

Selection Criteria

Before you complete the application form, please consider the following points and questions to help you assess your eligibility to apply :

Qualifications and/or equivalent experience

Do you have a degree or equivalent Further Education or Higher Education qualification ?

For those with no first degree (or equivalent qualification) an initial assessment is made based on the experience and study detailed on their application form and their CV. Should these be relevant to the training, and other eligibility criteria be met a conditional place will be offered. Relevant work or life experiences may include but is not limited to: working with people, caring, parenting, and management and personal development.

With a conditional place, the first year of study will be used to assess whether the applicant can manage a post graduate standard of training. This will be assessed in the following ways; within their tutorial, completion of assignments and personal development in their interaction in the training session and process groups. At the end of the first year a decision will be made concerning the trainee continuing onto the Clinical Training Years. At the time when applicants for the Clinical Training years confirm their places they will be made aware of the expected learning requirements for future years.

TA101

Have you completed a TA 101 prior to applying for the course? If you haven't attended a TA101 you will need to do so within the first year.

Study commitment and self-motivation

Can you realistically undertake a two or three year course of study that will involve one weekend's attendance per month and the equivalent of one day a week for activities such as private study, supervision and counselling practice?

Resources

Bearing in mind the above do you have the financial resources to support yourself through voluntary, unpaid work; supervision costs; ongoing therapy; travel costs; and training costs; membership of appropriate bodies?

Do you consider yourself to possess the emotional stability and maturity needed to work with those who may be experiencing traumatic events or emotional distress?

Personal qualities

We are also looking for applicants to demonstrate the following personal qualities.

- a lively and enquiring mind
- a capacity for critical reflection and self-directed learning
- an ability to listen and respond with compassion and respect
- awareness of prejudice and the ability to respond openly to issues of race, gender, age, sexual preference, class, disability, ethnic, spiritual / religious and cultural difference, and diversity
- awareness and sensitivity in relation to the political, socio-cultural and religious / spiritual contexts of people's lives
- in-depth self-reflection, self-awareness and commitment to self-development