ON-LINE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM IN SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT IN THE CARIBBEAN

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Objectives

- To develop an On-line Capacity Building Program for Drug Reduction in the Caribbean by using new technologies

- To develop a sustainable training network in Drug Reduction for the Caribbean

- To create a virtual environment capable of disseminating knowledge at low cost and at a regional level

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**Beneficiaries**

- **Government officials** (national drug agencies, police and military personnel, social workers, managers)

- **Health sector professionals** (doctors, psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, hospital administrators, first aid center personnel)

- **Universities, training institutions, and students**
  (Schools of Medicine, Social Work, Nursing, students in general)

- **Researchers** (data bases, research projects)

- **NGOs** (managers, staff, volunteers)

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**Chronology**

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Chronology

Year 2005
- Selection of a University (UWI)
- MOU with UWI (UWIDEC)

Year 2006
- Selection of Online Open Software
- Selection of Teachers and Coordinators
- Description of Courses

From about: 50 Training Needs TO 26 Courses

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Certificate Program

What next...?

Year 2005

Year 2006

Year 2007

Academic Year 2007/2008

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Certificate Program

What? 10 courses / 3 credits each

How much? US$300 per course

When? September 2007

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Certificate Program

SEMESTER I
• Fundamental Concepts of Substance Abuse
• Overview of Addiction Intervention
• Design, Development and Evaluation of Substance Abuse Programs

SEMESTER II
• Drug Use in the Sociocultural Context of the Caribbean
• Adolescents and Drugs
• HIV and Substance Abuse
• Treatment and Rehabilitation Modalities

SUMMER SEMESTER
• Introduction to Counselling Skills: Individual, Group and Family
• Designing Interventions for Behaviour Change – Theory and Practice
• Gender Specific Approaches to Substance Abuse Management

What Next?
1st. Degree in 2008/2009?
Masters…..?

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