

Certificate in Counselling and Psychotherapeutic Studies

Our Certificate Programme is the perfect entry point for those considering a career in counselling and psychotherapy as it contains an excellent mix of theory, skills and personal development.

All IICP teaching staff are therapy practitioners, which means they put their teaching into a real-world context. This programme is delivered using Blended Learning, including both on campus and online inputs.

Programme/Award Title: QQI Special Purpose Award in Counselling and Psychotherapeutic Studies

Awarding Body: Quality & Qualifications Ireland (QQI)

Professional Recognition: IACP accredited

Award Type: Special Purpose Award

Duration: 4-6 Months

Mode of Delivery: Blended learning, meaning students learn via electronic and online media as well as face-to-face teaching. We utilise a rotational model of blended learning, so classes rotate between onsite and online and the specific rotation will be outlined in the timetable.

Start Date: Please see website for next intake.

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Overview

Introduction to Psychotherapeutic Studies & Reflexive Practice

This module gives students a broad introduction to the field of counselling and psychotherapy with particular emphasis on five main approaches. It also enhances student learning through a discipline-based approach to supporting learners to engage with, contribute to and benefit from the programme. It does this through focusing on generic skills and competencies required of higher education students, including information literacy and digital capacity, but it does so in a discipline-based environment.

Introduction to Counselling Skills

This module introduces students to a range of core counselling skills and facilitates them to begin to develop these skills. It grounds skills within the theoretical and conceptual frameworks presented in the programme. In particular, it explores the value of empathy, congruence and unconditional positive regard as core conditions of Integrative counselling and psychotherapy. This module introduces students to key considerations when establishing a counselling/therapeutic relationship

The Certificate equates to two modules from first year of the BSc. Learners who complete these modules on the Certificate, are exempt from them if they return to do the BSc.



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Requirements for the Programme

- Travel to scheduled face-to-face classes.
- 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:

You must satisfy the following requirements for standard entry:

- This programme is suitable for those either working in the helping professions, or interested in seeking to develop their awareness of what is involved in training as a counsellor/psychotherapist.
- A qualification recognised at level 5 on the National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ) such as the Leaving Certificate is required for entry onto this programme.
- Those with substantial life experience can also apply under our recognition of prior learning and experience policy.
- If English is your second language you are required to submit an IELTS (International English Language Testing System) cert at Level 5.5, or equivalent.



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Information about Fees and Costs

Annual programme fee: €1,300 (Including QQI fee)

Deposit: €390.00 - On Application

Balance: €910.00 (following payment of the deposit, the course fees are due 2 weeks before the start date of the programme)

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

The Direct Debit scheme incurs a €100 administration fee.

Please Note:

Bookings operate on a first paid, first secured basis so please book and pay promptly to avoid disappointment. All programmes are run subject to sufficient demand and the formation of a viable class cohort (which shall be determined in the sole discretion of IICP College). A refund of any fees paid will be given to applicants in the event that the programme does not proceed. Fees are not refundable in any other circumstances.

Receipts will be made available to you/your organisation on receipt of payment. Please note all fees are due in advance of programme commencement unless you have signed up to a payment plan.

