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## **MU CERTIFICATE in ADDICTION STUDIES** **2020-2021 - Rathnew, Co. Wicklow**

### **Course Contents**

The course focuses on introducing participants to current debates on addiction. On completion, participants will have become familiar with contemporary addiction theory as well as prevention and treatment frameworks and strategies. They will have explored associated issues such as public policy, factual information on substance misuse, gender issues and harm reduction to name but a few. The teaching methods utilise blended learning with adult education techniques, which involve active participation, critical debate and a focus on social action. These methodologies are frequently challenging, committing participants to explore their own attitudes, beliefs and current practices.

### **Objectives of this course**

- To provide a quality certified course in addiction studies that is affordable and adapted to suit local needs.
- To target voluntary, community and statutory local people involved in community based activities in the region.
- To offer opportunities for course participants to discuss and debate current drug and addiction issues with others from differing backgrounds in a supportive learning environment.
- To challenge attitudes, gain knowledge and raise awareness of addiction and its effect.
- To increase participants' understanding of the concept of addiction, its historical context and background and relate it to everyday life.
- To offer networking and educational opportunities for participants to enhance their current and future work.

### **Entry and Selection Requirements**

Participants must be 21 years or over. No formal pre-requisite qualification is necessary, but applicants must satisfy the educational authorities involved that they have the capacity to participate fully in all aspects of the course including written assignments at QQI level 7 standard. Access to internet and a computer will be required.

The course aims to have a broad mix of participants from voluntary, community and statutory organisations as well as those involved in local communities encountering drug or alcohol related issues in the course of their work. Following receipt of completed application forms, applicants will be invited for interview. Preference may be given to applicants connected to the South/Southeast Dublin and Wicklow communities.

### **Assessment Procedure**

Participants will be expected to submit group and individual assignments including a personal learning journal as part of the accreditation process. A minimum attendance of 85% and full participation is also required. Further details relating to course modules are available on <http://www.mu.ie>

### **Duration**

The course is of 100 hours duration and will run from September to May. This comprises weekly classes, podcasts, pre-reading materials and tutorial groups as well as seminars.

**Venue:** Community Centre, St. Brigid's Hall, Rathnew, Co. Wicklow and online

**Day & Time:** Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (term time) – except seminars and tutorials.

**Cost:** The fee is €600 per participant. This cost includes Maynooth University registration required for full student IT access and final certification. Some part bursaries may be available subject to SICAP conditions. Attendees will be required to provide their own facemask and sanitiser solution/cloths (per government guidelines) for any venue attendances.

### **Course Organiser/Tutor**

A working group of County Wicklow Partnership and the East Coast Regional Drugs and Alcohol Task Force is organising the course. Accredited tutors along with a number of specialist speakers and guests will deliver on the modules

Module 1	Groupwork and Facilitation Skills/Reflective Learning
Module 2	Substance Misuse and Dependence
Module 3	Drug & Alcohol Misuse in Contemporary Ireland
Module 4	Approaches to Prevention, Treatment & Rehabilitation

### **Accreditation**

The course is delivered at a **QQI level 7** standard. Successful completion of the course and submission of prescribed assignments, will lead to an award of the **MU Certificate in Addiction Studies** from Maynooth University.

### **Application**

Informal enquiries relating to any aspect of the course or its contents should be directed to Mary Millett (**087-6440693**) or Maeve Shanley (**01- 274 4132**) or [ecrdatf@gmail.com](mailto:ecrdatf@gmail.com)

For course application forms, please see [www.wicklowpartnership.ie](http://www.wicklowpartnership.ie) or request from the above sources.

*Closing date for applications: Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2020 at 4 p.m.*