Graduate Certificate in

ALCOHOL, TOBACCO AND OTHER DRUG STUDIES

Why study Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Studies at UQ?

Substance use has an increasingly significant impact on public health. Alcohol alone causes 20 per cent of all deaths in Australia each year for adults aged under 45. Despite the huge impact, little formal training is available for those responding to substance use and misuse.

Developed by the Queensland Alcohol and Drug Research and Education Centre in collaboration with Queensland Health, the program equips both experienced practitioners and those new to the field with the knowledge and skills to make a real difference.

The program enables you to:
- develop a comprehensive understanding of the political, social, economic and scientific factors that influence patterns of substance use
- develop an understanding of alcohol and drug-related policies, services, treatment and prevention modalities
- gain the latest, most relevant information and skills needed for lifelong learning
- develop critical analysis and interpretation skills and the ability to apply relevant research findings
- gain accreditation from one of Australia’s leading universities.

Career opportunities

A degree in Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Studies is ideal if you are already employed in the industry or seeking a career in a wide range of alcohol and drug services and related government or community settings.

As a graduate you can work in many diverse roles including government, private practice, education, academia and the justice system. You can work in a variety of roles, including:
- a nurse in a psychiatric ward
- a pharmacist prescribing methadone at an opiate treatment program
- a counsellor in a school
- a social worker helping families deal with the effects of drug abuse
- a school health nurse
- a medical practitioner
- community work
- a volunteer working for a community organisation
- a sporting organisation program developer
- a health promotion officer developing educational resources.

More information

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Duration
1 year part-time
Location External
Delivery mode External
Prerequisites An undergraduate degree in a related field or a combination of tertiary study and relevant work experience
International availability Yes
If you are an international student, studying on a student visa, you may not undertake the program on campus at UQ; you may only study from your home country and will not be eligible for an Australian student visa
English proficiency IELTS overall 6.5; reading 6; writing 6; speaking 6; listening 6 (or approved test)

SAMPLE COURSES

Introduction to substance use and misuse
Alcohol in contemporary society
Interpersonal skills in counselling one
Assessment and interventions for substance misuse
Adolescent health and substance use
Tobacco cessation and control
Understanding health behaviours
Health behaviour interventions
Substance use and misuse among indigenous people

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