

HIGHER CERTIFICATE IN APPLIED ADDICTION STUDIES

Course Objective

The two year part-time Higher Certificate in Applied Addiction Studies was developed in partnership with Athlone Institute of Technology. Successful completion of the course can lead to a one year part-time BA in Applied Addiction Studies. Both courses are HETAC accredited. The courses additionally satisfy the Training and Education criteria set down by the Irish Association of Alcohol and Addiction Counsellors (IAAAC) for professional accreditation as an Addiction Counsellor. On completion of this course, and providing all other criteria are fulfilled (supervision and clinical work experience), successful participants will be able to seek professional accreditation as an Addiction Counsellor with the IAAAC.

Addiction services are provided in a continuously changing and complex environment. The Addiction professional must be able to respond to these changing needs and demands. In summary, this course aims:

- To provide students with a framework and understanding of addiction theories;
- To develop skills and competencies so that individuals can engage and support others in all areas of addiction;
- To develop an understanding of special needs within the area of addiction;
- To provide an understanding of the role of social policy and context in addiction service provision;
- To promote the values of the reflective practitioner.

Course Content

YEAR 1	YEAR 2
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Framework for Understanding Addiction• Core Conditions of Addiction Counselling• Introduction to Communication and Research• Eating Disorders• Addiction and Loss• Working with Change in Addiction• Community, Social, Cultural Perspectives in Addiction	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Understanding Drugs• Psychotherapeutic Approaches to Addiction• Models of Treatment in Addiction• Group Facilitation Skills• Addiction and Abuse• Behavioural Addictions• Relapse Management

Additionally, as part of the Higher Certificate in Applied Addiction Studies students are required to complete two placement modules of 50 hours each year. On successful completion of the Higher Certificate in Addiction Studies, students can continue their studies on the Bachelor of Arts (Ordinary) Degree in Applied Addiction Studies.

Entry Requirements

- A minimum of 23 years of age.
- Leaving Cert or equivalent or relevant professional experience.
- Application and interview

FURTHER INFORMATION

For detailed course brochure:
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Key Information

DURATION	2 years, part-time Lectures take place on Friday from 2pm to 10pm, a number of weekend workshops will also take place
QUALIFICATION	Higher Certificate in Applied Addiction Studies
COST	€3,950 per academic year
START DATE	September 2008

