USIM OFFERS A POST-GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN DRUG ABUSE (SPADA)

In the dire need to address the issue of drug abuse problems, USIM offers a Post-Graduate Diploma in Drug Abuse (SPADA). The main objective of this program is to produce experts among counselors and personnel in the area of prevention, education, treatment and rehabilitation, aftercare as well as management of services in drug addiction.

According to Encik Abdul Halim Mohd Hasin (Head of Program), at the end of the program, SPADA students will gain knowledge, skills and competencies in drug addiction, treatment and rehabilitation, aftercare as well as management of services in drug abuse using integrated research-based approaches.

The program also aims to provide knowledge, skills and competencies of the students in treatment and rehabilitation processes in various settings and environments and short-term and long-term planning of prevention program, treatment, rehabilitation and aftercare, managing services for drug addiction using integrated research-based approach.

The duration of the program is for nine (9) months on full-time basis. All courses will be held within three (3) terms and for each term, classes are to be conducted over ten (10) weeks inclusive of internship. The course components of this course comprise of Pharmacology 1, Pharmacology 2, Issues in Drug Addiction and Treatment in Malaysia, Motivation Enhancement Counseling, Relapse Prevention, Psycho Spiritual Approach to Treatment and Rehabilitation, Dual Diagnosis Mobility and Relapse Counseling, Management of Services in Drug Abuse, Internship I, Internship II and Internship III.

Clinical Supervision Workshop at USIM, 11-14 January 2008

An international Counseling Clinical Supervision Workshop was conducted by Crossing The Border USA: Intercultural Initiatives for Learning and Peace at Islamic Science University of Malaysia (USIM).

The workshop was jointly organized by Islamic University of Malaysia, Malaysian Counseling Association (PERKAMA), HELP University College and National University of Malaysia.

Five international trainers viz. Dr Marilyn Susman, Dr Sharen Silverman, Dr Elizabeth Vera, Dr William Gorman and Dr Joyce Baptist conducted case examples, group activities, lectures and modeling to focus on building confidence and competence in the practice of supervision and the use of a train the trainer model to promote shared responsibility for growth.

The workshop also emphasized on the role and function of supervision, theories of supervision and evaluation of the supervision process. The 4 day program has created opportunities for supervision practice and interaction to promote involvement among all and to advance the sustainability of the program after the program is completed.

The outcome of the program has successfully anticipated provocative and stimulating sessions that has led to increased confidence, competence and cooperation that will effect best practices in the supervision field.

The participants for this workshop were from various institutions of higher learning in the country and various government agencies. The organization of this workshop is one of USIM’s endeavors to contribute to the nation’s human capital development.

According to Encik Abdul Halim Mohd Hasin, the director of the organizing committee, the counseling clinical supervision workshop has fulfilled the need of the professional development of counselors.

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