

# COMMUNITY ADDICTION STUDIES



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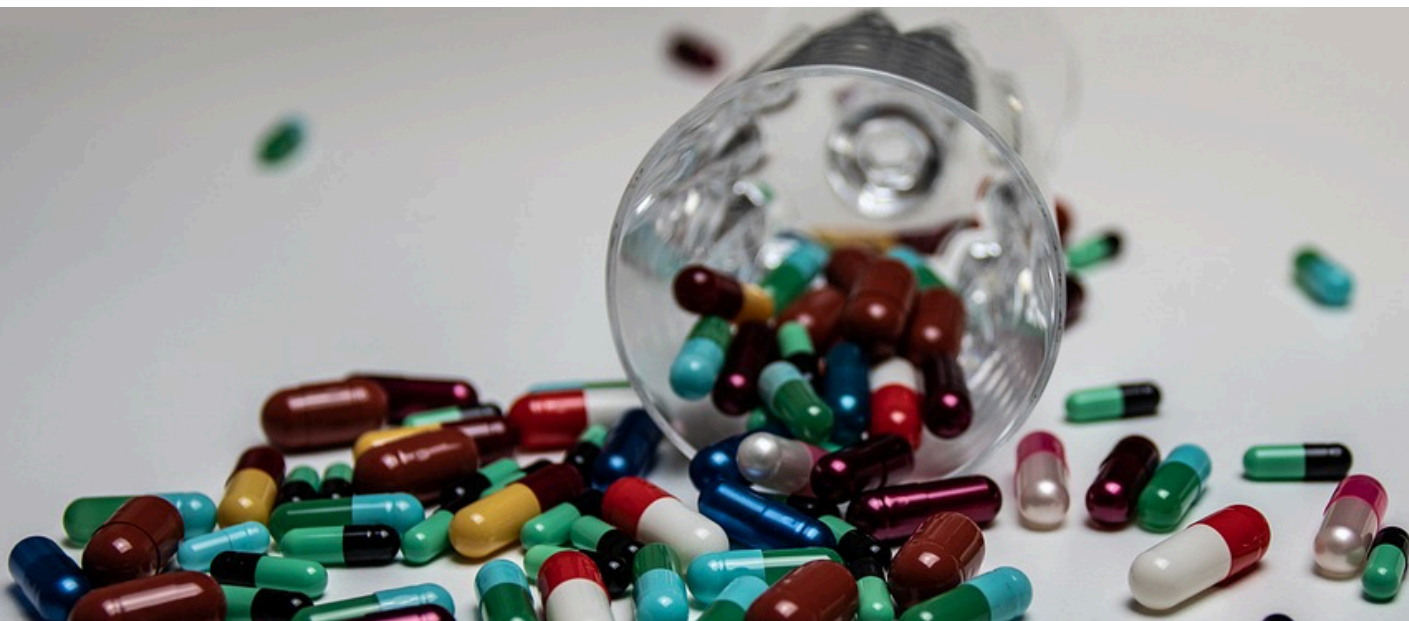
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## *QQI level 5 Accredited Certificate Component*

*This course provides an excellent grounding in alcohol and other drug studies. It's a fundamental knowledge base for those working in the field of alcohol and other drugs or coming into contact with alcohol and other drugs as part of their work. The course is applicable to a wide range of professional and non- professionals.*

## TOPICS

- Theories of addiction
- The family & the impact of problem substance use
- The media and addiction
- Brief psychosocial interventions
- Gambling addiction
- Drug types & effects: Cocaine , Cannabis, NPS, heroin, MDMA, OTCs etc.
- Hidden Harm / Trauma



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This module of study provides the learner with a broad spectrum understanding of the issues pertaining to alcohol and other drug use in our communities and families. The course involves 54 taught hours and 96 self-directed learning hours. The course covers the following topics:-

## **Theories of Addiction**

This topic enables students develop an integrative theoretical knowledge of the complex social, psychological and biological issues involved in the development and maintenance of problematic alcohol and other drug use on the continuum including addictive and process addiction behaviours.

## **The Family and the Impact of Problem Substance Use**

This topic provides an insight into the complex experiences within the family unit when there exists problem substance use.

## **The Media and Addiction**

This topic enables the student to consider the complex social relationship with alcohol and other drugs, the stereotypical presentation of issues and the marketing of psychoactive substances. All of this contributes to our own personal perspectives among other things.

## **Brief Psychosocial Interventions**

This topic introduces psychosocial interventions and the evidence in support of these interventions in alcohol and other drug use.

## **Gambling Addiction**

Process addiction does not involve a substance, however the consequences of gambling addiction can be exceptionally difficult. This topic covers process addiction.

## **Drugs**

Science and technology is ever developing so is the manufacture and distribution of brand new psychoactive substances. An in-depth examination of all the different types of drugs, their effects and harms

## **Hidden Harm / Trauma**

Harm experienced as a child growing up in an environment of problem substance use, domestic violence and mental health issues can have a profound impact on a person. This topic explores the issues can lead to traumatic experiences and how that may impact on people.



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## LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. Explain the process of addiction in the context of different categories of drugs and their effects on the individual.
2. Outline the effects and impacts of addiction on individuals, families and communities.
3. Analyse addiction in the context of its emotional dimensions and family dynamics.
4. Outline the trends in drug use in Ireland with a specific focus on drugs used and patterns of drug use in the local community.
5. Identify the key agencies, national and local, that respond to addiction, focusing on strategies, interventions and supports available to individuals and families.
6. Undertake and present research on an issue of addiction at community level.
7. Critically assess a range of responses to addiction in communities which target interventions at different stages of the process of addiction in terms of their intervention strategies and effectiveness.
8. Situate different responses and/or interventions within the context of a model of understanding change within the process of addiction.
9. Critically analyse the role of the media in its treatment of addiction issues.
10. Critically reflect on own values and attitudes and values to addiction in order to identify ways in which to become better involved in developing responses to addiction at a local level.



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## Mode of attendance

This is a blended learning course; you will need access to a computer and good broadband to participate in the online classes. On this timetable you will see online which means the session will be delivered via zoom. You will be expected to attend the class in Carrick on Shannon. **\*Dates and locations may be subject to change.**

September	Time	in person / online
Wednesday 10th	2-5pm	In person
Wednesday 17th	2-5pm	In person
Wednesday 24th	2-5pm	In person
<b>Thursday 25th</b>	2-5pm	<b>Online</b>

October	Time	in person / online
Wednesday 1st	2-5pm	In person
Wednesday 8th	2-5pm	In person
Wednesday 15th	2-5pm	<b>Online</b>
Wednesday 22nd	2-5pm	In person
Thursday 23rd	2-5pm	<b>Online</b>

November	Time	in person / online
Wednesday 5th	2-5pm	In person
Wednesday 12th	2-5pm	In person
<b>Wednesday 19th</b>	2-5pm	<b>Online</b>
Wednesday 26th	2-5pm	In person
<b>Thursday 27th</b>	2-5pm	<b>Online</b>

December	Time	in person / online
Wednesday 3rd	2-5pm	In person
<b>Wednesday 10th</b>	2-5pm	<b>Online</b>
Wednesday 17th	2-5pm	In person

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