

Essential Skills Series

The *Essential Skills Series* is an introduction to program evaluation and consists of four, one-day foundational workshops. The workshops have been designed by the Canadian Evaluation Society to enhance program evaluation skills and promote the professional practice of evaluation across Canada. There will be opportunities for group exercises and discussion during the workshops. Participant workbooks will be provided for each workshop.

The *Essential Skills Series* is of interest to:

- Newly appointed evaluation or program review officers
- Those who manage evaluation projects within their organizations; and
- Those who would like a refresher course on the main concepts and issues in program evaluation

Note that Intermediate Level workshops are also offered at various times through the year. We strongly recommend taking the Essential Skills Series before attending Intermediate workshops.

Fees: (includes refreshments, lunch & course materials) Student spaces are limited. Proof of student status is required. One student who is willing to assist with hosting may attend at no cost. For this opportunity, contact Elana by Nov. 2, 2009.

CES Members

Per course	\$275.00
All four courses	\$950.00

Non-members

First course*	\$440.00
Subsequent courses	\$275.00
All four courses*	\$1115.00

CES Student Members (full-time students)

Per course	\$110.00
All four courses	\$360.00

Student Non-members (full-time students)

First course*	\$170.00
Subsequent courses	\$110.00
All four courses*	\$420.00

* Fees for non-members include annual membership in the Canadian Evaluation Society.

Registration Form

Name: _____

Organization: _____

Position _____

Please circle sector: Government

Non Profit Org'n Private Sector Org'n

Academic or Research Institution

Other: _____

Experience in Evaluation: _____ year(s)

Mailing Address: _____

Postal Code: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

Cheques are payable to CES Ontario. VISA & MasterCard are also accepted.

Paying by: VISA MasterCard Cheque

Card # _____ Exp. _____

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Signature: _____

Are you a CES member? ___ Yes ___ No

Please register me for:

___ Understanding Program Evaluation

___ Building an Evaluation Framework

___ Improving Program Performance

___ Evaluating for Results



Essential Skills Series

**November 23 – 26, 2009,
Toronto**

Offered by the Ontario Chapter of the
Canadian Evaluation Society

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Our mission is to foster a vibrant evaluation community in Ontario by promoting best practices in evaluation to achieve excellence in public, private, and nonprofit action.

Dedicated to the advancement of evaluation theory and practice.

Understanding Program Evaluation

November 23, 2008

Dr. Arnold Love

Independent Program Evaluation Consultant

- ♦ Terms and concepts used by evaluators
- ♦ Trends in evaluation
- ♦ Benefits and uses of program evaluation
- ♦ The relationship between planning, management and evaluation
- ♦ Major models and types of evaluation
- ♦ Evaluation Standards of Practice
- ♦ How to make evaluations ethical and fair

Building an Evaluation Framework

November 24, 2008

Dr. Arnold Love

Independent Program Evaluation Consultant

- ♦ Considerations when developing an evaluation framework
- ♦ Basic steps for planning and evaluation
- ♦ Methods for needs assessments
- ♦ Methods for evaluability assessments

Improving Program Performance

November 25, 2008

Dr. Paul Favaro

Peel District School Board

- ♦ Terms/concepts in process evaluation
- ♦ Key aspects of program performance
- ♦ Program monitoring strategies
- ♦ Data collection techniques

Evaluating for Results

November 26, 2008

Dr. Paul Favaro

Peel District School Board

- ♦ Measures of program outcomes
- ♦ Outcome monitoring systems
- ♦ Cost-benefit and cost-effectiveness methods
- ♦ Effectively communicating results
- ♦ Enhancing evaluation utilization

To Register

MAIL form with your cheque, or fax VISA or MasterCard information to:

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Essential Skills Series

November 23 - 26, 2009

Registration 8:30, Course 9:00 – 4:30

The sessions will be held at

**Queen's Park, 900 Bay St., Toronto
2nd Floor Macdonald Block,**

Huron Room

Registration Deadline:

November 13, 2009

Register early, space is limited.

Cancellations: We regret that no refunds can be made. However, substitute delegates are welcome.

For more information, contact Elana Gray.

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Biographies of Facilitators for the Essential Skills Series

Arnold Love, Ph.D.

Dr. Arnold Love is an internationally recognized Independent Program Evaluation Consultant based in Toronto, with more than 25 years of experience in evaluation.

Arnold served two terms as President of the Canadian Evaluation Society and in 1996 was a recipient of the CES National Award for Distinguished Contribution to Evaluation. He has received the CES National Award for Contribution to the Canadian Evaluation Society and, in 2005, the CES honoured Dr. Love by making him a Fellow of the Society.

Dr. Love is author of numerous articles and several books in the evaluation field; editor of the Canadian Evaluation Society's *Evaluation Methods Sourcebook Series* and of special issues of *New Directions for Program Evaluation*, the *Canadian Journal of Program Evaluation*, and Harvard University's *Evaluation Exchange* publication.

In addition to his consulting assignments, Arnold teaches evaluation at The Evaluators Institute, the National Centre for Arts and Nonprofit Management at York University, the Centre for Innovative Management at Athabasca University, and other institutions of higher learning around the world.

Paul Favaro, Ph.D.

Dr. Paul Favaro is currently Chief of Assessment and Accountability with the Peel District School Board, Mississauga, Ontario where he is responsible for all research, evaluation, and performance measurement activities.

Paul is author or co-author of numerous articles, chapters and technical reports in the areas of program evaluation and applied measurement. He has conducted numerous professional training workshops in outcome monitoring, performance measurement, and program evaluation for the CES and other professional organizations.

Dr. Favaro has lectured extensively in program evaluation, education, and management science, at York University, the University of Guelph, and the University of Waterloo. He has also conducted numerous professional training workshops in outcome monitoring, performance measurement, and program evaluation for the Canadian Education Society and other professional organizations.

Dr. Favaro has served on Boards of a number of organizations including the Program Evaluation Section of the Canadian Psychological Association, the Canadian Evaluation Society Ontario and National Chapters.