

Level 5 Diploma in Substance Misuse Theory & Assessment Skills (SMTAS)

About the Course

This course is for individuals who want to gain **specialist knowledge and skills** to assess and work with individuals with **substance misuse issues**. It is aimed at those who are working in the drug/alcohol field or whose work brings them into contact with individuals with drug/alcohol issues.

The course is the first of its kind in Northern Ireland. It is a Level 5 qualification on the National Qualification Framework (NQF) (pending accreditation). This means it can be used as Continuing Professional Development or as a progression route to further study

Course Content

Candidates will undertake modules in the following areas:

- Context and trends in Substance Misuse
- Models of Treatment (including Pharmacological)
- Motivational Interviewing
- Assessment Tools/Psychometrics
- The Therapeutic relationship and its impact on substance misuse interventions
- Ethics
- Working with Trauma
- Impact of substance misuse on the family

Course Requirements (to be completed during the course)

- Assignments
- Completed Portfolio
- 90% attendance
- **Fees:** £1550 (including £200 deposit) (this includes registration fees)

Course Outcome

As a result of the course candidates will be able to demonstrate:

- A multi-theoretical approach to assessing and working with substance misuse issues

About HURT

- We are a community based addiction treatment centre with premises in Derry & Strabane
- We offer support to individuals and families affected by substance misuse through a holistic care plan
- We deliver community based preventative/education initiatives on substance misuse issues
- For more information: <https://hurtni.org.uk>

Entry Requirements

In order to join the course you will need:

- To demonstrate Competency in English
- Application form and interview to be completed
- A personal and professional reference

Dates & Times

The course will be delivered over 10 weekend beginning 29/30 April 2017

(This is subject to sufficient numbers)

Payment Plan now available

If you are interested in applying for the course or would like any more information on other courses offered by HURT, please contact Dessie Kyle, Centre Manager, HURT on 02871 369696 or dessie@hurtni.org.uk

