

**Maynooth University**  
**Level 7 Certificate in Addiction Studies**  
**Tutor: Derek Byrne M.Sc.**  
**Course Outline 2023/2024**

## **Semester 1**

Week 1 – Orientation and Introduction to Addiction Studies

Week 2 – Addiction - What is it? 1/**Perspective Essay**

Week 3 – Addiction – What is it? 2

Week 4 – Attitudes to Addiction/**Perspective Essay due**

**Bank holiday break**

**Artane = 30<sup>th</sup> October**

**Bluebell = 1<sup>st</sup> November**

Week 5 – Theories of Addiction – Introduction & Disease Concept – E.M. Jellinek/**Creative Group Project**

Week 6 – Theories of Addiction – Moral Concept – Thombs/**Article Critique**

Week 7 – Theories of Addiction – Biopsychosocial Concept – Stanton Peele & Gabor Maté

Week 8 – Summary of Theories/**Article Critique Review**

Week 9 – Introduction to Academic Writing 1/Discussion on Emerging Trends in Addiction

Week 10 - Course review/**Article Critique due**

**Christmas Break**

**Artane = last class 11<sup>th</sup> December – return 8<sup>th</sup> January**

**Bluebell = 13<sup>th</sup> December – 10<sup>th</sup> January**

Week 11 – Non-substance Addiction 1 – Introduction to Contemporary Issues & Emerging Trends

Week 12 – Non-substance Addiction 2 – Online Gaming/The impact of Covid & Lockdown

Week 13 – Non-substance Addiction 3 – E-Cigarettes & Vaping

**Assignment 1: Article Critique completed before Christmas**

**Assignment 2: Creative Group Project presented & completed last week in January**

## **Semester 2**

**Artane = 29<sup>th</sup> January**

**Bluebell = 31<sup>st</sup> January**

**Date for Maynooth day to be announced – Usually mid-March**

Week 1 – Introduction to Semester 2/**Theory Essay**

Week 2 – Intervention Skills 1 - Cognitive Behavioural Therapy CBT

Week 3 – Intervention Skills 2 – Motivational Interviewing MI

Week 4 – Intervention Skills 3 – Community Reinforcement Approach CRA

Week 5 – Prevention & Education in Addiction/ **Agency Review Preparation**

Week 6 – Introduction to social Theory/Presentation Skills

**Mid-term break – St. Patrick's Day**

Artane – 18<sup>th</sup> March

Blubell – 20<sup>th</sup> March

Week 7 – National Drugs Strategy/Academic Writing Skills 2

Week 8 – Community Development – 4 Pillars/What now?

Week 9 – Alcohol Policy in Contemporary Ireland: an introduction

**Easter Break**

Artane – 1<sup>st</sup> April

Blubell – 3<sup>rd</sup> April

Week 10 – **Agency Visit Presentations**

Week 11 – Academic Writing Skills 3 & Assignment update

Week 12 – Addiction Studies – A reflection (**Reflective essay questions**)

Week 13 – TBA – Emerging Trends

Week 14 – TBA – Emerging Trends

Week 15 – Creative Group Project Presentations

**Course ends**

Artane – 20<sup>th</sup> May

Bluebell – 22<sup>nd</sup> May

**Assignments Semester 2:**

**Assignment 3: Agency Review Presentations and Essay**

**Assignment 4: Theory Essay**

**Assignment 5: Essays based on Learning Journal**

**NOTE: Please ensure to attach a cover sheet to each assignment by copying and pasting it so that you upload one documents on Turn-it-in**