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2027 Prospectus



Introductory Courses

Level 4 Advanced Certificate in Counselling Skills

Level 5 Advanced Diploma in Counselling

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Welcome to Network

Network Counselling & Training is a well-established Bristol-based charity, offering low-cost counselling alongside a proven professional counselling training programme.

With a warm and welcoming inclusive Christian ethos, we are committed to spiritual and cultural diversity and to working with people of all faith traditions and none. As an organisational member of both the British Association for Counselling & Psychotherapy (BACP) and the National Counselling and Psychotherapy Society (NCPS), we work within the BACP Ethical Framework for the Counselling Professions and the NCPS Code of Ethics.

The Advanced Diploma course has BACP and NCPS Accreditation, and the Advanced Certificate course has the NCPS Quality Assurance standard.

We are very proud of the quality and professionalism of our training programme and hope that you will choose to undertake your counselling training with us. This Prospectus, and the accompanying Course Information Book, is intended to give you the information you need to help you make that decision. If you need further information, please refer to our website (www.network.org.uk) or email training@network.org.uk









Training with Network - A Life-Changing Experience

Introduction

At Network, people matter. The training we offer not only equips our students with the skills they need to be fully qualified counsellors, but we genuinely care about each student, seeking to offer whatever support and encouragement they need at each stage of their journey. At Network, the person-centred philosophy is not simply an approach that we teach but is integral to the values we live out in our work as trainers.

We base our teaching on the belief that all individuals are a complex unity of body, mind, soul and spirit. In recognising the spiritual aspect as universal, we offer a dimension to our courses that we believe is unique in counselling training. This enables our students to facilitate clients in exploring spiritual perspectives, which may well be overlooked by other counselling approaches.



"The Diploma course at Network has gradually changed my life over the last two years. I've discovered hidden parts of myself I have known are there, but haven't been able to access until now. It has also unveiled parts I never even knew existed. My journey has taken me deep into my soul where I've finally been reunited with the person I was born to be."

Training with Network - A Life-Changing Experience

Why Train With Network?

- We are the only Bristol-based counselling training programme to include a **primary focus on human spirituality** in its curriculum.
- Our Advanced Certificate course is **quality-checked by the NCPS.**
- Our Advanced Diploma course is **accredited by the BACP and the NCPS**, which is your assurance that they meet nationally agreed professional standards.
- Our Advanced Certificate in Counselling Skills is equivalent to Higher Education level 4, whereas many other Certificate courses are HE level 3 or equal.
- Our Advanced Diploma in Counselling is equivalent to HE level 5, whereas some other Diplomas are Higher Education level 4.
- We offer **more hours of training** than many other Diploma courses, lending the course a greater level of depth and breadth.
- We offer an **excellent staff-student ratio** (maximum 1:9) which is significantly higher than many other comparable courses (the BACP recommendation is 1:12). This means that our students benefit from a high level of tutor feedback not only to support their practical skills training and personal growth but also on their written assignments.
- Throughout our Advanced Certificate and Advanced Diploma courses, there is an **equal emphasis on counselling theory, counselling skills and personal development work.** It is rare, but essential, for substantial personal development work to form an integral part of a counselling training to the same degree.
- We recognise that, due to the nature of a counselling vocation, many students may have been out of education for some years, and **we work hard to support our students both academically and personally.** You will have a Personal Tutor who will support you as you progress through your training. We offer you a minimum of one tutorial a term, although you can meet with your Personal Tutor more often if necessary. Where needed we offer support from a learning mentor, and any specific learning needs are addressed through the tutorial system.
- Our Advanced Diploma students are offered the opportunity of a **counselling placement** with Network Counselling. This includes the provision of **supervision.**
- We have a **library of key texts**, journals and training DVDs to support our students' learning.
- All students are eligible to apply for an **NUS TOTUM student discount card.**

Training with Network - A Life-Changing Experience

Equality & Diversity

Network Training is an open and inclusive learning community committed to the celebration of diversity. Our courses operate an 'equal opportunities policy' with regard to gender, race, religion, sexuality, and disability. The ethos of Network is Christian and Person-Centred, and our training community is diverse with people from a wide spectrum of faith and spiritual backgrounds or none. The focus on human spirituality in our training programme is not associated with any one approach to the subject but is delivered in a spirit of curiosity, exploration and respect.



