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L9 Master of Science in Pluralistic Counselling and Psychotherapy

Developed in conjunction with Professor John McLeod, this programme aims to enable existing professionals working within the field of counselling and psychotherapy to achieve a Master of Science in Pluralistic Counselling and Psychotherapy.

A pluralistic perspective is an integrative approach to Counselling and Psychotherapy that embraces and considers multiple causes and responses to psychological distress.

Programme/Award Title: MSc in Pluralistic Counselling and Psychotherapy (QQI Validated and IACP Accredited)

Awarding Body: Quality & Qualifications Ireland (QQI)

Professional Recognition: IACP accredited*

Award Type: Major

Duration: 2 years (part time)

Credits: 90 ECTS

Mode of Delivery: Blended Learning

Blended learning means students learn via electronic and online media as well as face-to-face teaching. Some classes will occur online in real time, and some classes will occur face to face. Usually there is in the region of half and half face-to-face and online classes. This programme is facilitated through monthly three day blocks (usually Friday to Sunday)

Start Date: Please visit our website for date of next intake

*If you are seeking IACP recognition as a result of this programme, you must speak with a member of our admissions team about IACP requirements.

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Options for Attendance

Block: This means that teaching is provided one weekend a month, rotating between on campus and online weekends. Weekend classes occur at the following times: Friday evening, 6pm – 9am-5pm; Saturday 9am-5pm and Sunday, 9am-5pm.

Weekday: We sometimes deliver this programme on a one day per week basis. Please contact admissions@iicp.ie

This programme is delivered via blended learning, whereby students rotate monthly between onsite and online. Onsite classes take place in our Tallaght Campus. Classes can also be delivered in other locations as required. Our blended learning classes are run as tutorials, that involve students and their lecturer logging into our online learning platform Moodle and use the online portal Zoom™ simultaneously.

Attendance requirement: 85%



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Course Overview

Course Aims:

This part-time programme consists of nine modules over two years. It is a taught Master's with a strong research component. The programme utilises a continuous assessment strategy and learners accumulate credits through a variety of assessments over the duration of the programme. The aim of the programme is to equip practitioners with an up-to-date, cutting edge training to meet the needs of contemporary society. It also aims to identify and develop leadership and collaborative qualities in those involved in therapeutic practice. With a strong research focus, graduates from this programme will have the necessary knowledge, skills and competence to act as research-practitioners.

The programme aims to enable graduates to analyse their own practice and the profession as a whole. We strive to facilitate learners in the creation of evidence-based solutions to the current problems they face as individual practitioners and dilemmas that exist within the profession. As pluralism is the unifying theme in the programme, the programme will foster a spirit of enquiry where learners will engage in the pursuit of multiple truths, drawing from diverse disciplines, approaches and orientations.

First Year Modules:

- A Pluralistic Framework for Counselling and Psychotherapy
- Acceptance and Commitment Therapy
- Pluralistic Clinical Skills
- Pluralism in Psychotherapy
- Cognitive Behavioural Therapy
- Advanced Research Methods

Second Year Modules:

- Philosophical Underpinnings to Counselling and Psychotherapy
- Practice Based Issues in Counselling and Psychotherapy
- Research Portfolio

Assessment:

Learners are assessed through a continuous assessment strategy, which includes a variety of mediums such as individual and group projects, skills training assessments, case studies and process recordings, written assignments, essays and a dissertation.



Information about Fees and Costs

Application Fee: €75 (non-refundable)

Annual programme fee: €3,875.00

Deposit: €1,162.50.

The deposit is due within 3 weeks of receipt of your official offer.

Balance: € 2,712.50

Following payment of the deposit, the balance of the course fees are due 2 weeks before the start date of the programme.

Alternatively: You can sign up for a payment plan by Direct Debit.

The Direct Debit scheme incurs a €50 administration fee.

Additional Costs

Except where stated, course fees cover tuition only. Learners on this programme must also complete clinical work and engage an individual supervisor for this work. Supervision fees are negotiable between learners and individual supervisors.

Students entering the MScPCP under RPL and seeking IACP accreditation must complete the full personal therapy and clinical placement requirements. Personal therapists and individual supervisors must be fully accredited with IACP, IAHIP or BACP.

Those seeking IACP accreditation via the Masters, will also be required to successfully complete IACP GV, which incurs a fee. Please note, successful Garda Vetting is required to complete the course.

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Standard Entry Route:

You must satisfy the following requirements for standard entry:

- If English is your second language you are required to submit an IELTS (International English Language Testing System) cert at Level 6.5, or equivalent. For more information please click [HERE](#)
- An honours degree, Level 8 on The National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ), in counselling and psychotherapy, or equivalent and evidence of completion of 50 hours of personal therapy and 120 hours of supervised clinical practice.

OR

- An honours degree, Level 8 on the NFQ, plus a professional diploma in counselling and psychotherapy (or equivalent).
- Learners will be invited to an interview with faculty as part of the application process.



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Requirements for the Programme

- Travel to scheduled face-to-face classes (Public Health Guidelines permitting).
- For the class days that you will be required to travel, the College building is in Tallaght, Dublin 24, close to major bus routes, the LUAS, and three local hotels. Classes can also be delivered in other locations as required.
- Access to a stable internet connection with a minimum download speed of 1.5 Mbps.
- A desktop computer or laptop that is capable of using zoom.
- A webcam and microphone.
- A web browser.
- Microsoft Word.

Requirements for Registration

In order to register, students must create an IICP eNROL account here <https://mit.enrol.ie/iicpl/> on our student management system. Your student account will then need to be populated as follows:

- **PPSN** - QQI utilise the PPSN as a unique identifier on their certification system and therefore you are required to provide your PPSN in your student account. If you do not have a PPSN, please contact the admissions team.
- **Digital Photo** - You are required to upload a digital photo on your profile. This is used for your student card and for our virtual learning environment (VLE), Moodle.
- **Car Details** - If you are planning to drive to IICP College, we require that you provide your car make, model, colour and registration.
- **Next of Kin Details** - Please update the system with your next of kin details. Please note, these would only ever be used in case of emergencies.
- **Curriculum Vitae & Supporting Documentation** - You should ensure that an up-to-date CV, along with any documentation to support your application and suitability for the programme, are uploaded to your student account.

