

02nd May 2024

Dear Student

Re: Aim Awards Accredited Professional Level 4 Diploma in Counselling Practice

Thank you for your interest in the above course.

Please find attached all the relevant information you will need to apply for this qualification. Once your application is received, we will let you know our decision within 48 working hours whether your application has been successful.

Complete the application form in full and return this to us at your earliest convenience. Attached with this letter are:

- An application form.
- Information on all modules which you will train in to gain your Diploma in Counselling.

Once this is assessed, and should you be offered a place, we cannot hold places until payment is made. We will hold your offer for two weeks, after which, we will offer the place to another student. You can of course re-apply, however, if all the places are filled, unfortunately, we will be unable to offer you a place on this occasion.

Training is **face-to-face only** and will be held at: MACP, 137 Annagher Road, Coalisland, Co Tyrone BT71 4NE.

The course will begin on **Tuesday 3rd September 2024 from 6 pm to 10 pm.** Attendance once per week is required on the same day and at the time. (Please ask for details should you wish to study full time).

This course is fully recognised internationally as it is on the Ofqual Regulatory Credit Framework (RQF) at level 4. When a student has successfully completed this qualification, they will be permitted to use the following designated letters after their name (Dip Couns., MBACP, AR Reg.), which stands for Diploma in Counselling, Member of the British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy and registered with the government professional standards authority register.

- **Important**

To become a fully qualified counselling practitioner, students will need to pass a total of six modules (all attached).

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.

In year two of any professional counselling qualification, it is the student's responsibility to gain a counselling placement with reputable counselling organisations. This can be extremely difficult as there are approximately only two places available per five applicants. However, the Mid-Ulster Association for Counselling & Psychotherapy (MACP), are a charity and a subsidiary of JMC Counselling & Training based in Coalisland Co Tyrone, providing student counsellors with all the additional and mandatory

requirements needed to achieve professional recognition as a Counsellor or Psychotherapist. Please note MACP are a separate organisation to JMC Counselling & Training therefore some additional terms and conditions will apply. Unfortunately, MACP do not offer placements anywhere else in the North other than Coalisland. Students can of course access placements closer to home, with alternative placement providers.

All students in year one is thoroughly prepared to begin providing one-to-one counselling to those presenting with mental health-related issues; placement will begin in year two, or when 50% of the course has been completed (whichever comes first). 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! JMC offer a wide range of services applicable to counselling which other training providers simply cannot.

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, provide 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 (or free).
10. Modular training. Should you need to stop training for any reason whatsoever, you pick up where you left off, so you lose NOTHING
11. JMC have teamed up with Psychotherapy.net in San Francisco, and students will have access to over 500 Counselling DVDs with full transcripts, thousands of counselling journal articles, and more, right at your fingertips from your own home.
12. We also have a substantial online library free of charge only to JMC students.
 - **What to do now.**
 - If you wish to apply, complete the attached application form, and return this to us at your earliest convenience.
 - We will assess your application within 48 hours (working days) and give you a decision via

email.

- We will either: offer you a place unconditionally, offer you a place with some conditions attached, or decline your application. If your application is declined, we will tell you why.
- If you are offered a place, we cannot secure your place until either your deposit, or full payment has been made. Should a student pay their deposit or full fees, but do not begin the course for any reason, a full refund will be given. However, when a student begins training or who does not inform us by the start date of training that they will not be taking the course, no refunds will be given.
- As soon as you are offered a place, we will require you to read the contract sent to you with this application thoroughly, please seek legal advice, if necessary, then return the contract to us signed and dated.

Finally, places will be allocated to suitable candidates from this point forward on a first come first served basis. Submission of early applications is highly recommended should you wish to undertake this professional counselling qualification with us at this time.

It is also worth noting that JMC can also provide additional counselling and supervision training at higher levels. Students can apply for higher levels when the previous level has been successfully completed:

Level 5 Diploma in Psychotherapeutic Practice (One additional year) (foundation degree level)

Level 6 Diploma in Psychotherapeutic Practice informed by research (six months) (degree level)

Level 7 Diploma in clinical counselling supervision (one year) (Masters level)

If you have any additional queries, please contact me personally at joeconey@btinternet.com

Thank you for enquiring about our counselling training, and I look forward to meeting and working with you soon.

Warm Regards



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Registered on the BACP and the NCS Accredited Register (AR).

