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# QQI Level 8 Minor Award: Certificate in Clinical Work with Substance Using Clients Studies

The aim of this minor Award is to provide participants with a basis on which to develop their therapeutic understanding of the theoretical and clinical considerations of substance use.

## **Introduction**

Substance use in Ireland is on an upward trajectory. According to the Health Research Board (2020), 7% of respondents have used an illegal drug in the past year, and one in five drinkers have an alcohol use disorder. Substance use in Ireland is on the rise and those who wish to work with clients in distress must understand the issue and be armed with interventions that are unique to treating it.

## **Who Should Apply**

This programme is suitable for counsellors and psychotherapists who hold either a Level 8 Degree in Counselling and Psychotherapy; or who hold a professional recognised diploma in Counselling and Psychotherapy plus a minimum of a Level 8 degree in another relevant field. Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) can also be considered for entry and should be discussed with the college.

## **Course Structure**

This programme is delivered via Blended Learning with 2 days on site in our Tallaght Campus and 2 days online via Zoom.

The core syllabus includes the following themes:

- Drug Classification and Pharmacology.
- Etiological understandings of addiction including behavioural and disease models.
- Societal and individual attitudes toward those impacted by substance use/addiction and the consequences of prejudicial and discriminatory values.
- Models of intervention:
  - Assessment of Substance Use.

- Cognitive Behavioural Therapy w/substance using clients.
- Community Reinforcement Approach w/substance using clients.
- Motivational Interviewing w/substance using clients.
- Abstinence Models w/substance using clients.
- Harm Reduction w/substance using clients.
- The Wheel of Change.
- Dual Disorders.

**Dates:**

- Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2024 9:00am – 5.00pm – Classroom
- Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2024 9:00am – 5:00pm – Online
- Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2024 9:00am – 5:00pm - Online
- Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2024 9:00am – 5:00pm - Classroom

**Award:**

- This programme is a Minor Award validated by QQI at level 8 on the NFQ.

**Cost:**

- €705.00
- A €211.50 deposit can be paid to secure your place on this course, with the balance due before the course commences.

**For further information visit our website** [Certificate in Clinical Work with Substance Using Clients Studies - IICP College](#)

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