



**CERTIFICATE IN COUNSELLING SKILLS
SEPTEMBER 2021-JULY 2022**

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

AIMS:

- to provide participants with a sound knowledge and understanding of basic counselling skills.
- to provide participants with opportunities to practise these skills.
- to impart knowledge about basic human development theory.
- to examine and work within the 'BACP Ethical Framework for the Counselling Professions' (2018). *
- to work with issues of diversity.
- to provide a safe space for personal exploration and development.
- to provide opportunities for professional feedback.

OBJECTIVES:

- to develop an understanding of what counselling is and how it differs from other sorts of help and communication.
- to introduce and practise a range of counselling skills, e.g., active listening, mirroring, use of reflecting and paraphrasing skills, adopting a non-judgemental and empathic approach.
- to learn about basic human development.
- to recognise, understand and work with different forms of communication, e.g., verbal, non-verbal, use of body language, unconscious, etc.
- to understand and apply professional counselling boundaries and a therapeutic frame to the work.
- to appreciate the relevance and importance of working within a professionally recognised, ethical framework, i.e., the BACP Ethical Framework for the Counselling Professions (2018). *
- to explore issues of diversity and to work with difference.
- to provide a safe space for self-exploration and self-development.
- to practise what is learnt through role plays and experiential group work activities.
- to provide a range of opportunities for professional feedback.
- to explore the possibility of training as a psychodynamic counsellor with Highgate Counselling Centre.
- to examine further training opportunities and routes for progression.

*** Reference:**

BACP. (2018) *Ethical Framework for The Counselling Professions*.

Available at: <https://www.bacp.co.uk/events-and-resources/ethics-and-standards/ethical-framework-for-the-counselling-professions/>

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