



Certificate in Addiction Counseling

Course Overview

This program is for individual who wants a specialized focus in addiction, treatment and recovery work. The understanding of the addiction process will enhance the effectiveness of counselors, teachers, social workers and other mental health workers since addictions permeate all segments of our society and family life.

Course Outcomes

On successful completion of the course, individual will be able to:

- Understand and apply a knowledge base that includes the biological, psychological, social and spiritual aspects of addiction and recovery
- Counsel and advocate for clients with addiction from a variety of socioeconomic levels, ethnic backgrounds and functional abilities
- Access appropriate community resources to enhance the psychosocial functioning of clients
- Integrate personal values and professional responsibilities in the field of addiction prevention and treatment

Admission Requirements

- Applicants should be at least 18 years of age
- Possess at least 3 'O' level credits from a recognized institution of learning
- In lieu of the required academic qualifications, mature applicants may be considered on an individual basis
- Admission interview is required
- Currently working or volunteering in any human helping professions

Course Objectives

Students who complete this program will enhance their employment opportunities in the field of working with individuals with addiction problems.

Upon completion of the proposed certificate program, individuals will be:

- Able to identify physical and psychological effects from the different addictions
- Knowledgeable about physical and psychological withdrawal symptoms of the different addictions
- Aware of treatment concerns when working with individuals with addiction problems
- Able to demonstrate skills in applying theoretical orientation to the prevention and/or treatment of individuals struggling with addiction
- Able to review and demonstrate various assessment instruments and intake procedures appropriate for working with different addictions
- Knowledgeable on the treatment issues and methods used for addictions

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Assessment:

Students will be required to:

- Meet 80% attendance requirement
- Satisfy completion of the clinical hours
- Complete individual module assignments
- Complete other related assignments and projects

On successful completion of this and the other course requirements, individual will be awarded a Certificate in Addiction Counseling by the Asia Institute of Professional Psychology.

Courses Required

AC 5001	Introduction to Addictions
AC 5002	Treatment Planning and Case Management
CP 5002	Counseling Skills
CP 5009	Understanding Psychopathology
MFT 5001	Systems Counseling
CP 5003	Group Theory and Process
CP 5004	Assessment and Diagnostic Skill
CP 5005	Counseling the Special Populations
CP 5006	Professional Seminar
AC 5007	Practicum
AC 5008	Internship

Required total hours: 108 hours

Hours spent in field placements are not included

Course Duration

Part-time: 10-12 months

Classes are generally on Saturdays, some Sundays and some weekdays

Course Fee: S\$5,000

Different payment plans are available