"Every aspect of it demonstrated quality and integrity. Training with Network has been everything I hoped it would be and more."

Codes of Ethics and Practice

Network Counselling & Training is an organisational member of both the BACP and the NCPS. All of Network's counsellors, supervisors, tutors, and facilitators are therefore required to work to their ethical frameworks for good practice. Students are also required, at all times, to adhere to these ethical frameworks.

The Training Team

Members of the training team come from a range of spiritual backgrounds, or none, and bring to the course considerable training experience and counselling expertise. Teaching is undertaken by members of the Network core teaching staff, supported (where possible) by appropriately trained and experienced part-time group facilitators. Our tutors have all undergone extensive counselling training to Diploma or MSc level, are experienced counsellors and supervisors, and have considerable previous experience of involvement in counselling training at this level. More information about our training team can be found on our website.



"I love the space, peace, and relaxed nature of Network... I loved how the spiritual dimension of our being is interwoven so naturally."

Training with Network - A Life-Changing Experience

Venue and Resources

Network is situated in Elm Park, Filton, North Bristol (just off the A38, Gloucester Road North). It is easily accessible by public transport, within easy reach of bus stops and a 15 minute walk from Filton Abbey Wood Railway Station. Parking is also available.

During your training you will have access to our course library and will benefit from a range of other resources and facilities – for example, free Wi-Fi, as well as audio-visual recording facilities, and an internet-based virtual learning environment. We can also offer some private study space.













Which course is right for me?

With so many courses available it can be difficult to know where to start.
If you're not sure which course is right for you, have a look at our handy guide.

I've never had any counselling skills or listening skills training before.

Our Introductory Courses are the ideal first step for those considering counselling training, or for those wishing to develop their listening and counselling skills for use in other roles and settings such as pastoral care, management, nursing or teaching. Our range of short evening courses (12 weeks, 2-3 hours per week) will introduce you to listening & counselling skills, person-centred counselling theory, and to developing your own self-awareness, understanding and self-acceptance.

Introductory Courses
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I've done an introductory course or level 2 qualification in Counselling.

For those looking to begin their formal counselling training. The one-year Level 4 Advanced Certificate in Counselling Skills will equip you with a solid foundation of both theoretical knowledge and practical skills grounded in the Core-Self model – an integrative Person-Centred model unique to Network Counselling & Training, which recognises and explores the innate spiritual dimension of human nature and experience. This course is quality assured by the NCPS.

Level 4 Advanced Certificate in Counselling Skills
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I've completed a Level 4 qualification in Counselling.

Suitable for those who have recently completed a Level 4 Counselling course (at Network or elsewhere). The two-year Level 5 Advanced Diploma in Counselling will build on your existing skills and knowledge of Person-Centred Counselling, developing your practice through a 150-hour counselling placement undertaken here at Network or at another suitable counselling agency. This course is accredited by the BACP and NCPS.

Level 5 Advanced Diploma in Counselling
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Introductory Courses

Being There

An introduction to listening and counselling skills

About the course

If you are involved in any form of helping relationship – for example, nursing, teaching, support work, youth work or pastoral care – and want to develop your listening and communication skills, this course is for you. It is also a suitable introductory course for those who are considering training as counsellors.

You will be introduced to a range of basic listening skills and will also have the opportunity to explore some of the difficulties and sensitive issues you may encounter as a listener, such as maintaining confidentiality, holding appropriate boundaries and dealing with people's defences.

Good listening lies at the heart of any effective helping relationship and this course will enable you to identify and develop the skills you already have as well as to acquire new ones. You will explore the personal qualities needed to be a good listener, you will learn about the importance of listening to yourself as well as to others and you will be invited to embark on a gently challenging journey of self-discovery.

