

Addiction Counsellors of Ireland Addiction Worker Membership Criteria

1. Accredited Addiction Worker Membership is assigned to an individual who:
 - Has successfully completed a recognised training course in Addiction Studies at QQI Level 5 and where necessary has completed additional training/modules approved by or accepted by the Addiction Counsellors of Ireland CLG which fulfils the criteria
 - The course shall include theory, skills, and self-development modules
 - The course shall include detailed study of each of the following: - Process of Addiction, Theories of Addiction and Models of Treatment, Understanding Harm Reduction
 - Theoretical study of community development approaches to substance misuse issues and understanding the role of voluntary/statutory and community responses
 - Theoretical study of Key working/Project work/Outreach work skills
 - Theoretical study of process addictions i.e. sex, pornography, gambling, etc
 - Theoretical study of relapse prevention
 - Theoretical study of each of the following:
 - Confidentiality: consent and information sharing.
 - Reflective Practice: models and application
 - Self-Care: understanding and techniques
 - Skills development and practice in a minimum of two recognised approaches including but not limited to:
 - Motivational Interviewing
 - Community Reinforcement Approach
 - SMART Recovery
 - Trauma Informed Practice
 - Family Support 5-Step Model
 - Community Reinforcement Approach Family Training
 - Skills Theory and skills development in each of the following:
 - Understanding and conducting initial and comprehensive assessments
 - Developing care plans
 - Monitoring/reviewing care plan objectives
 - Completed 1500 hours of work in substance misuse/addiction setting under supervision.
 - Accredited Addiction Workers are obliged to have supervision for a minimum of 1 hour monthly. The Addiction Counsellors of Ireland CLG must accredit Addiction Worker Supervisors.
 - Accredited Addiction Workers must submit an Addiction Worker Supervisor's report confirming the completion of 1500 hours of practice.

2. Accredited Addiction Workers must:

- Accept and work within the Addiction Counsellors of Ireland Code of Ethics and Practice.
- Subscribe to the Addiction Counsellors of Ireland CLG Constitution.
- The Accreditation Committee may invite any applicant for interview as part of the Accreditation process.