

Level 4 Aim Awards Accredited Professional Diploma in Counselling Practice

Duration: Two-year part time

Venue: JMC Counselling & Training, Unit 23, CDDA, 51 Dungannon Road
Coalisland, Co. Tyrone BT71 4HP

Beginning: Wednesday 2nd September 2020 from 6-10pm.

16th June 2020

Dear student

Thank you for your interest in the above training.

On completion of this qualification, successful students can apply for full time counselling positions. Successful students can also use the designated letters (*Dip Couns*) after your name, as well as your professional bodies designated letters.

JMC Counselling and Training work in partnership with Mid-Ulster Association for Counselling & Psychotherapy (MACP), so students who gain their placement with MACP will be required to join the professional body the British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy (BACP) usually in their second year of training.

Students can of course gain a placement with any other counselling organisation of their choice elsewhere, who meets the required counselling placement criteria. In doing so, such students can join a reputable professional body of their choice. Joining a professional body is mandatory, as you will subscribe to a set of ethical principles that safeguards the counsellor, the client and the general public from unethical and damaging practice.

So, students who complete this qualification successfully, will be able to use the full designated letters: (*Dip Couns, MBACP*).

Please find attached an application pack for your attention. It is anticipated that there will be a very high demand for this training as JMC Counselling & Training have at present 38 students who are currently studying at level 3 as well as a substantial number of potential students who have already contacted us with regards to enrolling.

APPLICATIONS FOR THIS COURSE WILL CLOSE ON 2ND JULY 2020

Benefits of training with JMC Counselling & Training

JMC Counselling & Training are the only counselling training provider in Northern Ireland, and indeed, one of the few in the whole of the UK and Ireland, that can provide their counselling students with **EVERYTHING** they need to become a fully qualified professional therapist.

The Mid-Ulster Association for Counselling & Psychotherapy (MACP), are a charity and a subsidiary of JMC Counselling & Training, providing student counsellors with all of the additional and mandatory requirements needed to achieve professional recognition as a Counsellor or Psychotherapist.

All students in year one, are thoroughly prepared to begin providing one to one counselling to those presenting with mental health related issues; placement begins usually in year two. You will also gain confidence and skill as you provide one to one therapy to others, and gain an overwhelming sense of satisfaction being in the position to help clients to help themselves!

- **Benefits of training with JMC.**

1. Provision of Counselling Placement with the Mid-Ulster Association for Counselling & Psychotherapy (MACP);
2. Full Course Accreditation with the Regulatory Qualifications Framework (RQF);
3. Reduced student membership with the British Association for Counselling & Psychotherapy (BACP);
4. On completion of the level 4 Diploma, full advice and guidance on how to gain access on to the Governments Accredited Register (AR)
5. Reduced rate or free counselling supervision (subject to MACP funding);
6. Reduced rate or free personal therapy (subject to MACP funding);
7. Reduced rate or free continuing professional development (CPD) (subject to MACP funding).
8. World renowned CPD speakers such as Mick Cooper, Tim Bond, Gerard Egan, Peter Jenkins, and many more, providing 2-day training packages at a fraction of the usual costs.
9. Contextual 4-hour CPD seminars every six weeks from 6-10pm on trauma, addiction, depression, domestic violence, anxiety, depression, eating disorders and many more either free of charge but currently no more than just £10.00.
10. Modular training. Should you need to stop training for any reason whatsoever, you pick up where you left off, so you lose NOTHING!

What will you learn if you enrol for the Aim Awards level 4 Professional Diploma in Counselling Practice?

There are 7 modules in total:

1: Counselling those using the three main underpinning theories in counselling, person centred, cognitive behavioural theory (CBT), and psychodynamic therapy.

2: Preparing for Practice: you will learn how to practice ethically and professionally using many communication skills, ethical requirements, and to professional standards.

3: Counselling those presenting with addiction.

