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Higher Diploma in Science in Integrative Psychotherapeutic Studies

Our two year Higher Diploma in Science in Integrative Psychotherapeutic Studies is now accepting applications for the September 2024 intake. This innovative programme is QQI validated. Designed in the style of a conversion or bridging programme, this two year training prepares learners to enter a professionally recognised Masters in Integrative Psychotherapy. This programme does not in itself provide a professional qualification. It is primarily a conversion programme, and is designed to set its graduates on the path towards becoming accredited members of our professional counselling and psychotherapy body.

Programme/Award Title: Higher Diploma in Science in Integrative Psychotherapeutic Studies

Awarding Body: Quality & Qualifications Ireland (QQI)

Professional Recognition: The Higher Diploma is not professionally recognised, however, this programme provides a progression pathway for graduates to our MSc in Pluralistic Counselling and Psychotherapy, which is IACP accredited .

NFQ: Level 8

Award Type: Major

Duration: 2 years (Part-time)

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.

Start Date: Please visit website to see next intake.

Please note: The College's Terms and Conditions are available at: <https://www.iicp.ie/terms/>
Programme Information should be read in conjunction with the College's Terms and Conditions.



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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/iicp/> 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.

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Standard Entry Route:

- A recognised undergraduate degree in the human sciences, issued at Level 8 on the National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ). Those with a Level 7 Degree in the allied professions, with substantial professional experience may be considered under our recognition of prior learning and experience policy.
- Learners will be invited to an interview with faculty as part of the application process.
- Learners will need to have access to workplace or voluntary role which will them to implement the learning of the programme. IICP will work with each student to ensure this entry requirement is achieved.
- If English is your second language you are required to submit an IELTS (International English Language Testing System) cert at Level 6 or equivalent.



Information about Fees and Costs

Application Fee: €100 (non-refundable)

Annual programme fee: €4,150.00

Deposit: €1,245.00.

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

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 €100 administration fee.

Additional Costs

(Programme Requirements not covered in programme fee) Learners who aim to progress to the MSc upon completion, must ensure all IACP criteria are achieved. This includes:

Personal Therapy: Learners complete 50 hours of personal therapy over the duration of the programme. The personal therapist must be fully accredited with IACP, IAHIP or BACP.

Client Hours: Learners are required to do 25 hours of client work as part of the programme. Please note, learners who progress to the MSc will be required to do an additional 100 hours.

Clinical Supervision: Learners complete 5 sessions of external one-one supervision over the duration of the programme. The Clinical Supervisor must be accredited with IACP, IAHIP to BACP.

IACP Membership: In advance of commencing clinical work, learners obtain student membership of IACP and achieve successful IACP Garda vetting. Cost: €84 for membership and €30 for Garda vetting in 2019, which may be subject to change from time to time.

Professional Indemnity Insurance: Must be in place before clinical work commences.

Learners understand that the costs of these activities are not covered by programme fees and that successful completion of the BA programme is dependent on submitting the necessary evidence that these criteria are fulfilled.

Successful Garda Vetting is required prior to commencing clinical work.

Please note: This sets out the additional course requirements and costs associated with the Higher Diploma. Students who progress to the MSc will have additional costs and course requirements associated with that programme. For further details visit www.iicp.ie

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 – 9pm/10pm; Saturday 9am-5pm and Sunday, 9am-5pm.

Attendance requirement: 85%