Key Facts

Delivery	12 weeks, one evening a week, Tuesdays 6.30pm-9.00pm
Dates	23 Feb to 25 May 2027 (Easter break 30 Mar & 6 Apr)
Venue	Network Counselling & Training, Elm Park, Filton, BS34 7PS
Cost	£295 (Option to pay in instalments)

Who is the course for?

The course is open to anyone aged 19 or over, who has an interest in working with people. You do not need any previous experience of listening to or supporting others.

Please note that a small part of the content of this course is Christian in its perspective and that in addition to covering general listening skills, we also include topics that will be particularly relevant for those working in a pastoral context.

How do I book?

Fill out our online application form, or email training@network.org.uk for a word doc application form.

Introductory Courses

A Way of Being

An introduction to person-centred counselling

About the course

Based largely on the work of Carl Rogers (the founder of person-centred counselling), this course introduces you to the key aspects of the person-centred approach, including the conditions necessary for therapeutic change, the significance of the counselling relationship and the importance of self-awareness.

The person-centred approach to counselling trusts that it is the client who knows themselves best and that the counsellor's task is not to advise or guide the client but rather to enable the client to make contact with their own inner experience and so find their own solutions to their problems. Person-centred counselling skills can help us improve our personal and professional relationships through developing our ability to listen and respond to others effectively, and through increasing our self-awareness.

We explore what it means to be non-directive and introduce you to a range of foundational person-centred counselling skills. We also look at the importance of counselling ethics in shaping our practice, including issues relating to power and difference. And finally, we touch on the spiritual dimension of person-centred counselling as well as the necessity for self-care as a counsellor.

Key Facts

Delivery	12 weeks, one evening a week, Tuesdays 6.30pm-9.30pm
Dates	14 Sept to 7 Dec 2027 (Half-term break 26 Oct)
Venue	Network Counselling & Training, Elm Park, Filton, BS34 7PS
Cost	£360 (Option to pay in instalments)

Who is the course for?

The course is open to anyone aged 19 or over who has an interest in working with people and in finding out about the theory and practice of person-centred counselling. You do not need any previous experience of using listening or counselling skills.

If you are interested in training as a counsellor, this course acts as a suitable introductory level course which will enable you to progress on to our Level 4 Advanced Certificate course.

How do I book?

Fill out our online application form, or email training@network.org.uk for a word doc application form.

Introductory Courses

On Becoming A Person

Developing understanding, awareness & acceptance of self

About the course

Following on from Network's popular introductory courses, this exciting course builds on some of the self-awareness that students began to explore in Being There and A Way of Being. Its aim is to develop increased levels of awareness, understanding and acceptance of self.

"...the goal the individual most wishes to achieve, the end which he knowingly and unknowingly pursues, is to become himself." (Carl Rogers). The journey towards knowing ourselves is on-going. It is a process of becoming; a journey towards greater self-awareness, self-understanding and self-acceptance. Following on from Network's other popular introductory courses, this exciting course builds on some of the self-awareness that students began to explore in Being There and A Way of Being (although attendance on a previous Network course is not a prerequisite). Its aim is to develop increased levels of awareness, understanding and acceptance of self.

Students will be invited to consider such questions as:

- Who am I?
- How do I relate to others?
- How can I practice self-compassion?

Key Facts

Delivery	6 weeks, one evening a week, Tuesday 6.30pm-9.00pm
Dates	8 June to 13 July 2027
Venue	Network Counselling & Training, Elm Park, Filton, BS34 7PS
Cost	£180 (Option to pay in instalments)

Who is the course for?

Those who have completed 'A way of being' and wish to continue with the self-awareness journey they started on the course. (NB: Attendance on a previous Network course is not a requirement.)

Those who are considering becoming a counsellor and want to find out more about the personal development aspect of counselling training.

Anyone who is interested in getting to know themselves better, or who may be tired of being who others expect or want them to be and are seeking to live more authentically as themselves.

