



Action on Addiction

Centre for Addiction  
Treatment Studies (CATS)

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“There has been a long standing shortage of well-trained professionals working in the substance misuse field. Action on Addiction is leading the way in tackling this problem, providing top quality training and education courses that set a benchmark.”

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### Our courses

Our degree courses build on a proven model of learning, combining workplace and classroom education. They integrate humanistic, cognitive-behavioural, motivational and 12-Step models. Graduates' sound knowledge-base and transferable skills mean they go on to work in a variety of treatment settings.

### Benefit to employers

Employers have the benefit of developing recruits within their treatment teams who have been trained to a high standard. They can confidently invest in the continuing professional development of their staff.

### Who are the courses available to?

They are available to both novice and experienced practitioners looking to develop their career within the workplace, whilst studying for an accredited qualification.

### Degree courses

We offer the following programmes of study:

### Full-time Foundation Degree in Addictions Counselling

This full-time course is ideal for individuals new to the field of addictions treatment and interested in embarking on a career as an Addictions Counsellor. A major feature of the full-time course is the work-based learning experience. This provides an opportunity for students to put into practice the counselling and case management skills taught in the classroom.

### Honours Degree in Addictions Counselling

This is for students who have graduated from the Foundation Degree. It involves a further one year full-time or two years' part-time study, leading to a BSc (Hons) Addictions Counselling, awarded by the University of Bath.

### Continuing Professional Development

We also offer an ongoing programme of Continuing Professional Development in the form of two-, four- and five-day courses and Summer Schools. Please visit [www.actiononaddiction.org.uk](http://www.actiononaddiction.org.uk) for current course listings.

### Accreditations and standards

The Foundation Degree is signposted to the Drug and Alcohol National Occupational Standards (DANOS). Courses are accredited by the University of Bath and the foundation degree provides the required training hours for The Federation of Drug and Alcohol Professionals (FDAP) accreditation.

### Our facilities

Our Centre has three classrooms with various layouts to suit different learning activities. We can also provide mini-conference facilities.

The Centre is well supplied with audio-visual equipment for interactive teaching purposes - including digital video cameras, audio recording equipment, VCRs and DVD players, LCD projectors and whiteboards. The entire building is supplied with free internet access to all students.

Overnight accommodation is available for students. We have 15 rooms available with comfortable beds, wardrobes, desks and broadband internet access. These provide an excellent environment for private study.

### Rachel Student

“Getting a place on the Counselling Foundation Degree gave me a brilliant chance to work and learn at the same time. It prepared me completely for the job.”

### Funding

As both degree programmes are vocational awards recognised by the Local Education Authority as part of the National Qualification Framework, eligible candidates may apply for Higher Education loans, grants and bursaries.



The Centre for Addiction Treatment Studies (CATS) is part of Action on Addiction. We take action to disarm addiction. We do this through research, treatment, family support, advocacy, education and training.

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