

**“Understanding why people abuse drugs and alcohol is the first step towards helping them move forward.”**

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*for* counsellors



## **Level 2 Award in Understanding Substance Misuse (USM-L2)**

### **Who is this qualification for ?**

If you want - or need - to know why people misuse drugs and alcohol, and the effect this has on vulnerable individuals and society as a whole, you will benefit from taking our Level 2 qualification, ***Award in Understanding Substance Misuse (USM-L2)***.

By taking this award you will:

- » learn about the effects of different drugs
- » understand the harm caused by substance misuse
- » recognise the main signs and symptoms of using specific drugs - including alcohol
- » identify the link between HIV/AIDS, hepatitis and substance misuse
- » know how drugs and alcohol affect pregnancy

- » recognise the signs and symptoms of an overdose of drugs or alcohol
- » identify the assumptions and stereotypes associated with substance misuse.

Our ***Understanding Substance Misuse*** award will also enable learners to:

- » inform other people about substance misuse
- » improve the knowledge of people who work with drugs and alcohol misuse.

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**Get a free tutor resource pack  
when you register your trainees on  
Understanding Substance Misuse**

“understand the harm  
caused by substance misuse”

## Additional benefits

- » candidates require no previous training or experience to take this award.
- » it requires only 30 Guided Learning Hours
- » this qualification has been developed to conform to Drug and Alcohol National Occupational Standards (DANOS)
- » there is no external assessment
- » it is accredited onto the Qualifications and Credit Framework (QCF) by the Office of the Qualifications and Examination Regulator, Ofqual
- » CPCAB is the UK's leading provider of counselling and related qualifications.
- » additional support and an induction visit is available. To arrange please call 01458 850350.

## Your next steps...

- 1 Start the registration process by calling CPCAB on **01458 850350**: we'll ask you a couple of questions about your organisation, your trainees and how you plan to deliver the course.
- 2 Next, we'll send you a form to complete so that you can be registered as a CPCAB centre.
- 3 You then register your trainees using our candidate registration form.
- 4 Following these formalities you deliver the course, assess your trainees' portfolios and send them to us for independent verification.
- 5 Finally, we verify your assessment decisions and send you a report, together with certificates to distribute to your trainees.

## How do I find out more?

For more information on *Understanding Substance Misuse* please visit our website [www.cpcab.co.uk](http://www.cpcab.co.uk) or contact us on 01458 850350.