How do I book?

Fill out our online application form, or email training@network.org.uk for a word doc application form.

Level 4 Advanced Certificate in Counselling Skills

The Level 4 Advanced Certificate in Counselling Skills is an ideal course for those looking to begin their counselling training journey.

This one-year course will equip you with a solid foundation of both theoretical knowledge and practical counselling skills grounded in the Core-Self model – an integrative Person-Centred model unique to Network Counselling & Training, which recognises and explores the innate spiritual dimension of human nature and experience. You will also undertake substantial self-awareness and personal development work as an integral part of the course.

Undertaking the Level 4 Advanced Certificate in Counselling Skills is more than just a training course, it is a life changing experience!



"Overall, I think that the way the different aspects of the course work together make it an incredibly powerful training programme. Looking at the progress that I have made in both my personal development and the skills that I have gained so far as a counsellor are testament to that. The facilitators do an amazing job of demonstrating and modelling this in their teaching - they don't just talk the talk, they also walk the walk."

What will I study?

The Level 4 Advanced Certificate in Counselling Skills will cover three key areas:

Counselling Theory

You will learn about the core concepts and principles of an integrative person-centred model of counselling, understanding the counselling process and how it brings about change. You will learn about aspects of human nature and our belief systems, as well as key areas of working such as ethics, boundaries, confidentiality, and more.

Counselling Skills

You will learn about, and put into practice, key skills in counselling, such as initial structuring, attending skills, reflective & probing skills, challenging skills, working with emotional pain, understanding process and holding boundaries. You'll also explore ways in which you might work with spiritual issues within the context of the counselling relationship.

Personal Development

You will explore your own personal attitudes, beliefs and values, your interpersonal skills and style, your strengths, 'growing edges', and vulnerabilities. It will also help you to relate the theoretical ideas and concepts you will encounter to your own personal development and to explore what is happening within yourself and in your relationships with others as a result of the process of counselling training.

Level 4 Advanced Certificate in Counselling Skills

Entry Requirements

Applicants for all courses must be aged 19 or over.

No previous listening or counselling experience is required. However, some prior training in basic counselling/ listening skills at an introductory level, such as Network's 'Being There' or 'A Way of Being' course (or equivalent), is beneficial.

Applicants will be expected to show evidence of:

- The ability to meet the academic demands of the course, through undertaking and sustaining a course of study at an appropriate level. If you do not have any formal academic or vocational qualifications at 'A' level or equivalent, you may be required to submit a short piece of written work as part of your application.
- A level of self-awareness and a commitment to your personal growth and development.
- Previous or current experience of being in counselling and/or the willingness to undertake counselling for yourself during the course should the need arise.

Applications

You can fill out our online application form, or email us to request a word doc version.

As part of your application you will need to submit an autobiographical essay of at least 1000 words which explores the way in which your past experiences have shaped the person you are, including how you consider you have grown and developed in recent years.

Finally, you will also need to provide two references. You will be responsible for approaching your referees to ask them to complete our online reference form.

Interviews

Successful applicants at the application stage will be invited to attend a group interview.

The group interview is a key part of the recruitment process, allowing us to see how you interact with other students.

Following the group interview, successful candidates at that stage will then be invited to attend an individual interview.

See page 13 for interview dates.



"What I particularly value is the opportunity to explore the integration of my faith with my practice – this is what makes the course different and exciting."

Level 4 Advanced Certificate in Counselling Skills

Course Fees

The fee for the Level 4 Advanced Certificate course starting in September 2027 is £3,850.

A £450 non-returnable deposit is payable at the point of accepting the offer of a place on the course. An early bird saving of £100 is available for payment of balance made in full by 31st August.

Payment Options	Instalment Amount	Total Amount Paid
Early Bird - One Instalment Payable by 31st August	£3,300	£3,750
One Instalment Payable 1st September	£3,400	£3,850
Ten Monthly Instalments Payable 1st September to 1st June, inclusive	£340	£3,850

In addition, you will be encouraged to join the National Counselling and Psychotherapy Society as a student member. There is a reduced rate for students, please contact the NCPS for more information.

