

Consent, Sexual Violence and Harassment: Practitioner Skills & Practice – 10 ECTS Level 9 Micro-Credential Module

Delivered by: The Active* Consent programme (School of Psychology & Discipline of Drama & Theatre Studies at University of Galway), with contributors including Galway Rape Crisis Centre and others.

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Module information

Consent, Sexual Violence and Harassment: Practitioner Skills and Practice is a postgraduate micro-credential module. Successful completion results in the award of 10 ECTS at Level 9, accredited through the University of Galway.

The module is open to educators and professionals in a variety of fields, including student services, college administration, counselling and wellbeing, academic programme management and research, and agencies / organisations relevant to education and research. While the content will specifically target the education and post-primary sectors, we also welcome participants who are working in areas such as youth work, community organisations, the Defence Forces, An Garda Síochána, etc.

How is the module delivered?

The module will be delivered part-time from **February to April 2025**. The delivery format is hybrid: six online 3-hour sessions delivered over Zoom, with one in-person full-day session at the end. All sessions will be interactive, with participation and group discussions integrated throughout.

Participants will also be expected to engage in individual learning (videos, recommended reading, assignments) between sessions. After the final session, participants will have several weeks to complete and return their final assignment. Seminar dates & times are as follows:

Day	Dates	Time	Seminar
Friday	7 th February	10.00am-1.00pm online	Active* Consent Seminar 1
Friday	21 st February	10.00am-1.00pm online	Active* Consent Seminar 2
Friday	7 th March	10.00am-1.00pm online	Active* Consent Seminar 3
Friday	21 st March	10.00am-1.00pm online	First Point of Contact Training 1
Friday	28 th March	10.00am-1.00pm online	First Point of Contact Training 2
Friday	4 th April	10.00am-1.00pm online	First Point of Contact Training 3
Friday	11 th April	10.00am – 4.30pm in-person (University of Galway campus)	Active* Consent Seminar 4 & First Point of Contact Training 4

Please note that these dates are **provisional** and may be subject to slight changes.

Assessment

As an accredited module, there will be formal assessment required to successfully complete the module. Given the applied nature of the module, assessment will be 100% continuous.

What is covered in the module?

The module covers three main topic areas:

1. Designing, supporting, and evaluating education and development programmes on consent, sexual violence and harassment.
2. Developing policies and best practice to underpin institutional and procedural change.
3. Supporting organisational change through staff development, training in receiving disclosures, and acting as a resource for organisational culture and climate change.

Topics 1 and 2 are covered in seminars given by research and outreach staff on the Active* Consent team. These seminars critically explore areas such as: consent, sexual violence and harassment; designing and implementing sexual violence and harassment prevention programmes; building skills for training, workshop facilitation, collaboration and group work; and gaining deeper understanding of policy, guidelines, and frameworks.

Topic 3 is covered in the First Point of Contact component of the module, which comprises four sessions led by professionals from Galway Rape Crisis Centre and the University of Galway. These sessions support participants to build interpersonal skills to aid in receiving disclosures of sexual violence or harassment, and foster understanding of organizational culture change.

Module fees and eligibility

The fee for the module is €500.00*.

*The following subsidies are available (subject to meeting the minimum requirements for participation):



1. **€250 subsidy through the HCI fee subsidy scheme** – open to all applicants. There is a fixed number of subsidies available; these will be allocated on a first-come first-served basis.



2. **100% subsidy (fees fully covered) for all applicants currently working in the FET ETBI sector.**

The requirements for participation are:

- Possessing a degree of Level 8 or above (or an equivalent level of relevant experience).
- Currently engaged in a relevant setting where there is an opportunity to engage in review and planning of initiatives relevant to the ‘Consent Framework’ or similar initiatives on consent / SVH.
- Sufficient workplace support and current personal preparedness to participate fully in the module.
- Availability to attend all 6 online sessions **and** the in-person session at the University of Galway.

How to apply

Applications can be made by filling out the following form: <https://forms.office.com/e/gGGYg8yAGJ>

[If the above link does not work for you, please copy and paste it into your browser]

The deadline to apply is **the 22nd of January 2025 at 5pm**. However, applications will be considered and places offered on a rolling basis, so those interested are advised to apply sooner rather than later. **NB: The “personal statement” section of the application form will be considered by the admissions team to assess participant suitability.**

In addition to the application form, you will need to submit a copy of your passport or driver’s licence (required for registration) to caroline.budds@universityofgalway.ie.