



Training Information Sheet

MSc in TA Counselling

Background

Over the last few years it has become apparent that there is a demand for a higher level of qualification in counselling. Is this implying that other counselling diplomas are not of a high enough level? In response to this need CPTI adopted a policy of developing the counselling application of Transactional Analysis to provide a better

defined set of qualifications. To this end the CPTI Counselling Diploma is now validated by COSCA, the Scottish counselling overseeing body. At the same time CPTI put forward a course for MSc validation with Queen Margaret University (QMU) in Edinburgh.

QMU Validation

CPTI training has always been at a post graduate level and we are gratified that the course was accepted for validation virtually without qualification. The MSc in TA Counselling is one of two Transactional

Analysis MSc degrees offered by CPTI and the taught course is the same for both; the difference lies in the professional accreditation required alongside the academic qualification.

The Counselling MSc

The counselling MSc will normally be undertaken by trainees who complete the COSCA Counselling Diploma and decide to extend their training to obtain the academic qualification. The choice of undertaking the

counselling MSc or one in TA Psychotherapy can be delayed until the end of the taught element and the masters project is to be started.

Entry Requirements

The primary requirement is the completion of two years of training in the CPTI programme. The entry requirements for the

foundation year for the CPTI programme are detailed in the Training Information Leaflet on TA Counselling Training.

The MSc Time table

Entry to the MSc is at the end of the second year of the CPTI training and the first year of the MSc is also the final year for the COSCA Diploma. The entry for an MSc requires two years of taught modules and thus commits the trainee to a further year of the taught course, a total training of four years. Following the two MSc years,

students aiming for the MSc in TA Counselling prepare a masters project of a 15,000 word dissertation. To support students in this process they can join a Extended Training Group meeting in alternative months. The MSc is awarded on obtaining a pass for this project.

Outcomes

Normally trainees will be completing the COSCA Counselling Diploma when they

start their Counselling MSc. Holding the Diploma will enable them, subject to

compliance with COSCA practice conditions, to obtain COSCA Individual Accreditation and the MSc will add an academic standing to this. CPTI does not make it a condition for entry to the MSc that the student undertakes the COSCA Diploma as it is recognised that the MSc will offer significant benefits to many professionals who do not intend to practice as professional counsellors. Over the last several years it has become increasingly

beneficial to hold a post graduate degree for advancement and promotion in many fields. CPTI believe that the counselling training offers very significant benefits for workers in the medical professions, in human resources and the personnel sector and for all in general management who want to achieve excellence in their communication abilities and to have a better understanding of people's motivations and process.

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)

Students who have trained elsewhere may be eligible to enter for the masters by RPL (formerly known as APEL). To be eligible for this, prospective students must have completed TA training recognised by EATA, ITAA or an affiliate. Depending on

the training that is recognised under RPL, admission may be to the second or final year of the diploma training. The RPL requirements will vary for each student and applications are considered individually.

Teaching Staff

All course trainers with CPTI are authorised Transactional Analysis trainers designated Provisional Teaching and Supervising Transactional Analyst (PTSTA) or Teaching and Supervising Transactional Analyst

(TSTA). All trainers also provide supervision and are themselves practicing therapists. CPTI also engage specialists in various fields to provide short courses in their CPD programme.

Administration and Support

CPTI considers that the support of students by knowledgeable and experienced administration staff is essential to the successful provision of training. Students always have access to staff by email, telephone and, where appropriate by

personal meeting. The first resource for students is with a Student Advisor. CPTI offices are manned five days a week and include library and computer facilities for trainees.

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