



Key Concepts in Health Care for People Experiencing Homelessness

An **Oxford University** Online Short Course

22 October 2007 to 18 January 2008

INTERESTED IN PROVISION OF HEALTH CARE TO PEOPLE WHO ARE HOMELESS?

Studying this online course with the Oxford University Department for Continuing Education's Health and Homelessness Programme, you can:

- Make contact with like-minded professionals from a variety of clinical and non-clinical backgrounds
- Learn from an international team of acknowledged experts in healthcare provision to people experiencing homelessness
- Undertake accredited study at postgraduate level
- Remain in contact with your fellow students after the course via our online facilities, offering the opportunity for peer support and networking.



THIS ONLINE COURSE IS DESIGNED TO ENHANCE YOUR CONFIDENCE AND INTERPROFESSIONAL WORKING SKILLS



"It's a great course, which definitely fills a previously unmet need. I am very impressed by the website (Virtual Learning Environment) and by the content ... you have exceeded my expectations."

Primary Care Physician

"I have already gained from it and it has spurred me on to make significant changes to [my] work."

Day Centre Project Worker

"I have done some postgraduate study before and I found that the standard of both the course materials and the support has far and away exceeded anything I have come across before."

Mental Health Nurse



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Key Concepts in Health Care for People Experiencing Homelessness: 10 week online course

Dates: 22 October 2007 to 18 January 2008

Fee: £500

- 100 hour online course, offered over 10 taught weeks
- 22nd October 2007 to 18th January 2008 (2 reading weeks and time off over Christmas)
- Workplace-related assignment assessed for 10 CATS points at postgraduate level.

Material covered includes:

- Defining homelessness
- Causes and consequences of homelessness
- Health issues for people experiencing homelessness
- Engaging with health services
- Working together effectively across professional divides
- Complex and multiple needs
- Looking after yourself as a professional.

All the materials are provided online and there are weekly discussion forums as well as opportunities for real-time chat. Clinical and non-clinical tutor support is provided.

Study from wherever you have access to the internet....no need to travel, optimises use of study time.

Introduction to a vibrant learning community of like-minded professionals through joint learning and shared reflection.

The course is designed to be relevant to your own everyday working environment and encourages the skills of self-directed learning and reflective practice, which can enable you to enhance your knowledge and expertise in the future.

Who is it for?:

The course is ideal for all professionals who have an interest in the field of provision of health care to people experiencing homelessness

- medical practitioners
- nurses, physicians assistants
- addiction and mental health workers
- psychologists, counsellors, psychotherapists
- hostel, outreach or day centre managers
- support workers and health champions
- pharmacists
- emergency medicine and ambulance staff
- podiatrists
- dentists
- social workers and hospital discharge practitioners
- volunteers working with people experiencing homelessness

FAQs

I've worked with homeless people and have a good frontline knowledge of how to treat them. Why should I study them in a course?

There is a big difference between knowing about something from experience and studying it in an academic course. You will have a chance to deepen and consolidate your knowledge and to share it with your fellow students who may come from other backgrounds. They in turn will be able to share their insights with you.

Is the course relevant for students outside the United Kingdom?

Some of the course material uses English examples for case studies. However, the principles taught are universally applicable and we welcome overseas students for whom the online format may be especially convenient.

Will I need to be connected to the internet for long periods of time?

No. Readings can be downloaded to read later. The discussion forums are not designed to be 'real time' and can be accessed and participated in over a number of days in each week.

The online module can be taken alone, but it is also part of a postgraduate certificate. Do I have to have a university degree?

No, you do not have to be a university graduate. Non-graduates who go on to study for the Postgraduate Certificate, simply need to demonstrate significant experience in working with people experiencing homelessness. To register for the full certificate, you may be asked to supply evidence of your equivalent learning.

Can I study for the postgraduate certificate after taking this course?

Yes, you can study this online module as a stand-alone course and then apply at a future date to study the full Postgraduate Certificate in the Provision of Health Care to people Experiencing Homelessness.

To register your interest, or for any enquiries, email cpdhealth@conted.ox.ac.uk or telephone +44 (0)1865 286941

Closing Date for applications: 15 October 2007