

Introduction to Holistic Counselling and Psychotherapy *60 hour programme*

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A Stepping Stone to A Career in Counselling and Psychotherapy

This 60 hour Certificate Course is an Introduction to Holistic Counselling and Psychotherapy and is a foundation-level counselling and psychotherapy course with a difference!

The course is highly-interactive and combines personal development, counselling skills, and an introduction to some of the main theoretical approaches in counselling and concludes with a mindfulness workshop.

This Course serves as an excellent introduction to the area of counselling, and teaches general counselling skills that will benefit people in both their personal and professional lives, particularly those who regularly work with the public.

Our adult learners frequently describe the course as 'a life-changing experience', which many see as the most valuable outcome of taking the course. No previous experience is necessary to embark on the programme. The programme offers an access opportunity if you wish to return to education, and is a springboard for anyone wishing to follow professional training in this field.

At ICCPD personal development, self-awareness and creative expression is seen as key components of any training and education programme.

Duration: 60 hours, over 3 months.

Venues: ICCPD Athlone and GMIT Galway.

For specific commencement dates and delivery times, per venue, refer to www.icppd.com

Entry Requirements: This part-time Introduction to Holistic Counselling and Psychotherapy is designed for those interested in personal development, those who have an interest in studying in the field of counselling, anyone interested in pursuing a career in counselling and psychotherapy, and as a support to enhance the

work of professionals in people-related work. Interested candidates are required to complete an application form, plus a brief interview (which may be conducted over the telephone).

Programme Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this programme you will be able to

- communicate more effectively in your relationships
- use counselling skills to develop more authentic relationships and to express yourself
- reflect on your ability to change and make decisions and choices in your life
- discuss the history and development of counselling and psychotherapy
- practice mindfulness to support and improve your mental health
- own and appreciate your self-worth as a person in your life journey

Attendance is expected on all course days. We realise that absence is sometimes unavoidable, so learners must ensure that any gaps in their learning are addressed to the satisfaction of the course tutor. Insufficient attendance may prejudice satisfactory completion.

Assessment for this course is

- A 1,500 word reflection on your personal growth
- A 1,500 word essay on a theory presented
- Participation in a 15 minute counselling skills' interview

Progression: Those who complete this Certificate have the option, subject to successful application and interview, to apply for entry onto the ICCPD Bachelor of Arts degree in Holistic Counselling and Psychotherapy.

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Course Content

Personal Development Module

Learners are required to participate in personal awareness exercises, tutorials, discussions on:-

- self-esteem and mental health issues
- assertiveness training
- interpersonal communication skills

Introduction to Theory Module

Learners are introduced to theoretical approaches in counselling, including Humanistic, Psychodynamic, Cognitive Behavioural and Transpersonal Approaches.

Counselling Skills and Practice Module

Learners are introduced to basic counselling skills through experiential practice.

Mindfulness and Mindful-Living Workshop

This workshop completes the course and supports the Holistic focus of the programme.

About the Programme

Duration: 60 hour course

Schedule: This course is delivered one evening per week (7.00pm-10.00pm), for twelve weeks, and over four Saturdays (10am-5pm)

Venue(s): ICPPD Athlone, Co Westmeath
Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology, Galway

Dates: For specific commencement dates and delivery times, per venue, refer to www.icppd.com

Fee: €750

Payment plan options may be available – please contact ICPPD for more information. To secure a place, please complete the application form and forward with a (non-refundable) deposit of €100, and two passport photos, to ICPPD.

Discount: Graduates of this programme who wish to progress their studies on to the Bachelor of Arts Degree in Holistic Counselling and Psychotherapy at ICPPD (in Autumn 2016) can avail of €100 discount off their first year fees.

Award: Satisfactory completion of this course leads to the award of ICPPD Certificate Introduction to Holistic Counselling and Psychotherapy.

Application: To download an application form visit our website: www.icppd.com, or telephone 090 6470484 for further details.
A brief Interview (which may be conducted over the telephone) forms part of the admission process.

Our vision is to inspire, encourage and support you in your journey towards wholeness

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