4: Counselling those presenting with depression

5: Counselling those presenting with anxiety

6: Counselling those presenting with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and trauma.

7: An introduction to the three main theoretical approaches.

Module 7 forms part of this Diploma, however, students who already hold a level three certificate in **COUNSELLING ONLY**, and who have covered the three main theoretical approaches to counselling, will be exempt from studying module 7.

- **Entry Requirements:**

1: Students who hold a level 2 or level 3 certificate in counselling skills are welcome to apply.

2: Those who have experience working within the community in a caring position, or those who hold a professional qualification in a related discipline can also apply.

- **Fees**

Here at JMC, we work directly with your awarding body, with no additional organisations involved. JMC Tutors, are self-employed, working for 'a wage' as opposed to making a profit. As JMC work from comfortable and sufficient training rooms as opposed to large city centre buildings, our rates bill and overheads are minimal. We pass ALL OF THESE SAVINGS ON TO YOU THE STUDENT.

Two of JMC's competitors in Belfast, for a similar level of qualification, WITHOUT all the additional benefits we provide, are charging £18,000 and £15,000 respectively. This is because these organisations partner many others, who all employ individuals who all obviously need to be paid. Each organisation on top of this, also adds additional money regarding profit. In addition, high rates, taxes etc all contribute to vast expenses to the student.

- **So, take a look directly below at our fees and compare with the above.**

Two-year part-time Level 4 Professional Diploma in Therapeutic Counselling Fees

1. Fees in total for the above course, are £2200 per year. The course is two-year part time, so total Fees are £4400
2. Students paying for the entire course upfront in cash, will receive a £490.00 discount. Fees in this case will be £3990.
3. Students can also pay by deposit of £395.00 followed by 24 monthly instalments of £166. 87. Total fees £4400, there is no interest.

Please be aware that in the interest of fairness, students seeking the discounted rates MUST have the course paid in full by the course start date. In the event course fees aren't paid in full by the course start date, will default back to the original full cost of £4400.

To secure your place YOU MUST pay at least your deposit. We already hold your details, so no further application is necessary. However, all level 4 students MUST SIGN DATE AND RETURN the last page of the contract attached. Please read this carefully and retain a copy for your own records.

It is important to remember in doing so, that any monies paid to JMC Counselling & Training is non-refundable. We will however credit any student with an amount paid for up to a two-year period. In other words, any monies paid will be deducted from any course or courses students decide to enrol on with JMC Counselling & Training within a two-year period from the date paid. Further information on these terms and conditions can be found in the contract.

Students can also pay multiple sums off their level 4 course between now and September 2020, and should the £3500.00 be paid before the start date, then those students will also receive the £490.00 discount. (Terms and conditions apply).

In the event that we are still in a state of lockdown training will begin online. Students will be required to attend a 2-hour lecture weekly (dates will be posted soon), every Wednesday evening from 6pm-8pm and be expected to engage in a minimum of a further 2 hours of role playing weekly. We do hope this will not be the case though and we can all return to our normal method of training come September!!

- **What to do now!**

If you believe you meet the criteria to apply for this professional counselling qualification, please:

1. Complete the application form and return this.
 2. Carefully read the contract attached. Once you are content to proceed, sign date and return this (or the back page only with this dated and your signature) to JMC Counselling and Training. You must either sign and date with a black pen, or use an electronic signature. A typed in name will not be accepted.
 3. Choose a payment method remembering to pay the minimum deposit as outlined above to secure your place, or the full fee to secure the full discount.
 4. Once we receive your completed application form, your signed and dated contractual agreement, and your payment, we will send you a confirmation email to let you know if you have been accepted and that your place is secured, that's it!!
- **In the event that we need more information or if a student does not meet the essential criteria to apply, we will of course return any money you have sent to us.**

Thank you for contacting us and if we can be of any more assistance please don not hesitate to contact us.

Warm Regards



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Registered on the BACP and the NCS accredited Register (AR).**