



Certificate in Continuing Professional Development: Responding to Problem Gambling (National Framework of Qualifications Level 8)

Why do this course?

If you are interested in focusing your practice on one of the most contemporary issues affecting Irish society today, then this course on Responding to Problem Gambling is ideal. Adult Continuing Education at UCC with the Tabor Group, a leading provider of residential addiction treatment services in Ireland, have designed this new Certificate in CPD to upskill practitioners and so that they can meet the annual CPD requirements for re-accreditation with the Addiction Counsellors of Ireland (ACI) and the Irish Association of Counsellors and Psychotherapists (IACP).

What is this course about?

The Certificate in Continuing Professional Development in Responding to Problem Gambling is a new 10 Credit NFQ Level 8 Special Purpose Award which has been designed in collaboration with the Tabor Group. The programme will engage students in a sustained process of learning that describes the various types of gambling markets, specific land-based and online gambling activities that have the potential to be problematic and the prevention, intervention, treatment responses and recovery pathways available to those impacted by problem gambling.

The broad aim of this programme is the promotion and improvement of public health and well-being around the issue of problem gambling in Ireland. While current understandings of problematic gambling tend to locate the problem within the individual, this programme will also focus on the wider societal, cultural, economic, ethnic, gambling product and gambling industry influences that add to the complexity and multi-dimensional processes at the core of the problem-gambling phenomenon. Students will understand the role of gambling policy, legislation and social norms that can shape an individuals' gambling behaviour. Ultimately, the course will equip a wide range of addiction counsellors/psychotherapists, drug and alcohol treatment professionals and mental health professionals and volunteers with the knowledge and skills necessary to understand, respond to and disrupt not only trajectories of problem gambling but what can essentially become trajectories of social exclusion.

Who should apply?

Addiction counsellor/psychotherapists, drug and alcohol treatment professionals, mental health and social care professionals and volunteers interested in developing the knowledge and skill set to help and support those affected by problem gambling in Ireland.

Applications are invited by addiction counsellors/psychotherapists and health and social care professionals who hold a minimum Level 7 qualification and:

- Are at least 21 years of age by January 1st of the year of application
- Hold appropriate accreditation by the Addiction Counsellors of Ireland (ACI) or equivalent accrediting bodies.

Candidates will be asked to supply an application form prior to the closing date that will include a 200 word statement indicating their reasons for applying for the course.

Recognition of Prior Learning

In exceptional cases applicants not meeting the above criteria will be considered for entry based on an interview and successfully demonstrating that they hold an equivalent professional qualification in a health and social care setting or practice experience relevant to the course aims and objectives.

How will you benefit?

This course provides an exciting prospect for addiction counsellors/psychotherapists to undertake a Certificate in Continuing Professional Development at Level 8 on the NFQ. This course has been designed to upskill addiction counsellors/psychotherapists in the treatment of gambling addiction and to meet annual CPD requirements. It is the first University Awarded qualification on the topic of problem gambling in the country.

The Addiction Counsellors of Ireland (ACI) and the Irish Association of Counsellor and Psychotherapists (IACP) have also pre-approved this programme for its members as meeting the annual requirement for Continuing Professional Development with 30 CPD points allocated.

How is it delivered?

The course will be delivered wholly online through interactive lectures and workshops. Online Interactive sessions will take place on Wednesday evenings from 5pm to 9m (plus two Saturday morning workshops). Students will be expected to attend 42 hours of online interactive lectures and workshops. The course also incorporates a range of digital learning technologies and will create opportunities for interaction with other professionals and volunteers dealing with problem gambling presentations.

The programme team members come from the Tabor Group and the School of Applied Social Studies, UCC. The other team members have extensive clinical experience in community-based, residential addiction treatment, continuing care, education, research, policy, practice development and implementation science.

Fees

The cost of this Certificate in Continuing Professional Development is €640

Tabor Group has secured funding from the Gambling Awareness Trust (GAT) to cover 70% of the course fees which students can be redeemed directly from Tabor Group upon completion of the course.

Want to Know More?

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