

NSW Health/Macquarie University Drug Crime Diversion Postgraduate Module

PROJECT BACKGROUND AND BRIEF

National Illicit Drug Diversion Initiative (IDDI) funds have been made available for this project through the Council of Australian Government's IDDI Agreement. A team from Macquarie University has been engaged to design, development, deliver a Postgraduate Module and Placement scheme, which has drug and alcohol (AOD) and Drug Crime Diversion content.

The Module Scheme project is designed to attract potential postgraduate students into the Drug Crime Diversion/AOD workforce. It will ensure that participants' experiences are transferable to the AOD workplace by providing skill based postgraduate learning and on-the-job placement experiences. The Module will be delivered to a maximum of 25 participants in Holroyd

DRUG CRIME DIVERSION 2 DAY WORKSHOP CONTENT

Day 1 – Introduction to Working with Alcohol and Other drugs and Motivational Interviewing

*Little (or no) AOD knowledge assumed
Build practical skills while getting to know the theory...*

- Background to AOD work
- Introduction to Harm Minimization
- Types of drugs (harms/ trends/prevalence)
- Case studies on working with specific AOD client groups
- An Introduction to Motivational Interviewing
- Stepped Care
- Treatment models
- Assessment and referral pathways

Day 2 – Introduction to Drug Crime Diversion (MERIT) and Relapse Prevention

Develop an understanding of the Drug Crime Diversion field (MERIT)
Build your AOD knowledge and skills
Develop Relapse Prevention skills

- Introduction to Drug Crime Diversion
- Specific MERIT content
- Case studies – working with MERIT clients
- Relapse Prevention skills

On successful completion of the Drug Crime Diversion 2-day workshops, students have the theory, knowledge and skills practice to:

- Work with clients in an ethically and culturally sensitive manner
- Demonstrate techniques and strategies for working with clients to increase the possibility of change (applying skills in Motivational Interviewing)
- Work with clients with alcohol and other drug issues, with particular focus on Drug Crime Diversion options
- Liaise with a variety of Drug Crime Diversion Programs
- Seek employment within Drug Crime Diversion teams
- Work with clients engaged in Drug Crime Diversion Programs

DRUG CRIME DIVERSION, MOTIVATIONAL INTERVIEWING AND RELAPSE PREVENTION

25 FREE Registrations to attend 2-day Workshop

2-day Workshop held on Monday & Tuesday 27 & 28 October 2008

CLOSING DATE: Monday 20 October 2008

Participants can register to attend the 2-day workshop. The two-day workshop will be delivered on Monday & Tuesday 27 & 28 October 2008 and will be held at the Holroyd Municipal Council, Merrylands. Applicants from organisations working in the Sydney western area will have first priority.

PERSONAL DETAILS:

Family Name: Mr/Miss/Mrs/Ms/Dr

Given Names:

Mailing Address:

Post Code:

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