher Developmental Intensive Program at the Center for Mindfulness, University of Massachusetts Medical Center
- completed the Professional Certification Teacher Training Program offered through the Center for Mindfulness in Medicine, Health Care and Society at the University of Massachusetts Medical School

Lisa Thomas Prince

- Public health educator
- trained MBSR instructor through the UW Health Mindfulness Program and the University of California San Diego Center for Mindfulness
- Qualified instructor of MBCP (Mindfulness-based Childbirth and Parenting) and Associate Faculty, Mindful Birthing Foundation

Sarah Shatz

- Qualified MBSR teacher through University of California San Diego Mindfulness-Based Professional Training Institute
- Teacher Training with UW Health Mindfulness Program
- Community Based Social Worker
- Licensed Clinical Social Worker

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MINDFULNESS BASED STRESS REDUCTION PROGRAM

Please indicate class session:

- _____ **Session 1** – Sundays online, 2pm CT
_____ **Session 2** – Mondays online, 5pm CT
_____ **Session 3** – Tuesdays in-person, 5:30pm CT

****Day of Mindfulness for all sessions – Saturday, March 5, 2022, 9:30am-3:30pm CT***

***Thank you for filling out these forms. We realize the personal nature of these questions.
Please know that the completed forms are kept confidential.***

Name: _____

Address: _____
street city/state zip code

E-mail address: _____

Telephone: _____
primary telephone other telephone

Emergency Contact Info: _____
name telephone number

(These items are used for demographic research only):

Age: _____

Racial/Ethnic Identification: _____

Gender: _____ **Pronouns:** _____

How did you become aware of our program? *(complete all that apply)*

Physician/Health Clinic (name) _____ Web Site _____
Previous Class Member (name) _____ Mindfulness Program Brochure _____
Mental Health Counselor/Therapist (name) _____ Other _____

To complete your registration:

1. **Payment:** _____ already paid online at uwhealth.org/mindfulness
_____ check enclosed, payable to: UWHC/MBSR
2. **Submit these forms:** Complete and submit the questionnaire that is included below (pages 3-7) by **Thursday, January 6, 2022**

Return/mail completed forms and full payment (online or check) to:

**Mindfulness Program
UW Health - Research Park
621 Science Drive
Madison WI 53711**

MINDFULNESS BASED STRESS REDUCTION PROGRAM
UW Health Mindfulness Program – Winter 2022

Name: _____

Date: _____

Welcome to the Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction program at UW Health. Please return this completed questionnaire by the indicated date to confirm your registration. All information you provide is kept confidential. The intention with this questionnaire is to invite you to honestly reflect on the circumstances that bring you to the MBSR program, and to help your instructor understand what you are working with as you begin the course.

1. In your own words, what are the “causes” of your stress?
For example, work, relationships, pain etc. Feel free to identify your current worries, challenges and anything else you think is important to consider.

2. What are the helpful and not so helpful ways you are managing stress?

3. Please rate your overall stress level at this point in your life using a 10-point scale.

“1” = stress free, and “10” = stressed to the max.

Place an “X” at the appropriate area on the line below.

“1” _____ “10”

4. Please describe any previous experience you have had with stress reduction, meditation, relaxation, mindfulness, imagery, and other mind-body approaches to healing and health. If you have not had any prior experience, please write “no experience”.

5. What goals would you like to set for yourself in taking this program?

6. What do you care about most in your life?

7. What brings you joy?

8. Has a healthcare provider recommended you take this program?
If so, what is your understanding of the reason for this recommendation?

9. Are you currently involved in a specific medical treatment, or are you working with a psychiatrist or mental health counselor?

10. Please list any other relevant health and/or mental health history that may be helpful for your instructor to know (for example hospitalizations, surgeries, trauma history, or health conditions that could impact your experience in class)

11. Please describe your physical health right now.
For example, sleep quality, diet, smoking, drug, and alcohol use.

12. Please describe your emotional health, your strengths, and challenges.

13. Please describe your support system(s).

14. At the completion of this class, imagining that you do learn what you wanted to learn, what would this look like for you?

~ Please add anything else that is important for the instructor to know about you and your situation.