



Improved Services Initiative

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## Focus

### Graduate Diploma in Addiction and Mental Health

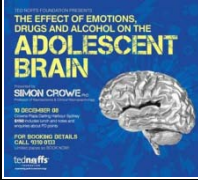
The Disciplines of Pharmacology and Nursing of The University of Adelaide have organised a new Graduate Diploma in Addiction and Mental Health. The course is a distance education program.

**Applications close Friday 5 December 2008.**

For more information visit: <http://www.health.adelaide.edu.au/pharmacology/Programs/coursework.html>

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November 2008		
Organisation	Event	Date
<b>NEW</b>	<p><b>Applied Motivational Interviewing - 1 day training</b>            This training is for those who have participated in Motivational Interviewing workshop and it will focus on application of techniques with a range of clients.  <i>Venue:</i> Rydges Hotel, corner Harker St and Flemington Road, North Melbourne (free parking onsite)  <i>Cost:</i> \$295 includes lunch, morning and afternoon teas, participant handbooks and all training materials.  <i>Registration:</i> <a href="mailto:training@caraniche.com.au">training@caraniche.com.au</a></p>	<b>Friday 28 November</b>
<b>YSAS</b>	<p><b>Critical Thinking About Drugs</b>            This free seminar series is provided by YSAS in a number of rural and metropolitan areas including Traralgon, Benalla, Bendigo, Geelong, Ballarat and Carlton.            The seminars will offer participants an opportunity to deepen their understanding of a number of drugs and related issues. They are suitable for practitioners and policy makers in the AOD, mental health, education, criminal justice and community welfare fields.            The 6 seminars are:            1. Consumed with not Consuming: Becoming a Trauma Informed Service'            2. 'Inhalants: from Genteel Affair to Gutter Drug'            3. 'Reefer Madness: Exploring the Links between Cannabis and Psychosis'            4. 'Hormone Inferno: Alcohol, adolescent development and public health'</p>	<b>November 2008 – April 2009</b>

	5. 'Ice: Beyond the Hype' 6. 'Journeys in Inner Space: Ketamine and the NMDA antagonists' <a href="#">Flier containing dates, venues and registration form</a>	
<b>APSAD</b>	<b>Australasian Professional Society on Alcohol and other Drugs Conference 2008</b> will feature a program of international and national keynote speakers who will focus on new treatment prevention and policy approaches to the drug and alcohol field. A broad range of papers will be presented from renowned national and international experts in the latest cutting-edge drug and alcohol research. <i>Venue:</i> Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre <a href="#">Registration and other details</a>	<b>23-26 November</b>
<b>Te Pou</b>	<a href="#">Australasian Mental Health Outcomes Conference 2008</a> The conference will promote the use of routine outcome measurement in mental health and addiction services and provide exposure to outcomes developments and implementation in order to increase understanding and knowledge of outcome measurement use in clinical practice and how it can improve the quality of mental health services and achieve better outcomes for consumers. <i>Venue:</i> Crowne Promenade Hotel, Melbourne <i>Registration:</i> Hine Martin <a href="mailto:hine.martin@tepou.co.nz">hine.martin@tepou.co.nz</a>	<b>24-26 November</b>
<b>Dulwich Centre</b>	<a href="#">9th International Narrative Therapy and Community Work Conference to be held in Adelaide, Australia</a> <i>Registration:</i> Virginia Leake <a href="mailto:dulwich@senet.com.au">dulwich@senet.com.au</a>	<b>26-28 November</b>
<b>VICSERV</b>	<b>Introduction to Dual Diagnosis</b> Facilitated by Andrea Herman and Bill Tune from the Dual Diagnosis Education and Training Unit, this workshop will provide participants with a broad overview of the interactions between substance use and mental illness. <i>Time:</i> 9.15am-4.30pm <i>Venue:</i> VICSERV, Level 2, 22 Horne Street, Elsternwick <i>Cost:</i> VICSERV Member \$55 including GST or Non-member rate \$68.75 including GST. Lunch and course materials provided. <i>Registration:</i> <a href="mailto:training@vicserv.org.au">training@vicserv.org.au</a>	<b>Thursday 27 November</b>
<b>December 2008</b>		
<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Ted Noffs Foundation</b>  <b>NEW</b>	<b>The Effect of Emotions, Drugs and Alcohol on the Adolescent Brain</b> Presented by Simon Crowe PhD Professor of Neuroscience & Clinical Neuropsychology <i>Venue:</i> Crowne Plaza Darling Harbour Sydney <i>Cost:</i> \$150 includes lunch and notes and enquiries about PD points <i>Registration:</i> 02 9310 0133	<b>Wednesday 10 December</b> 
<b>February 2009</b>		
<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>EAGALA</b>	<b>Equine Assisted Psychotherapy (EAP) Training</b> The training provides a practical and specific model of bringing horses into mental health sessions. It has been used effectively in programs	<b>8-10 &amp; 13-15 February</b>

	<p>for young people at risk, substance abuse and eating disorders.  <i>Venue:</i> Wallington Park Equestrian Centre,1625 Bellarine Hwy, Wallington (near Geelong)  <a href="#">Registration and further information</a></p>	
<b>PPL Education</b>	<p><b>Psychopharmacology Workshop  For Non-Medical Mental Health Professionals</b>  This workshop is designed to help non-medical mental health providers develop a better understanding of psychopharmacology. The effects of recreational drugs and drugs of abuse (e.g. cannabis, ecstasy, methamphetamine, alcohol and nicotine) will also be considered in this workshop.  <i>Venue:</i> Crowne Plaza Hotel, Canberra  <a href="#">Information and registration forms.</a></p>	<b>12 February</b>
<b>May 2009</b>		
<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>
<p><b>reconnexion</b></p> <p><b>NEW</b></p>	<p><b>4th National Conference on Anxiety &amp; Depression</b>  reconnexion is planning to repeat last year's success with the National Conference on Anxiety &amp; Depression with an equally inspiring group of national and international speakers.  <i>Venue:</i> Melbourne Exhibition &amp; Convention Centre  <i>Cost:</i> \$440  <i>Registration:</i> <a href="mailto:janet@reconnexion.org.au">janet@reconnexion.org.au</a> or phone 9886 9400  <a href="#">Click here for further details.</a></p>	<b>27 &amp; 28 May</b>