

Master of Arts in Pluralistic Counselling and Psychotherapy

October 2020

INTRODUCTION

Developed in conjunction with Visiting Professor John McLeod, this programme aims to enable existing professionals working within the field of counselling and psychotherapy to achieve a Master of Arts in Pluralistic Counselling and Psychotherapy.

COURSE STRUCTURE

This part-time programme consists of nine modules over two years. It is a taught Master's with a strong research component. The programme utilises a continuous assessment strategy and learners accumulate credits through a variety of assessments over the duration of the programme.

STUDENT BENEFITS

We hold that it is not enough to simply teach the skills of counselling and psychotherapy. Learners are given the space to learn, practice and be supported as they develop for themselves a style and model of counselling which is both personal and effective

WHO SHOULD APPLY?

This two-year programme will be of interest to practising counsellors and therapists who wish to extend their existing qualification in counselling and psychotherapy to Master's level.

OUR ETHOS

At the heart of the training provided in IICP College lies the belief that people are experts in the story of their own lives. The therapeutic process can encourage clients to make effective change in relation to life direction and the ensuing process of decision making.

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ENTRY ROUTES:

- An honours degree, Level 8 on The National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ), in counselling and psychotherapy, or equivalent and evidence of completion of 50 hours of personal therapy and 120 hours of supervised clinical practice.

OR

- An honours degree, Level 8 on the NFQ, plus a professional diploma in counselling and psychotherapy that meets with IACP/IAHIP course recognition standards, or equivalent. The diploma must have counselling and psychotherapy at its core and have a minimum of 450 hours in tutor/student contact over the duration of the programme.

- Learners will be invited to an interview as part of the application process.

VALIDATION OF AWARD:

This master's is a major award validated by QQI at Level 9 on the NFQ.

CREDITS:

90 ECTS

PROGRAMME CONTENT:

The programme contains nine modules over the duration of two years.

- A Pluralistic Framework for Counselling & Psychotherapy
- Pluralistic Clinical Skills
- Acceptance and Commitment Therapy
- Cognitive Behavioural Therapy
- Advanced Research Methods
- Philosophical Underpinnings to Counselling & Psychotherapy
- The Sociological Context of Mental Health
- Practice Based Issues
- Research Portfolio

The programme allows learners to engage in an in-depth analysis of pluralistic counselling and psychotherapy. Pluralism holds that different clients will want and need different things at different times. It considers that there is no one approach. The programme entails training pluralistic theory and skills, engagement in learning in other approaches (i.e. CBT, ACT, Psychoanalysis). There is a strong focus in practitioner research and an exploration of philosophical and sociological concepts.

ASSESSMENT:

Learners are assessed through a continuous assessment strategy, which includes a variety of mediums such as individual and group projects, skills training assessments, case studies and process recordings, written assignments, essays and a dissertation.

PROTECTION FOR ENROLLED LEARNERS:

This programme is covered by arrangements under section 65 (4) of the Qualifications and Quality Assurance (Education and Training) Act 2012 whereby, in the event of IICP College ceasing to provide the programme for any reason, enrolled learners may transfer to a similar programme at another provider, or, in the event that this is not practicable, the fees most recently paid will be refunded.

PROGRAMME FACULTY:

- Professor John McLeod
- Professor Michael O'Rourke
- Dr. Marcella Finnerty
- Dr. Maria Quinlan
- Dr. Eve Watson
- Dr. Linda Finnegan
- Ms. Aisling Leonard-Curtin
- Mr. David O'Regan
- Mr. Padraig O'Morain
- Mr. Dermot O'Neill

DATES:

Starting: Friday 09 October 2020

The programme is facilitated through monthly three-day blocks (usually Friday to Sunday)

COST:

Application Fee:	€75
First Year Fees:	€3,875
Second Year Fees:	€3,875

Inclusive of QQI registration fee of €200 and 2% Protection for Enrolled Learners fee. Following successful interview, a deposit of €1,155 is required to secure your place. Flexible payment plans available.

EXTRA COSTS:

Except where stated, course fees cover tuition only. Learners on this programme must also complete clinical work and engage an individual supervisor for this work. Supervision fees are negotiable between learners and individual supervisors.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

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TO APPLY:

Visit us online:
www.iicp.ie/masters/

OR

Complete and return attached application form.

Application Form

Please note, in order to process your application, all fields need to be completed.

PLEASE USE BLOCK CAPITALS

SECTION 1: PERSONAL DETAILS

First Name:	Surname:
Address:	
Mobile No.:	E-Mail Address:
Date of Birth:	
Occupation:	

How did you find out about this Course? Please tick the appropriate box below:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Activelink | <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper Advertisement | <input type="checkbox"/> Professional Body |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Google/Internet Search | <input type="checkbox"/> Online Course Directory | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Media |
| <input type="checkbox"/> IICP Mailing List | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Recommendation | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

If other (please specify):

SECTION 2: EXISTING QUALIFICATIONS

	Title of Programme	Awarding Body	Award	Year
Qualification 1				
Qualification 2				
Qualification 3				

Please attach evidence of existing qualifications, including copies of awards, transcripts of results and a sample academic essay.

SECTION 3: CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

Please outline your clinical experience to date:

Employer/Self-Employed	Role	Dates of Employment/Placement

Professional Membership(s). Please tick all that are relevant:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> IACP | <input type="checkbox"/> PSI |
| <input type="checkbox"/> IAHIP | <input type="checkbox"/> IGC |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ACI | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

Other (please specify):

1. Please supply evidence of membership status with selected professional bodies.
2. Please submit copies of your relevant awards and transcripts with your application



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SECTION 4: PERSONAL STATEMENT

Please state your reasons for wanting to embark on this programme:

SECTION 5: REFERENCES

Please give the names of two referees who can vouch for your suitability for this programme and who can comment on your competence as a practicing therapist.

Name:	Name:
Nature of Relationship & Occupation:	Nature of Relationship & Occupation:
Contact Details:	Contact Details:

Language requirement:

Is English your first language?

- Yes
 No

If no, have you completed an IELTS test at level 6.5 or equivalent? (If yes, please submit results).

- Yes
 No

CHECKLIST:

Please ensure that all items below are attached as we cannot consider incomplete applications.

- Application Fee of €75.00 (Non-refundable)
 Evidence of membership status with selected professional bodies
 Copies of your relevant awards and transcripts

I wish to apply for the Master of Arts in Pluralistic Counselling and Psychotherapy:

Signed:	Dated:

All programmes are run subject to sufficient demand and the formation of a viable class cohort (which shall be determined in the sole discretion of IICP College).

A refund of any fees paid (less the application fee) will be given to applicants in the event that the programme does not proceed. Fees are not refundable in any other circumstances.

Receipts will be made available to you/your organisation on receipt of payment. Please note all fees are due in advance of programme commencement unless you have signed up to a payment plan.

IICP College would like permission to retain your contact details including your mobile number and email address which may be used to keep you informed about our future courses, events, offers and news.

- To receive such information, please tick the box. You can unsubscribe at any time.

Completed forms can be emailed to Triona@iicp.ie or posted to Triona Kearns, Director of Registry and Operations, IICP College, Killinarden Enterprise Park, Killinarden, Dublin 24. Alternatively, completed forms may be dropped into the IICP College office in person.