It is important to note that at the point of accepting a place on the course, you become liable for payment of the full course fee, regardless of which payment option you choose. With this in mind, we ask you to sign an acknowledgement of liability for the full fee.

Key Dates

Information Events

General Online Video Call Sessions
Weds 25 November 2026 at 12pm
Mon 30 November 2026 at 2pm
Wed 9 December 2026 at 5pm

Cert Specific Online Video Call Sessions
Weds 21 October 2026 at 1pm
Weds 11 November 2026 at 12pm

Closing Date for Applications

Round One
Fri 19 February 2027 at 9am

Round Two
Fri 7 May 2027 at 9am

Don't miss out! We suggest you apply as early as possible and attend the first round of interviews. Places will be offered and secured at this stage, meaning places available in Round 2 will be limited, so we encourage you to submit your application in Round 1 to avoid disappointment.

Group Interviews

Round One
Mon 8 March 2027

Round Two
Mon 24 May 2027

Individual Interviews

Round One
Mon 15 March & Mon 22 March 2027

Round Two
TBC June 2027

Level 5 Advanced Diploma in Counselling

Network's flagship two-year course will build on your existing foundational skills and counselling qualification, equipping you with the theoretical framework, therapeutic skills, and deep personal development needed to work as a professional counsellor.

This course is unique in its emphasis on the integration of faith & spirituality within counselling practice, giving you the opportunity to develop your understanding of human spirituality and to explore the interface between your own developing spirituality and your counselling practice.

During the course you will further develop your counselling practice and skills through a 150-hour counselling placement which can be undertaken right here at Network (which includes a contribution towards the cost of supervision), or at another suitable counselling agency.

Suitable for those who have recently completed a Level 4 qualification in counselling (at Network or elsewhere), or a minimum level 3 counselling qualification if carried out on similar Person Centred or integrative course. (Level 3 applicants will be reviewed on a case by case basis dependant on the course undertaken).

Successful completion of this course will equip and qualify you to work as a counsellor in a range of settings – voluntary, statutory and private practice. This course is accredited by both the BACP and NCPS.

What will I study?

The Level 5 Advanced Diploma in Counselling will cover three key areas:

Counselling Theory

The course is rooted in the core concepts and principles of The Core Self Model (Kaitlin Steele) as well as a Person Centred (Carl Rogers) model of counselling. As the course progresses you will be briefly introduced to further approaches including Humanistic and Psychodynamic concepts to develop and integrate post-qualification if you wish to. You will learn about aspects of human nature and our belief systems, as well as key areas of working such as ethics, boundaries, confidentiality, record keeping and working within the mental health system.

Counselling Skills

You will build upon foundational skills such as initial contracting, attending skills, use of immediacy, challenging skills, sitting with emotional pain and distress, & understanding process and holding boundaries. You will also learn and experience the importance of supervision to hold you and your clients ethically and safely. Within the course you will be invited to explore ways in which you might work with spiritual issues within the context of the counselling relationship.

Personal Development

You will explore your own personal attitudes, judgements, bias, beliefs, and values. You will expand your interpersonal skills and style, your strengths, and self awareness in your own 'growing edges' and vulnerabilities. It is essential for growing practitioners to relate the theoretical ideas and concepts you will encounter to your own personal experiences and to explore in depth what is happening within yourself and in your relationships with others as a result of the process of counselling training, not only seeing the course as a theoretical exercise.

Level 5 Advanced Diploma in Counselling

Entry Requirements

Applicants for all courses must be aged 19 or over.

Applicants will be expected to have completed a Level 4 counselling course within the last 5 years.

In some cases, a level 3 Certificate course will be acceptable, but it must have included the following core elements:

- A strong focus on person-centred counselling theory and practice.
- Practical counselling skills training (including triad work and some tutor observation of skills work).
- Some focus on personal development work (e.g. through large or small groupwork, engagement in self-reflective exercises/journaling).
- A minimum of 150 contact hours.

