



**Certificate in Addiction Studies Merchants Quay Ireland
September 2018—November 2018**

Course Description

Merchants Quay Ireland is pleased to offer a 12-week Certificate in Addiction Studies commencing September 2018 to November 2018. This programme will equip students with the requisite skills, knowledge, and theory base to empower participants to respond more effectively to the issues of drug use and addiction. The course is for anyone with a serious interest in the area of substance use and who interacts in either a paid or voluntary capacity with people who may have addiction problems.

Facilitator

Mr Peter Kelly
Training Officer
Merchants Quay Ireland

Schedule

14th September 2018 to 30th November 2018; part time 12×weeks
Friday mornings 10 a.m.—1 p.m.

Cost

€500.00

€50.00 **non-refundable** to secure your place on the programme

Awarded by

Merchants Quay Ireland

How to Apply

Course application forms are attached to this advertisement, and can also be obtained by contacting Carmel Kelly in Merchants Quay @ 01-5240973/01-5240934 and can also be got from Peter Kelly, Training Officer at Merchants Quay Ireland peter.kelly@mqi.ie or by contacting Peter at 01-5240936.

Closing Date for Applications Friday 25th May 2018

More Information

For further information and application forms please contact Peter Kelly on 01- 5240936, or email: peter.kelly@mqi.ie



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Course Objectives

- Become familiar with the main divisions of psychoactive substances, their common effects and the distinctions between drug use, misuse, and drug dependence.
- Have developed an understanding of the principles and practices of harm reduction and their use as a mode of intervention with problem drug use.
- Have gained an understanding of primary health care perspectives regarding problem drug use particularly in the area of safe injecting techniques and the protocols that underpin it.
- Know the basics of modern pharmacological research and the effects of both legal and non-legal drugs on the brain and central nervous system.
- Have an appreciation of psychodynamic perspectives and be able to reflect on the role of unconscious processes in addiction
- Be aware of the key decisions in terms of ethics, boundaries, and contracts that need to be addressed in structuring a helping relationship.
- Have gained a good understanding of Motivational Interviewing, its theoretical underpinnings, influence, and development.
- Will have achieved a level of competency in the core skills and be able to begin, maintain, and conclude a helping intervention.
- Have an understanding of the Wheel of Change and be able to situate the cycles of drug/alcohol use within its framework.
- Will have developed a proficiency in the areas of reflective listening, dealing with resistance/ambivalence, the development of discrepancy, promoting client self-efficacy, and working towards change.

Teaching Methodologies

The course is designed in such a way as to

- facilitate learners to achieve learning outcomes
- maintain a learner centred ethos
- provide opportunities for action and reflection in a balanced way
- encourage critical reflection.

This requires the use of a range of teaching methodologies including:

- lecturing
- small group work
- use of role-play, and demonstrations
- case studies
- group discussions
- practical exercises



**Certificate in Addiction Studies Merchants Quay Ireland
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Please complete this application form and return it to the address below.

NAME: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____
ADDRESS: _____

TEL (HOME): _____ TEL (WORK): _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____
ORGANISATION (IF ANY) & ADDRESS:

Why would you like to do this course? (fifty words max)

Please state your present or previous involvement in voluntary work, community work, professional/work involvement or other interest that involves substance use. (Please use a separate sheet if necessary).

Please list any previous academic or other qualifications you hold (if any).

Where did you hear of this programme?

A non-refundable fee of €50 is required to secure your place on the programme, payable to Merchants Quay Ireland and should be returned with this form.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

Return to: **Peter Kelly, Training Officer, MQI Training Department, 24 Merchants Court, Merchants Quay, Dublin 8.** For more details contact: Peter Kelly, Dublin Course Co-ordinator, 01-5240936 and/or peter.kelly@mqi.ie