

**Course ID:** CMEC08

**Treatment of sexual abusers**

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**Educational Objectives:** Diagnosis of paraphilia and implementation of a comprehensive cognitive behavioural treatment program for sexual abusers.

**Course description:** Key concepts such as social deviance, psychiatric disorder (paraphilia) and penal responsibility will be discussed. The course applicant will learn to implement a comprehensive cognitive behavioural treatment program for sexual abusers with the following treatment modules: the relapse prevention model, detection and treatment of cognitive distortions, detection and treatment of empathy feeling. The pharmacological control of sexual drive (chemical castration) will also be discussed.

**Target audience:** Forensic psychiatrists and health professionals involved with the problem of sexual abuse.

**Course level:** Basic.