

On-Line Certificate Program in Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment at the University of the West Indies

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On-Line Certificate Program in Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment in the Caribbean

- **Objective**
- **Potential beneficiaries**
- **Chronology**
- **Results**

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Objective

- To develop an on-line capacity-building program in drug demand reduction in the Caribbean:
 - ü New technologies
 - ü Sustainable by the University
 - ü Low cost

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Anticipated 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)

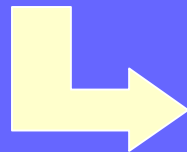
NGOs (managers, staff, volunteers)

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2005

Needs assessment conducted by
CICAD:

- National Drug Councils
- Professionals (Health Sector)
- NGOs
- Universities and Teachers



**More than 50 training
needs detected**

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2005

2006

MOU with UWI (UWIDEC)

Selection of online open software

Selection of teachers and coordinators

Description of courses & project cycle

From about:
50 Training
Needs

TO

26
Courses



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2005

Training of content providers
Jamaica & Trinidad

2006

Content development

2007

Online environment development

Institutional arrangements (fees,
registration, marketing...)

Approval by UWI's Board of
Undergraduate Studies (BUS)

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Online Environment



Moodle with UWIDEC



Certificate Web Site

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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

Profile of applicants

- n Most are working adults
- n Mid-twenties to mid-forties
- n Nurses, teachers, customs, police & probation officers, first responders, some national drug council officials
- n From all parts of Caribbean (incl. UKOTS) + UK & Africa
- n **NEWS!** 34 students matriculated!

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Next steps

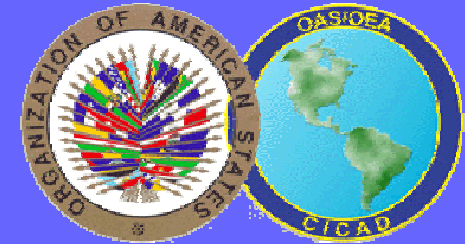
1st degree in 2008/2009?

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- n Government of Canada
- n Government of Trinidad and Tobago
- n Government of the United States

Thank you!



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