

LEVEL 5 DIPLOMA CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE COUNSELLING

Subject Area
Student Type
Study Mode

Counselling
Adults
Part Time

What is the course about?

This one year part-time qualification will provide you with the necessary knowledge, skills, and competencies to work as a children and young person's counsellor, able to work with children aged 5 - 18 years old.

Why should I choose the course?

This course is designed to lead to an employed or voluntary role working as a counsellor in primary, secondary schools, colleges or alternative establishments where children and young people are present e.g. youth clubs, care homes, agencies, wellness/mental health setting etc. It is also ideal for counsellors working in an agency or organisation which specialises in counselling children and young people. It is also suitable for private counsellors working for an external organisation such as a school, youth club, wellness/mental health setting etc. The course is delivered 4 hours a week over 1 year. This qualification will enable successful candidates to work as a counsellor with children and young people within the age group of 5 -18 years.

What will I learn?

The course involves experiential elements and learning that will involve some personal disclosure and associated personal development activities. The course incorporates a minimum of 60 hours formally contracted counselling (one-to-one), with at least five different clients in an agency setting. The course will cover the following units:

- Working within a counselling relationship
- Working with client diversity in counselling work
- Working with self-awareness in the counselling process
- Working within a coherent framework of counselling theory and skills
- Working self-reflectively as a counsellor
- Working safely, legally and ethically with children and young people (ages 5-18)
- Tailoring the therapeutic work to meet the age, development stage and ability of the child or young person
- Using theory, research and skills to work effectively with children and young people
- Working collaboratively, creatively and flexibly with children and young people

What will the course lead on to?

There is the potential for you to continue onto higher level qualifications or additional CPD through other counselling qualifications.

Are there any links with industry and university?



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The skills and knowledge acquired on this course are transferable to a wide range of career and educational opportunities.

What support is available?

We have a team of staff dedicated to providing learning support if it is required and a welfare team that are on hand to offer guidance, support and help when needed. Additionally, eligible students can access a wide range of finance and funding support to help them during their time at college. For further information on student support please visit: www.wvr.ac.uk/college-life/student-support

Why should I choose to study the course at Warrington & Vale Royal College?

The college offers a range of flexible learning opportunities to students. Professional qualifications are delivered within our specialist Business School and are supported through digital virtual learning environments and digital learning tools. Our tutors are highly experienced and skilled in their specialist professional sectors and enhance the courses they teach on with their excellent industry links.

What are the entry requirements?

You must have obtained Level 4 Diploma in Counselling Skills qualification, a Foundation degree or a BSc Hons Degree or Masters in Counselling

You must be at least 21 years of age to enrol on this course. In addition, you must not be in a current state of severe emotional difficulty or severe psychological confusion, and you must not be currently involved in substance misuse (there is a requirement to be two years post rehabilitation).

You need to be able to handle the level of academic work required and show a willingness to take responsibility for yourself. You must be able to respect others regardless of race, ethnic origin, gender, sexual orientation, or disability.

You will also be required to submit a personal statement discussing your reasons for applying for this course along with a character reference. Furthermore, you will also need to have an interview to assess your eligibility.

What are my funding options?

For further information about funding, please contact our Learner Services Team on 01925 494400 or learner.services@wvr.ac.uk.

Are there any additional costs associated with the course?

There are significant fees attached to this diploma and it is important to consider this before you apply. You will be required to obtain an enhanced DBS check and you are responsible for this cost. You are also required to complete 10 hours of personal therapy (fees vary) and monthly clinical supervision whilst in student practice (fees vary depending on the supervisor). You are also required to become a student member of the BACP (current fees can be found at bacp.co.uk)

You are also required to pay the annual registration fees to the awarding body (currently £350).



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