

Looking for learning offerings that are relevant to the times?

Have no fear, eLearning@ESDC is here

with a variety of eLearning options that will help you to better understand and respond to our current realities.



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The circumstances over the last several months have been out of the ordinary, to say the least. In March, many ESDC employees were required to work from home and off the departmental network due to the outbreak of COVID-19. To this day, we are still feeling and seeing the effects of the pandemic.

In the spring, we witnessed the renewal of the *Black Lives Matter* movement and protests, following tragic events of anti-Black racism and systemic discrimination in Canada and the United States. There is still much that needs to be done to fight racism and discrimination against Black, Indigenous and People of Colour (BIPOC) in all its forms.

As this summer comes to a close, so does the eLearning@ESDC bulletin. Created in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the bulletin ensured that employees could continue to receive learning options and updates – both on and off the departmental network – no matter the circumstances. We hope that you found the recommended learning options both meaningful and relevant through these trying times.

While the situation around us continues to develop and change, the College is committed to continuing to provide ESDC learners – like you – with learning options that are relevant to the times, and can equip you with the skills you need to serve the diverse Canadian population.

This week's 13th edition of eLearning@ESDC focuses on learning that will help you to better understand and respond to our current realities. This includes providing you with the latest safety updates as COVID-19 restrictions start to lift; helping you better understand BIPOC racism and how to be an ally; and equipping you with tools and resources to ensure good mental health.

DID YOU KNOW?

As ESDC employees and as Canadians, we all have a role to play in fostering an inclusive environment that allows everyone to engage fully and authentically. If you'd like to better understand anti-Black racism, how to address it, and find out how you can make a difference, be sure to check out the panel discussion [Anti-Black Racism and How to Be an Ally](#), available on CSPS's YouTube channel.

Please note: YouTube is temporarily inaccessible on the departmental network, to reserve bandwidth for essential services. This learning content can be accessed off-network.

THIS WEEK'S TOP 5

If you're looking for learning that's relevant to the times, have a look at this week's learning recommendations, which can help you better understand and respond to our current realities. Be sure to have a discussion with your manager before registering.

1. [Your Role in Workplace Diversity](#) (Self-paced, online learning from CSPS)
2. [Overcoming Unconscious Bias in the Workplace](#) (Self-paced, online learning from CSPS)
3. [Mental health Embracing a balanced life everyday stress management](#) (Self-paced, online learning from ESDC)
4. [CSPS Virtual Café Series](#) (online learning series from CSPS)
5. [Easing of COVID-19 Restrictions in the Workplace Series](#) (online learning series from CSPS)

LOOKING FOR MORE LEARNING?

Managers, Executives and Team Leads: You have an important role to play in fostering an inclusive and healthy workplace for your employees and for yourself, too. In light of the current situation, Mental Health is more important now than ever before.

To support you in fulfilling this critical role, a variety of "on demand" Mental Health learning workshops are now available to support you and your team through these challenging times.

Ready to request the Mental Health workshop of your choice? It's simple!

1. Browse [Health Canada's SOS Mental Health Workshops](#) to learn about the available sessions and speakers.
2. Contact the [Workplace Mental Health Team](#) with the following information:
 - The workshop you have selected for you and your team
 - Preferred time of delivery
 - The numbers of participants that will be in attendance

To explore more learning options – like the new [Staying Connected Mental Health Learning Series](#) – visit the [Mental Health Learning](#) iService page.

GUESS WHAT?

ESDC's 2020-2021 National Learning Catalogue and Updated Learning Priorities are now available!

As an ESDC employee, you have access to a wealth of valuable learning opportunities. Check out ESDC's [2020-2021 National Learning Catalogue](#) on iService to browse a wide selection of learning offerings taking place from September – December 2020. Don't forget: The catalogue is updated frequently, so please check back often to stay up-to-date with the latest learning options, as they become available!

Not sure which offerings you'd like to register for? Be sure to have a look at the newly updated [2019-2022 Learning Priorities](#), which reflect departmental and government-wide priorities and can help you to strategically plan your learning. Be sure to talk to your manager before registering for the learning options of your choice.

ON A PERSONAL NOTE...

eLearning@ESDC was created in response to the COVID-19 crisis. As the situation has evolved, so has this bulletin. In this 13th and final edition of eLearning@ESDC, we would like to thank you, learners of ESDC, for tuning in each week! We hope you found the learning recommendations to be valuable, and the bulletin to be a fun escape from the challenging times we are facing, even if only for a few minutes!



Sad to see the bulletin go? Do not fear, because learning will still be here!

We are pleased to announce the launch of the *Connexion Corner* monthly learning bulletin, which will release in September 2020! The College@ESDC is committed to providing you with meaningful and relevant learning recommendations, so be sure to keep an eye out for the first ever edition of *Connexion Corner*, coming this fall.

Don't forget! You can catch up on past editions of eLearning@ESDC at any time. All editions of eLearning@ESDC can be found on the [Learning Never Stops](#) page on iService (on network), the eLearning@ESDC page on [GCcollab](#) (on and off network) and on [Google Drive](#) (off network).



Do you have questions related to learning at ESDC? If so, be sure to contact us at NC-COLLEGE-GD@servicecanada.gc.ca and we would be more than happy to answer any queries you may have. You may even get the chance to have your question featured in *Connexion Corner*!