

Admission Policy for Substance Use Disorder Court Program

In order to qualify for admission to the Substance Use Disorder Court Program (the “Program”), a person must:

1. Be 18 years of age or older.
2. Be charged with a criminal offence(s) that is within the jurisdiction of the Provincial Court.
3. Live in the Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM) and have substantial ties to that community which must include health care providers.
4. Must be fit and criminally responsible.
5. Plead guilty to the offences they are charged with.
6. Have the consent of the Crown Attorney in the Program to participate.
7. Must have a qualifying Substance Use Disorder. See ***Substance Use Disorder Eligibility Criteria Guidelines***.
8. All applicants must be actively engaging with community addiction supports at the time of their application and working towards abstinence from illicit or other substances identified as contributing to their risk to re-offend.
9. The Substance Use Disorder must be clearly and substantially connected to the commission of the offence(s) (the “nexus”).
10. Have a level of risk that is manageable and able to be monitored by the Program Team.
11. Waive delay.
12. Be likely to gain some benefit from participation in the Program.