



NUI DIPLOMA IN ADDICTION STUDIES

The Diploma in Addiction Studies (Level 8) facilitates participants to develop a theoretical understanding of substance use and related issues and to critically appraise current evidence-based practice in relation to substance use interventions while locating substance use within its social, political and cultural contexts. The Diploma also supports participants to explore personal and professional issues as they pertain to work in the field of substance misuse. Participants develop groupwork, facilitation skills and reflective practice competencies for self care, whilst exploring research methodologies related to working with substance misuse in community settings. The course is delivered in six distinct modules, through an adult education methodology, including lectures, presentations experiential group processes, skills practice and participatory group discussion.

- Drug and Alcohol Policy
- Social Analysis: Beyond Deviance in Modern Society
- Groupwork, Facilitation Skills and Reflective Practice
- Interventions Skills
- Prevention Education: Theory & Practice
- Study Skills and Student Support

WHO IS THIS QUALIFICATION FOR?

This course is aimed at people already working or seeking to work in drug and alcohol services or related disciplines:

- Community and Youth workers, Gardaí, Teachers,
- Social and Health Care workers including doctors and nurses, care centre managers,
- Counsellors and psychotherapists.
- Policymakers.
- Project or outreach workers and practitioners in various services that deal with people experiencing problems with Drugs and Alcohol or Homelessness.

HOW TO APPLY?*

Please contact kay.loughlin@mu.ie by Tuesday 30 April 2024.

DATES, VENUES AND FEES

The course will commence in September 2024 and will run every Friday 10.00am - 5.00pm + 1 Saturday per month 10.00am - 5.00pm. until the end date in May 2025.

Venue: Maynooth University Campus

Cost 3280 euros. A Fee Easy Payment Plan is available once registration is completed.

Part time students who are on courses at levels 6 to 10 on the framework of qualifications may be eligible to for the Student Assistance Fund (SAF) to help with the associated costs of attending a university course such as Travel, Childcare, Utilities, Materials etc. Once registered to this course you should first consult: [SAF Guidelines](#) to see if you qualify and then e-mail student.budget@mu.ie to make further enquiries.

CPD & PROGRESSION

Credits from both the NUI Certificate in Addiction Studies and the Diploma in Addiction Studies can be used for Recognition of Prior Learning to go towards the Degree in Community Studies.

*Students must be 21 year of age or over on 1 January 2024.