

## Hosting a Validation Worker Course FAQ's

**Who can host a Validation course?** Anyone/organization with the resources to advertise the course, acquire a place for the class to meet, hire a certified Validation teacher and provide necessary logistical support.

**How long does a course last?** Courses typically are typically 10 months long. The students meet every two months for a two day session for a total of 5 sessions for the Worker course. The sessions are 6-8 hours long depending on class size.

**Where should I host a Validation course?** Courses can be held in places that have a quiet, nurturing learning environment that offers a secure place for confidential matters to be discussed. Access to TV screens, DVD players, projection equipment, tables and chairs, a controlled climate is needed. Easy access to mass transportation to make it easy for people to travel to and around the town is also helpful.

**How do I find/hire a Certified Validation Teacher?** If you live in Europe contact Vicki de Klerk at [vdeklerk@vvalidation.org](mailto:vdeklerk@vvalidation.org) in the US contact Jana Stoddard at [jana@vvalidation.org](mailto:jana@vvalidation.org) and they can recommend a Certified Validation Teacher.

**How much does a Certified Validation Teacher charge?** Depending on their experience, Validation teachers charge \$400-\$800 per day, plus transportation, hotel rooms, and meals. This information is included in their contract.








**How many people can take a Validation course at one time?** Up to twenty people can take a course, but no less than 10 should take the course.

**How much should I charge people?** You should charge enough to cover the cost of bringing in a teacher to your location 5 times for two days and other related expenses. Currently prices range from \$799-\$1,250 depending on who is hosting the course.

**What should I tell people who ask for more information about the course I'm hosting?** They need to know the following which can be placed in a brochure:

Dates of the course, location, start and end times, name and credentials of the teacher, and how the course can benefit the potential students.

### The course requires:

-  Weekly fieldwork with people in 4 phases.
-  Access to computer (not essential)
-  Computer competence in MS Word (not essential)
-  Email capabilities (not essential)
-  Access to video camera and a willingness to tape themselves.
-  Must pass written and practical tests.
-  Attendance is mandatory for all class dates specified.

In order to receive a certificate the student must do all the required fieldwork and reports, attend all the classes and pass the written and practical tests.

**Should I offer continuing education units or CEU's?** If you have the time to apply for them (90 days in advance of the start of the course) and have the finances, you should since people will be more apt to sign up for the course if they can get educational credit for it. Typically, nurses, social workers, nursing home administrators, activity therapists, occupational and physical therapists typically sign up for courses that offer continuing education units.

**What if I can't offer CEU's?** If you can't offer CEU's, then offer certificate of attendance with the name of the attendee and course, date, location, teacher name, sponsoring organization name, and the director of the hosting organization's name and signature.