

Certificate in the Management of Drug Misuse Part 2 Minimum Entry Requirements

Regardless of professional background all candidates will be expected to be currently working in a post where they will have the opportunity to work with substance misusers as successful completion of much of the course work is dependent upon demonstrating skills of assessment, diagnosis, care planning or safe provision of therapeutic interventions.

Please note all or some of the following principles will apply to GPs, Nurses, Pharmacists, Paramedics, Drug Workers, or equivalent groups when prioritising candidates:

1. Evidence of designated or future leadership role in a substance misuse field in the organisation
2. Improved quality of care
3. Participated in service improvement, clinical audit, or research

1. General Practitioners:

- For supervision - please describe your local arrangements for clinical supervision and include the title and professional status of your supervisor and regularity of supervision and how it is undertaken.
- It is a requirement that all GPs who wish to begin this Certificate Part 2 course need to complete the Certificate Part 1 (including the e-module and attendance at an approved face-to-face training day). They also need to confirm that they are currently working with substance misusers and in addition, are involved in their assessment, diagnostic decision making and care planning.
- If any prospective candidates want other courses considered by SLD Training as being equivalent to that of the Part 1 certificate, these candidates will need to submit details of the course, its learning outcomes and a letter of support from the course organiser. These will then be considered by a subgroup of SLD Training which will include Medical Director, Course Coordinator, Academic Lead and Part Two Clinical Lead.

2. Nurses

- Nurses will be professionally registered with the Nursing and Midwifery council (NMC) in a post where they will have the opportunity to work with substance misuse patients and in addition, are involved in their assessment, diagnostic decision making and care planning.
- It is a requirement that all Nurses who wish to begin this Certificate Part 2 course need to complete the Certificate Part 1 (including the e-module and attendance at an approved face-to-face training day).
- We would expect prior competency levels in substance misuse therapeutic areas in accordance with Drug and Alcohol National Occupational Standards as defined through undertaking Certificate Part 1.
- Nurses must be able to demonstrate a suitable level of skills in the area of psychopharmacology, assessment and psychosocial interventions in substance misuse.

- Ability to study at level 7 (Master's Degree level).
- At least two years' post registration experience or part time equivalent.
- Must have a minimum of one year's experience in the substance misuse field specifically.
- Evidence of active clinical supervision in the local service.
- Written testimonial from employing organisation or commissioning body as to the benefits to be realised from undertaking the course.

3. Pharmacists

- Pharmacists professionally registered with the General Pharmaceutical Council (GPhC) in a post where they will have the opportunity to work with substance misusers.
- Pharmacists should have prior competencies in the therapeutic areas of substance misuse in accordance with the relevant Drug and Alcohol National Occupational Standards (DANOS). These will have been addressed through undertaking Certificate Part 1, which is mandatory prior to applying for this course.
- Should have at least 2 years' pharmacy experience following their pre- registration year after graduation.
- Must have a minimum of one year's experience in the substance misuse field.
- Have an identified clinical supervisor/access to educational peer support
- Be able to demonstrate how their competencies will provide benefits to patients.
- Written testimonial from employing organisation or commissioning body as to the benefits to be realised from undertaking the course.

4. Paramedics

- Paramedics will be professionally registered with the Health and Care Professionals Council (HCPC) in a post where they will have the opportunity to work with substance misusers.
- Paramedics should have prior competencies in the therapeutic areas of substance misuse in accordance with the relevant Drug and Alcohol National Occupational Standards (DANOS). These will have been addressed through undertaking Certificate Part 1, which is mandatory prior to applying for this course.
- Should have at least 2 years' experience following their pre- registration year after graduation.
- Must have a minimum of one year's experience in the substance misuse field.
- Have an identified clinical supervisor/access to educational peer support
- Be able to demonstrate how their competencies will provide benefits to patients.

- Written testimonial from employing organisation or commissioning body as to the benefits to be realised from undertaking the course

5. Drugs Workers and equivalent groups

- We would expect prior competency levels in substance misuse therapeutic areas in accordance with Drug and Alcohol National Occupational Standards (DANOS) as defined through undertaking Certificate Part 1.
- Drugs workers and equivalent groups must be able to demonstrate a suitable level of skills in the area of psychopharmacology, assessment and psychosocial interventions in substance misuse.
- Ability to study at level 7 (Masters Degree level) to be evidenced by previous qualifications, a recent portfolio of professional development and where relevant membership of FDAP (Federation of Drug and Alcohol Practitioners). For those who have not been educated to degree level, Spectrum Learn and Develop will require written submission from a line manager supporting the application*, confirming the candidate's suitability as an applicant and the capability of studying at level 7.
- At least two years' experience (or part time equivalent) of working in the field of substance misuse.

*Evidence of active supervision of drugs work in the local service with a statement from a manager that includes a commitment to provide support or mentoring and that the course is supernumerary to their normal commitments.

If you have any further queries relating to the minimum entry criteria for admission onto the Certificate in the Management of Drug Misuse - Part 2 course as detailed above, please do not hesitate to contact one of our course coordinators on 01924 311405 or email hello@sldtraining.co.uk.