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**Instructional Level:** Basic

**Educational Format:** Lecture, experiential exercises (e.g., guided meditation), video, discussion

**Learning Objectives**

1. Define the term mindfulness and discuss why it is an important skill in the development of stress resilience.
2. Describe and implement at least one method for practicing mindfulness formally and one method for practicing it informally.
3. Explain how mindfulness practices impact the brain.
Date, Time & Meeting Mode:
Saturday, January 21, 2023
9:00 am - 12:15 pm
(with a 15-minute break)
Via Zoom

Registration Deadline:
Preregistration is required. You must register by the Wednesday prior to the offering (January 18).

Refund Policy:
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