

Training Information

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Trainer biography

Tony D'Agostino was a lecturer in social psychology at Nottingham Trent University and has an MSc in Research Methodology. He is also an accredited practice teacher and was an assessor at South Bank University.

Tony has worked in the drug and alcohol field for 15 years, the past 7 of which have been at a senior level. During this time he set up and managed a drug service before becoming director of training and development at COCA. Tony has experience of working with decision-making bodies and enforcement agencies such as the Ministry of Justice, NTA, Prison Service, Police, Probation, ACPO, DEA etc. At present he runs his own training and consultancy business.

Courses offered

One or Two-day:

**Crack and Cocaine
Crack and Heroin
Stimulants**

One-day:

**Amphetamine and Methamphetamine
Ketamine & 'legal highs'
Cannabis
General Drugs Awareness**

Costs

A breakdown of training costs is as follows:

Local voluntary sector organisation:.....£500 per day (Max. 20 delegates)

Statutory/national voluntary sector organisation.....£600 per day (Max. 20 delegates)

Additional costs of travel and accommodation will need to be met by the organisation receiving training. This will be included in the invoice submitted after the course has been delivered.

Training packs

Comprehensive training packs for each day of training will be provided on CDs

Certificates

Each participant who completes the agreed course will receive a certificate of attendance. Commissioners of training will need to send a list of participants' names at least 2 weeks before the date on which training commences to allow sufficient time for certificates to be produced.

Facilities required

Training venues must be booked by the organisation receiving training. They must be equipped with data projector, flip chart and pens, and have sufficient space to allow movement in the room.

Booking

Please contact Tony D'Agostino on 01202 860174 / 07791 885532 or email tonydaguk@gmail.com to book training and discuss your particular requirements.

Course aims:

Introduction and Intermediate (Levels 1 & 2)

- Differentiate between the effects of illicit drugs
- Assess how people combine drugs
- Give participants an awareness of the main policies influencing current thinking in this area
- List the ways that illicit drugs are used
- Describe in user-friendly terminology how drugs work and the possible effects on health

Advanced (Level 3)

- Assess drug usage
- Describe how a client's perception of their usage may affect treatment offered
- Assess risk of blood-borne viruses.
- Offer appropriate harm reduction interventions at a time and in a form acceptable to the client
- Support a client to develop a care plan
- Describe a range of interventions often used with clients
- Monitor how a client's pattern of usage varies while in treatment
- Facilitate learning and remain engaged with a client through lapse and relapse
- Make an appropriate referral in line with organisational policy, the law and good practice guidelines

Evaluation

The course will be evaluated on the day

National Occupational Standards (DANOS)

Units covered and supported:

Introduction and Intermediate courses (Levels 1 & 2)

AA1	Recognise indications of substance misuse* and refer individuals to specialists
HSC233	Relate to, and interact with, individuals
HSC3111	Promote the equality, diversity, rights and responsibilities of individuals
AB2	Support individuals who are substance users*
HSC33	Develop your own knowledge and practice
AD1	Raise awareness about substances*, their use and effects

Advanced courses (Level 3)

AB5	Assess and act upon immediate risk of danger to substance users*
AD1	Raise awareness about substances*, their use and effects
AG1	Develop, implement and review care plans for individuals
AG2	Contribute to care planning and review
HSC347	Help individuals to access employment
AK3	Enable individuals to access housing and accommodation

* This does not relate to all illicit substances, just those covered within the course.

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