

Information Sheet: Level 2 Certificate in Counselling Skills

About New Pathways

This course has been developed by New Pathways which is a leading sexual violence support organisation in Wales. New Pathways has over 25 years of experience of counselling adults and children affected by sexual abuse and of delivering training throughout the UK on sexual violence and working with trauma.

Who the Course is for?

This course is suitable for people who have an interest in improving their helping and listening skills, whether in the workplace or in their own lives. It is also the first step towards training as a professional counsellor and may lead on to achieving higher qualifications, such as a Level 3 Certificate in Counselling and Level Diploma in Counselling.

Development

This course was developed in order to provide an introduction to counselling skills in mid Wales to meet the hitherto unmet demand for a course at this level in the area. The content and materials have been developed by experienced, local, practising counsellors who have additional qualifications in teaching and assessing.

Validation

This Certificate is pending validation by CPCAB (Counselling & Psychotherapy Central Awarding Body) and has a credit value of 17. CPCAB is a UK awarding body that is managed by professional counsellors, trainers and supervisors. Operating for 25 years, they are the only awarding body in Europe to specialise in the field of counselling.

Teaching

The certificate is taught by tutors who are both practising counsellors and qualified teachers, with experience of teaching counselling to adults locally.

Content

The course will form an introduction to counselling and aims to ensure that candidates have a basic theoretical understanding whilst also developing practical counselling skills. The weekly sessions will be varied but generally will include both a theory/ knowledge-based presentation and discussion, or a session which focuses on skills and professional considerations. There will also be regular counselling practice with time for feedback and reflection.

Assessment

A variety of assessment methods will be used throughout the course including:

- Assignment
- Candidate portfolio, referenced against learning outcomes
- Satisfactory tutor observation / report
- Final external examination

Candidates must successfully complete all assessment requirements in order to successfully complete the course.

Location

The course will be delivered in New Pathways' training facility in Aberystwyth town centre, which is accessible by public transport.

Days and Times

Start Date: 1st October 2020.

Thursdays from 5.30pm – 8.30pm

Terms dates will be as follows:

	Week commencing:
Autumn 2020	28/9/2020- 7/12/2020
Spring 2021	4/1/2021 – 15/3/2021
Summer 2021	12/4/2021 – 21/6/2021

Entry Requirements

Candidates must have a basic level of literacy in order to complete the final assessment.

Course fees

The expected course fees for 2020/1 are £650. The fees are payable at the beginning of the course. Candidates may opt to pay in termly instalments. Further details of amounts and dates that instalments are due will be made available when offers of places are confirmed. This price includes the charge of £167 for CPCAB registration.

Application Process

For an application form, or for further information, please email: training@newpathways.org.uk or call 01970 610124.

The closing date for applications is 18th September, 2020.