

Entry requirements

Applicants should meet the following requirements:

Module 1: Essential Elements of Counselling Children and Young People

- Diploma qualification (or above, i.e. Master's or PhD) from a counselling, counselling psychology or psychotherapy course that is accredited by the British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy (BACP), Counselling and Psychotherapy in Scotland (COSCA), United Kingdom Council for Psychotherapy (UKCP), British Association for Behavioural and Cognitive Psychotherapies (BABCP) or other recognised professional counselling or psychotherapy bodies.
- Registered membership of BACP, COSCA, UKCP, BABCP or other recognised professional counselling or psychotherapy bodies and adherence to their ethical frameworks, complaints procedures and clinical supervision requirements
- a current supervised counselling practice with any age group

Students on adult counselling training courses are eligible but must have completed their diploma and be practicing with children and young people by the start of Module 2.

Module 2: Theory and Practice of Counselling Children and Young People

As Module 2 is practice-based, applicants should meet the following **additional** requirements:

- Successful completion of Module 1: Essential Elements for Counselling Young People
- Professional indemnity insurance (either individual or provided by an employer)
- If self-employed, registration with the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) as a data controller
- Certificate of membership in the Protecting Vulnerable Groups (PVG) scheme (Scotland) or an Enhanced DBS Check (rest of the UK)
- Supervised practice with at least two clients who are under age 18.

The Course Coordinator will review applications as they are received and the Course Administrator will inform the applicant of acceptance or non-acceptance. In cases where an applicant has not been accepted s/he is welcome to feedback and guidance from the Course Coordinator.

Participants from all theoretical approaches are welcome. Discussions and learning related to theory take the form of dialogue and are focused on exploring the strengths and challenges in the participant's chosen approach when in practice with children and young people.

Please note: Before undertaking the Certificate, prospective applicants should take into account the necessary condition for Module 2 that requires participants to have at least two clients within the children and young person age group. This is a requirement for Module 2 only so it is recommended that participants who are not practicing with children and young people at the start of Module 1 make arrangements for meeting the practice requirement for Module 2 as soon as possible.