

INTRODUCTION

This qualification is appropriate for the widest possible range of candidates, from the general public to those working with substance users, who wish to gain a broad and objective understanding of the causes and consequences of substance misuse. More specifically this qualification will be of great interest to those working or volunteering in a variety of fields who may come into contact with those involved in, or affected by, substance use. It is therefore useful to those who need general background knowledge or as a progression route for those who wish to work in a more specialised substance use role.

WHAT WILL I DO?

The aim of this course is to:

- understand drug use/misuse
- recognise and respond to drug use/misuse
- communication with young people about drugs
- work with communities
- solvents and volatile substance abuse
- awareness of issues concerning alcohol and young people
- blood borne infections related to drug use/misuse

Each candidate is required to attend a pre-course interview. They will create a portfolio of evidence, which demonstrates the achievement of all the learning outcomes associated with each unit.

HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE

10 weeks, one evening per week. Students will attend sessions, workshops, tutorials and tutor led lectures for 3 hours per week. Students are expected to complete a further 5 hours home study per week.

ENTRY QUALIFICATIONS

Candidates should be at least 16 years of age and have the minimum levels of literacy and numeracy necessary to comply with the Health and Safety aspects of the qualification and the completion of the evidence requirements. Evidence of experience and/or knowledge in substance misuse would be an advantage.

WHERE COULD IT LEAD

This course may be useful to those working in health and social care environments, or seeking to pursue employment in substance abuse-related projects or settings. May also be useful to counsellors, youth workers, residential care settings, social work and other guidance roles. Learners could also progress to other courses in care, teaching or counselling.

FEES

A course fee of approximately £292 applies.

ADDITIONAL COSTS

There is a registration fee of £42.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For more information contact emma-mor@boston.ac.uk

HOW TO APPLY

You can apply for this course by applying [online](#), by filling out an application form from the College prospectus or by contacting the Information Officer on 01205 313218 for further information. The Information on this Course Information Sheet is correct at time of print, but can be subject to change at anytime.

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