If your course has not included each of the three core elements outlined above, it may still be possible for you to make an application if you can evidence your ability to meet all of the key learning outcomes.



"This is a very thorough and well thought-out course. There is a very real sense of each individual being important and cared for. The quality of the course notes and additional resources provided is excellent – one of the course's main strengths."

All applicants must demonstrate their ability to meet the following key learning outcomes:

- Evidence of adequate knowledge and understanding of person-centred counselling theory, and the ability to apply this to counselling practice.
- A sound understanding of the counselling process.
- The capacity to form a therapeutic relationship.
- Evidence of the competent use of a reasonable range of foundational counselling skills.
- Evidence of an adequate degree of personal soundness – i.e. an adequate self-reflective capacity (awareness and understanding of self); a high degree of personal integrity; the absence of major intra- or inter-personal difficulties which might inhibit the ability to work safely and competently with clients.
- Evidence of awareness of personal and inter-personal strengths and areas for further development.
- The ability to meet the academic demands of undertaking and sustaining a course of study at Higher Education level 5.
- Previous or current experience of being in counselling and the willingness to undertake personal counselling during the Advanced Diploma course.

Level 5 Advanced Diploma in Counselling

Applications

You can fill out our online application form, or email us to request a word doc version.

As part of your application you will need to provide two references, one of which should be from a current or previous counselling course tutor. You will be responsible for approaching your referees to ask them to complete our online reference form.

External applicants who did not complete their Level 4 qualification at Network will also need to provide:

- A recording (audio or audio-visual) of a counselling practice session (minimum length 30 minutes). You may submit a recording which was completed during your previous training. Should this not be possible, you will need to arrange to record a session with a fellow student or colleague, or to complete a role play session as part of your individual interview. During the interview process, you will also be asked to comment on your handling of the session.
- An autobiographical essay of 1500-2000 words which explores the way in which your past experiences have shaped the person you are, including how you consider you have grown and developed both personally and professionally as a result of your previous counselling training.
- If you do not already hold a Higher Education Level 4 qualification, you will need to provide evidence that you are able to meet the academic demands of the course through submitting an essay on a specific topic as part of your application.

Support

It is important to us to make your application as straightforward as possible. Please let us know if you require any support when applying, so we can put you in touch with the Course Leader or Tutor who can talk through the process with you and offer guidance on making the application.

Interviews

Successful applicants at the application stage will be invited to attend an individual interview.

See page 18 for interview dates.



"The structure has been phenomenal. The course is clearly incredibly well thought out with a huge amount of work put into it. The order of the content, the timetable etc. all felt totally appropriate. The course notes, exercises, reading lists and teaching all combined to really set us up for success."

Level 5 Advanced Diploma in Counselling

Course Fees

The fee for the Level 5 Advanced Diploma course starting in September 2027 is **£4,750 per year.**

A £550 non-returnable deposit is payable at the point of accepting the offer of a place on the course. An early bird saving of £100 is available for payment of balance made in full by 31st August.

Payment Options	Instalment Amount	Total Amount Paid
Early Bird - One Instalment Payable by 31st August	£4,100	£4,650
One Instalment Payable 1st September	£4,200	£4,750
Ten Monthly Instalments Payable 1st September to 1st June, inclusive	£420	£4,750

In addition, you will be encouraged to join the BACP as a student member. There is a reduced rate for students, please contact the BACP for more information.

Acceptance by a student of a place on a course is a contractual commitment to pay the full course fee for that academic year. Course staffing, venue arrangements and resources are planned around student numbers and so it is not possible to waive the year's fees should a student withdraw once their place on the course has been accepted.

You will also need to budget for additional costs such as personal therapy (approximately £35 - £45 per session), purchase of learning resources (e.g. books, stationery, etc.), and supervision fees, which range from £45 - £70 per hour. Network provides contributions towards you supervision fee for counselling placements undertaken with Network. Additionally, if your placement is with Network, you will need to pay for a DBS certificate (at a cost of approx. £60).

