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# Certificate of Continuous Professional Development in Sexual Health Advising Skills

## Sexual Health Advising – Widening the remit

**30 Credits at either  
Level Five, Level Six or Masters Level**

**HEN 62062-5 or HEN 63074-6 or SHM 58144-7**

### **Introduction**

This award will develop the student's knowledge and understanding of the theory and practice of sexual health advising through a programme of self directed study. The award can also be taken as part of the Specialist Practice Award in Public Health (Health Advising) an NMC registrable qualification. (pending validation). The award is predominately delivered by distance learning, with the development of skills being incorporated into 4 study days.

### **The indicative content will examine:**

Issues associated with sexual health advising practice including an epidemiological overview of sexually acquired infections including HIV, the diagnosis and management of sexually acquired infections and HIV.

A historical background of the public health role of the sexual health advisor, incorporating the models and practice of partner notification and health promoting practice, including both community and hospital based practice. Examination of current and future development of the sexual health advisors role, Legal and professional framework of sexual health advising; including historical development and examination of current legislation, professional and ethical guidelines affecting practice.

Communication models, development of skills and practice of such skills, with the individual presenting to a sexual health advisor. Exploration of specific cultural and gender issues. Examination of personal values and judgements and impact upon practice will also be explored.

The Award will give the student either 30 credits at Level Two, 30 credits at Level Three, or 30 credits at M Level. The level studied will be dependent on students individual needs. The student will need to state which Level they require on the enrolment form.

### **Entrance Requirements**

Working in an area where the provision of sexual health is part of the professional role.

### **Assessment**

A reflective assignment of 2500 words (for level 5) 3000 words (for Level 6) and 3500 (for level 7) (Learning outcomes 1,2,3) 60% weighting  
Multiple choice questions assessing knowledge of Sexually Acquired infections. 40% weighting  
Viva voce assessing two ethical dilemmas (Learning outcome 4) Pass/Fail

All the above three summative assessments must be passed

### **Support**

You will be offered academic support via a Award tutors.

### **Accreditation of Prior Learning**

Students may apply for APL/APEL. Guidelines are available from <http://www.staffs.ac.uk/current/regulations/codeofprac/> to explain how this can be done

### **Sites**

The course will be run on the Faculty of Health site at Blackheath Lane, Stafford.

### **Day/Time of attendance**

Four study days over three weekends.

Term 1: **Sat 8<sup>th</sup> Oct 2011** – 10.30 til 17.00, **Sun 9<sup>th</sup> Oct 2011** -9.30 til 16.00, **Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec 2011** – 10.00 til 17.00, **Sat 25<sup>th</sup> Feb 2012** – 10.00 til 17.00.

Term 2: Subject to Demand

### **Module Length**

24 weeks

**Cost: £830**

**Credits: 30 at either Level 5, Level 6 or M Level**

The Faculty reserves the right to cancel any module/course/programme or to alter venues, times or cost. Final confirmation will be given at enrolment.

