

Health, Science and Social Care Professions

Counselling Skills Level 3 Part-time

In Brief

Start Date / Duration

This course next starts September 2025. Days and times to be confirmed. The course will run for one academic year.

Entry Requirements

- Candidates will need to be aged 19 or above.
- Possession of a Level 2 qualification in Counselling Skills/Helping Skills (proof of this will be expected at enrolment).
- GCSE Grade C or above in English Language (or the equivalent).

You will achieve

NCFE CACHE
Level 3 Diploma in
Counselling Skills

Course Overview

This qualification is ideal for those seeking to enhance their functional role through the use of counselling skills. Learners will gain an understanding of a range of counselling skills and have the opportunity to examine some of the various schools of thought/theoretical models associated with them. The course is suitable for professionals employed in education, welfare or social services wishing to develop a counselling role. It may also be appropriate for those working in a voluntary capacity with self-help groups or other agencies.

A commitment to equal opportunities is an essential component of this course.

This qualification does not qualify learners to practise as a counsellor.

Course Content

To be awarded the Level 3 Diploma in Counselling Skills, learners are required to successfully complete 5 mandatory units:

- Unit 01 Developing counselling skills
- Unit 02 Theoretical approaches in the use of counselling skills
- Unit 03 Working ethically with counselling skills
- Unit 04 Counselling skills and diversity
- Unit 05 Counselling skills and personal development

How will I be assessed?

- Continuous assessment through assignments/reflective journals and a portfolio of evidence.
- Candidates must submit a completed portfolio of evidence by the end of the course for final assessment. External verifier may request photocopying part of your portfolio but your confidentiality will be maintained at all times.
- Minimum 90% attendance, which will be monitored throughout the course.

What Equipment Will I Need?

Equipment required will be discussed with the tutor.

Where will I study?

Old Mill Lane campus
Church Street
Barnsley
S70 2AX

What can I do next?

Learners who achieve this qualification could progress to Level 4 counselling qualifications
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[<https://www.barnsley.ac.uk/course/counselling-therapeutic-diploma-level-4-part-time/>]

How much does the course cost?

This course costs £2225. This course is eligible for the Free Courses for Jobs funding which means you can study this for free if you meet the eligibility criteria. Please see the drop-down option below for more details. If you are not eligible for funding then you may be able to apply for an Advanced Learner Loan to cover the cost of the course.

19+ Students

Aged 19 or over and thinking about Further Education? You may be eligible for free or reduced course fees . Please refer to our page ['paying for your course.'](#)

Financial support

You may be eligible for assistance with expenses such as travel, books, equipment and childcare. For further information please contact the Student Services Team on 01226 216 267.

Extra information

Advanced Learner Loans

This course may be eligible for an Advanced Learner Loan.

For eligibility information and details about how to apply, visit the Advanced Learner Loan page. Or contact our Information Team by calling 01226 216 123 or emailing: info@barnsley.ac.uk [<mailto:info@barnsley.ac.uk>]

Join Honeywell Sports Village

We have a state-of-the-art fitness village, Honeywell Sports Village [<https://www.barnsley.ac.uk/shops-services/honeywell-sports-village/>] where students can make use of our fitness suite, spinning studio and classes for competitive rates.

Free Courses For Jobs

If you are aged 19 or over, you may not have to pay for this course if:

- You do not already have a level 3 qualification OR
- You already have a level 3 qualification or higher but earn below the earnings threshold set by your local authority, which includes benefits (see below) OR
- You already have a level 3 qualification or higher but are unemployed and in receipt of a means-tested benefit, below the earnings threshold set by your local authority (see below).

This course is funded by *South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority (SYMCA) and/or West Yorkshire Combined Authority (WYCA)*. You must be living in the South or West Yorkshire regions to qualify for funding.

Earnings Threshold

- If you live in the qualifying **West Yorkshire** region and earn below £25,000 a year then you may not have to pay for this course.
- If you live in the qualifying **South Yorkshire** region and earn below £30,476 a year then you may not have to pay for this course.

Contact the Information Unit

For further information please contact our friendly Information Team on +44 (0)1226 216 123 or email info@barnsley.ac.uk [<mailto:info@barnsley.ac.uk>]

Disclaimer

Please note we reserve the right to change details without notice. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

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