

Transactional Analysis MSc Programme Overview

CPTI offers two MSc degrees validated and awarded by Queen Margaret University, Edinburgh; these are an MSc in Transactional Analysis Counselling and an MSc in Transactional Analysis Psychotherapy with CTA.

Entry Requirements

For entry into the CPTI masters programme the normal route is by the successful completion of a foundation year and a first advanced year of counselling and psychotherapy training with CPTI. Entry to the foundation year is normally by holding a first degree and demonstration of suitability to undertake training in these fields. For greater detail of foundation year entry requirements, see the Training Information Sheets on TA Counselling or Psychotherapy.

Prospective students whose first language is not English are required to demonstrate that they meet the university's standard for English, IELTS 6.0 or equivalent. Before being accepted for MSc registration, trainees must have obtained passes in all training assignments and comply with personal development and practice requirements.

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)

Prospective MSc students who have not undertaken previous training with CPTI, or who completed their training with CPTI prior to the introduction of the masters programme, may be eligible to enter for a masters degree by a process of Recognition of Prior Learning,

(formerly generally known as APEL). Prospective students who have completed at least two years of recognised TA training or those who have completed a CTA qualification should request information on RPL and the registration process.

The MSc Course

The taught part of the MSc course is over two years of weekend training; nine scheduled weekends per annum together with selected components totalling a minimum of six days. In addition to this students, unless exempted,

are required to undertake a research module run by QMU or CPTI. The taught element for both degrees is identical, the difference lying in the MSc projects and the associated professional requirements.

MSc in TA Counselling

On completion of the taught elements, students entering for the MSc in TA Counselling proceed to complete an MSc masters project of 15,000 words on an agreed subject. Supervision of the project is usually by membership of a Extended Training Group meeting every two months (10 days per year);

intermediate supervision can be by email or telephone. Normally students entering the counselling MSc will have previously completed the CPTI COSCA Diploma and, subject to meeting practice requirements, will obtain registration as members of COSCA.

MSc in TA Psychotherapy and the CTA

Whilst the taught elements are the same for both MSc degrees there are significantly greater practice and other requirements for

obtaining the MSc in TA Psychotherapy with CTA. The Certified Transactional Analysis (Psychotherapy) (CTA) is the professional

qualification awarded and examined by EATA, the European TA body. EATA is represented in the UK by the Institute of Transactional Analysis (ITA) of which CPTI is a registered training establishment. Subject to practice and other compliance, qualifying with the CTA leads to registration with the UKCP.

Completing a CTA requires substantial practice and supervision hours and undertaking a psychiatric placement. This process usually takes two or more years from completion of the taught course. Trainees are supported in this by the provision of Extended Training Groups meeting five times per year.

The CTA exam is in four parts, comprising a case study, personal accounts of practice and training and six essays on areas of theoretical and practical application. On obtaining a pass for this written work, candidates attend an oral examination in which they talk about their

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

Administration and Support

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

practice and development as psychotherapists. On receiving the CTA qualification, MSc candidates submit sections C & D of the case study and essays appropriately reformatted as a masters project for award of the degree by QMU.

The CTA allows registration, subject to compliance, with the UKCP; this is done through the ITA. All CPTI training is designed to ensure that trainees who complete the courses, fulfil eligibility requirements for registration. It should be noted that it is proposed that there will be government regulation of counselling and psychotherapy. We have confidence that UKCP and COSCA will ensure that training requirements meet government requirements. It is CPTI policy to ensure that our training meets all relevant standards and equips successful trainees to pursue their chosen professional path and this is kept under continuous review.

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

telephone and, where appropriate by personal meeting. The first resource for students is with a Student Advisor. CPTI offices are open five days a week and include library and computer facilities for trainees.

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See other CPTI Training Information Sheets for more detailed descriptions of training, TA and the available qualifications and for other MSc programmes. Training Information Sheets are downloadable from www.cpti.info in PDF format or can be requested as emails from our office.

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