

Training for managing co-occurring AOD and mental health conditions



This resource is by the Matilda Centre.

This training guide provides alcohol and other drug (AOD) workers information on assisting co-occurring (comorbid) AOD and mental health conditions.



Summary: The Comorbidity Guidelines Online Training Program aims to provide alcohol and other drug (AOD) workers with **evidence-based information to assist with the management of co-occurring (comorbid) AOD and mental health conditions.**

Specifically, the program has been developed to assist AOD workers:

- Increase their knowledge and awareness of mental health conditions
- Improve their confidence working with clients with comorbid mental health conditions
- Improve their ability to identify mental health conditions
- Improve their ability to recognise and respond to physical health comorbidities
- Provide practical information on the delivery of a coordinated care approach to clients with comorbid mental health conditions
- Provide practical information on the management and treatment of comorbid mental health conditions
- Improve their ability to manage their own self-care.

The training program consists of 11 training modules that can be completed in any order. At the end of each module, participants will be provided with a short quiz. Once all modules and quizzes have been successfully completed, a completion certificate will be available for download.

This program has been designed to accompany the “*Guidelines on the management of co-occurring alcohol and other drug and mental health conditions in alcohol and other drug treatment settings (2nd edition)*” and facilitate its uptake into clinical practice.

[Access the Comorbidity Guidelines.](#)

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- Marel C, Siedlecka E, Fisher A, Gournay K, Deady M, Baker A, Kay-Lambkin F, Teesson M, Baillie A, Mills KL. (2022). *Guidelines on the management of co-occurring alcohol and other drug and mental health conditions in alcohol and other drug treatment settings (3rd edition)*. Sydney, Australia: Matilda Centre for Research in Mental Health and Substance Use, The University of Sydney.

[Access the Comorbidity Guidelines training](#)