SmartUBC Research on Mindfulness Interventions in Various Contexts

SMART's unique offering is not only the heavily researched MBSR as its foundation (70% of the program content), but the added components of emotion theory training (20%) and forgiveness and compassion training (10%). The SMART program is the most researched mindfulness program for educators, with over eight studies completed on SMART in various locations in Canada and the USA. As well, research on SMART has attracted over \$200,000 in finished grants, with \$3.7 million in additional grant funding pending.

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