

EDAS Training

Access to HE Diploma in Practitioner in Substance Misuse

This course aims to provide students with a broad, evidence-based framework within which to develop their practice as skilled, creative and competent drug and alcohol practitioners.

It combines placement practice with classroom teaching.

Benefits for individuals:

Are you looking to improve your training in substance misuse and potentially progress with enough qualifications to undertake a degree at University in Social Work, Occupational Health, Mental Health or similar?

EDAS is working alongside our local University to provide access routes for learners to undertake degree courses. Why don't you be a part of something special and step on that learning ladder today?

Achievement of the qualification will contribute to the professional development needs of:

- Specialist drug and alcohol workers
- Generic workers who have a substance misuse function within their portfolio of responsibilities, for example social workers, youth workers,
- Generic workers, who have occasional substance misuse functions, for example prison officers, teachers, probation officers.

For further information on this course and others, email:
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on 01202 743279 or go to www.edasuk.org/training



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Come and learn in a relaxing, yet challenging way that provokes thinking and deliberation about current practice and how you can increase awareness and improve delivery of your clinical skills with like-minded people and colleagues.



Why study for this award?

The need to have a competent and motivated workforce, delivering evidence based treatments is central to maintaining the delivery of a successful and efficient treatment system. Therefore, this course is a skills framework that is a recovery orientated model of drug and alcohol treatment which shows clear evidence to National Occupational Standards (DANOS), Health

and Social Care Suite (HSC), and NICE clinical guidance.



Progression and career opportunities

This professionally recognised qualification will provide you with a solid platform to *apply for University degree courses in Health & Social Care related subjects, as the placement aspect in EDAS or another drug service, will provide the applicant with hands-on experience in case management and clinical delivery.

*(GCSE Maths, English & Science Grade C and above are not a prerequisite for the Access Diploma Course with EDAS but they may be entry requirements for some degree courses at University).



A large team of highly qualified tutors has been assembled, with the aim of providing a varied and systematic grounding in all issues related to drug/alcohol problems.

Alcoholism is a multifactorial and heterogeneous disorder with biopsychosocial components. The interplay between genetic, environmental and psychiatric factors cannot be overemphasized. With this in mind our tutors include doctors, counsellors and psychologists.

EDAS are in a position to offer a number of part-time work placements. Students can also arrange their own placement at their own place of work, or an alternative agency if they so wish.

A particular emphasis is given to exploring the nature of resistance and methods of facilitating change. The formal teaching component includes the complete practitioner's basic training course in Motivational Interviewing followed by reflective practice and the full use of reflective practice transforms through into supervision.

All students will be provided with a comprehensive support structure, including a personal tutor, as well as clinical and group supervision.

Testimonials from past students and External Verifiers

'EDAS training should be a legacy for other providers to follow'

'I can't thank EDAS enough for the fabulous training opportunity and the knowledge and confidence this course has given me. I am now applying to University to be a Social Worker'.

'Having been in treatment, I could never imagine completing a UCAS form and now I am ...its amazing!!!'



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Suitable for anyone interested in working with people with drug and alcohol problems. Highly suitable for those already working in the field, using current employment as placement experience.

Applicants must be able to demonstrate the ability to structure academic writing to a proficient standard.

All applicants must be 18 years or above.



HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

There are a number of assignments in the form of essays, reports, reflective reviews and presentations.

COURSE DATES



Date (STC)	Unit Title	Level	Credit value
Unit one	Introduction to Drug and Alcohol Awareness & Pharmacology of Drug Use	3	3
Unit two	Theoretical Approaches in Substance Misuse	3	3
Unit three	Individual Counselling Skills in Substance Misuse	3	3
Unit four	Individual Counselling Dynamics in Substance Misuse Work	3	3
Unit five	Assessment, Treatment Planning and Treatment Options in Substance Misuse Work	3	3
Unit six	Motivational Interviewing Practitioner's Training: 'Spirit and Engagement' Process	3	3
Unit seven	Motivational Interviewing Practitioner's Training: Focussing & Evoking Processes	3	3
Unit eight	Motivational Interviewing Practitioner's Training: Planning Process and Reflection on Practice	3	3
Unit nine	Supervision and Professional Ethics in Substance Misuse	3	3
Unit ten	Case Management in Substance Misuse Work	3	3
Unit eleven	Mental Health Issues in Substance Misuse	3	3
Unit twelve	Placement Preparation and Observation in the Substance Misuse Field	3	3
Unit thirteen	Placement Structures and Processes in the Substance Misuse Field	3	3
Unit fourteen	Group Work Facilitation	3	3
Unit fifteen	Group work Models	3	3
	Health & Safety Legislation		
	Placement Reflection		
	Course assessment leading to portfolio submission		
Ongoing throughout learning journey	5 Academic Preparation Skills units will be taught throughout to support your academic learning (i.e. Academic Writing Skills, Creative Presentation and Critical Thinking)	2	15

COURSE FEE

Fees are £750.00

Fees payable in weekly or monthly standing orders, or as a whole sum.

Please discuss this when enrolling.

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