Training Your Focus - Mindfulness Meditation

Breath Meditation Exercise

- 1. Set a timer on your phone for 10 minutes
- 2. Sit in a chair comfortably with a straight back
- 3. Close your eyes
- 4. Breathe normally
- 5. On the in-breath, say "IN" in your mind
- 6. On the out-breath, say "OUT" in your mind
- 7. As your breathing, try to feel the breath entering your body and exiting your body notice it and be aware of it
- 8. If your mind wanders, that is normal. Just bring it back to noticing your IN and OUT breath
- 9. Do this until the timer on your phone goes off

You can also use various guided meditation apps:

- Insight Timer (FREE)
 - o Click on the headphones icon at the bottom of the screen
 - Click on Guided Meditations
 - o For how much time do you have, click on the 6 10 minutes button
 - You will see a list of various types of short meditations. Breathing meditations are good to start with
 - You can use the Search feature to find "body scan" meditations which are also good
 - o Teachers: Al Jeffery, Kate James, Annemaree Rowley
 - Breathing meditations
 - Body scan
 - Loving Kindness meditation
- Calm
- Headspace
- Primed Mind
- UCLA Mindful Awareness Research Center (https://www.uclahealth.org/marc/mindful-meditations)