Year Three

Any students unable to complete all requirements of the course in two years, will be required to pay for additional support received during Year 3. Fees are expected to be in the region of £900, and details will be confirmed nearer the time.

"I am personally very grateful for the additional support that Year 3 has provided during this time of transition between qualifying and starting out as a counsellor. The seminars, tutorials and contact with tutors & other students in the cohort has helped me manage the unexpected challenges of this stage in my journey. I started the diploma course thinking I would probably complete it in 2 years but am very glad that Year 3 is offered at Network: it has felt like a safety net for me, and I would highly recommend it to other Diploma students."

Level 5 Advanced Diploma in Counselling

Key Dates

Information Events

General Online Video Call Sessions
Weds 25 November 2026 at 12pm
Mon 30 November 2026 at 2pm
Wed 9 December 2026 at 5pm

Dip Specific Online Video Call Sessions
Mon 19 October 2026 at 2pm
Mon 9 November 2026 at 1.30pm

Closing Date for Applications

Round One
Fri 5 March 2027 at 9am

Round Two
Fri 7 May 2027 at 9am

Don't miss out! We suggest you apply as early as possible and attend the first round of interviews. Places will be offered and secured at this stage, meaning places available in Round 2 will be limited, so we encourage you to submit your application in Round 1 to avoid disappointment.

Interviews

Round One
TBC March 2027

Round Two
TBC May 2027

"A well-run course offering students a thorough grounding in person centred counselling with a spiritual dimension."
BACP Accreditation Review August 2024

What does an External Examiner think?

"I warmly commend Network's counselling courses to students. Over the years I have been the external examiner, I have found an open response to developing the courses at Network. The staff work well with feedback and hold the students central to the learning process.

While holding excellent standards of academic and practice in counselling, the tutors also focus well on individual students' growth in their personal and professional development. This is all done in an open and safe environment that enables students to challenge and be challenged."

Karl Gregory
SR., RMN, Dip. Counselling, MSc Counselling Research, Dip. Psychotherapy Supervision FNCS.

Possible Funding Sources

Network recognises that counselling training is a significant financial commitment. For your sake as well as Network's, it is important that you consider carefully how to finance the whole of your training. We aim to keep course fees as low as reasonably possible and also offer the option to pay by instalments.

If the course fees will be difficult for you to pay then there are a number of options you could consider.

Trusts

There are a number of Trusts which will support individuals who are not eligible for any form of statutory funding. You can find standard lists of these in most public libraries. Useful publications include the Guide to Educational Grants, the Charities Digest and the Directory of Grant Making Trusts.

There is a Bristol-based Christian trust fund which regularly considers applications from those seeking counselling training with Network: the St Matthias Trust. If you would like to apply to them, telephone 0117 9060100, or visit www.stmatthiastrust.org.uk for further information.

The Ruby and Will George Trust makes grants for the enhancement of education, provided that the applicant has links to commerce. Visit http://rwgt.co.uk/

Guidelines For Applying To Trusts

- Your letter should be no more than one A4 page.
- It may be helpful to include a copy of the prospectus (apart from the St Matthias Trust which has supported a number of our students in the past) – but make sure that you do include exactly what the fund asks for.
- Explain how the course will benefit you and others.
- Make a clear request for the amount you need.
- Explain what other steps you are taking to secure the necessary funding.
- It is good idea to include a stamped addressed envelope.

Other Funding Sources

If you belong to a church or faith community, you could approach them for financial support, particularly if you are involved in its pastoral care work. A number of our students have been funded, totally or in part, by their church/ faith community. We would suggest that you talk with your faith/church leader or treasurer.

Your employer may be interested in supporting you if what you learn could benefit their business. Another possibility is a bank loan.

If you are successful with any ideas or Trusts please let us know, as the information may be helpful to future students.



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