### **Through Thick & Thin**

This educational training course integrates the science and skills needed to understand and relate to others who have difficulties regulating their emotions.

#### **Science**

Learn about recent research on the brain, biology, and the science of emotional functioning

#### **Skills**

Learn behavioral strategies supported by science to most effectively relate to people who struggle with their emotions

Through Thick & Thin is a training course, provided to educate those who love, live with, or need help relating to people who struggle with their emotions. It is not group therapy.

#### **Course Instructors:**



Melissa L. Miller, Ph.D.

is an Assistant Professor in the Cognitive Behavioral Research and Treatment Program, within the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, at Duke University

Medical Center. Dr. Miller has clinical and research expertise in cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT) and dialectical behavioral therapy (DBT), as well as working with family members of individuals with mental illness. Dr. Miller co-developed and directs the Through Thick & Thin program at Duke.

#### **Marissa Howard, LCSW**

Is a Clinical Associate in the Cognitive Behavioral Research and Treatment Program, in the Depart-



ment of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at Duke University Medical Center.

Marissa is an expert assessor in psychiatric research, is a therapist who uses cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT) and acceptance and commitment therapy (ACT) in her practice, and acts as a treatment coordinator by helping individuals and families navigate the mental health system.



# **Duke** University Medical Center

# Through Thick & Thin: Foundational



Course

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A brief educational training course for those who love, live with, or need help relating to people who struggle with their emotions

# **Through Thick & Thin**

September 8th, 2015 - November 3rd, 2015 Tuesdays, 6:00-8:00pm

#### Week 1

Introduction to the course and overview of emotions

#### Week 2

Emotional experience, emotional expression, and environmental response

#### Week 3

Mindfulness and relational mindfulness

#### Week 4

Reducing invalidation and increasing validation

#### Week 5

Using validation in difficult moments

#### Week 6

Observing and setting limits

#### Week 7

Contingency management, reinforcement, and behavioral principles

#### Week 8

Practicing acceptance

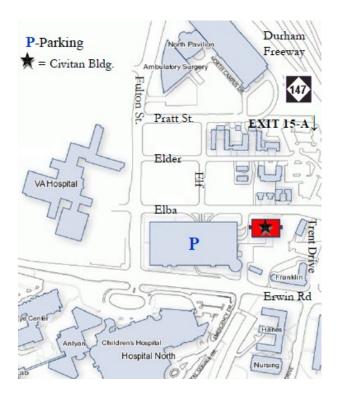
#### Week 9

Synthesizing and moving forward



# Cognitive Behavioral Research and Treatment Program

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#### **Course Cost:**

\$450 for one individual \$750 total for two family members

\*\*\*Registration is required\*\*\*
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\*\*\*Space is limited\*\*\*

To register for this training course or to find out more, please contact Melissa L. Miller, Ph.D.

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