



Certificate in Foundational Skills & Competence in Counselling & Psychotherapy - **Certificate At Safe Ireland**

April 2025

ICHAS will be commencing the Certificate in Foundational Skills & Competence in Counselling & Psychotherapy in April 2025 on Tuesday 1st April 2025 and will be completed over a 12 week period (6.30pm – 8.30pm on Mondays (via Zoom), and 9.30am – 4.30pm on Saturdays (In person Attendance)).

This Certificate Programme is designed for learners who wish to learn fundamental skills and competencies in counselling & psychotherapy practice. The certificate is an ideal introduction to the world of counselling and psychotherapy, offering participants the opportunity to explore this growing profession in Ireland. It serves as an excellent introduction to the area of counselling and teaches general counselling skills that will benefit people in both their personal and professional lives. This programme is suitable for those who wish to study both Counselling and Psychotherapy at a foundational level, either to support existing roles or as a point of initial discovery as to whether or not a Major Award might be something that they wish to pursue.

Duration: 12 Weeks

NFQ Credits: 20 ECTS

This Certificate Programme comprises the following modules

Module Title	Aim of the module	Credits
Theoretical Perspectives in Counselling & Psychotherapy	The aim of this module is to introduce a range of theories central to counselling and psychotherapy placing them in their social, cultural, philosophical, and historical contexts.	10
Essential Counselling & Psychotherapeutic Skills	The aim of this subject is to teach students the attributes and foundation skills necessary to work and understand their role in areas of practice such as Counselling & Psychotherapy.	10

MODULE CONTENT IS AS FOLLOWS.

Essential Counselling & Psychotherapeutic Skills

Module content will include:

Understanding the distinctions between counselling/psychotherapy and differing types of helping.	Exploration Skills in Counselling - Use of Opening Questions, Attending, Listening, Use of Restatements and reflection of feelings.	Facilitating the arousal of emotions and supporting clients to share appropriately in therapy.
Understanding the Therapeutic Relationship	Use of Self Disclosure in Counselling	Working with Clients to achieve insight and construct meaning of experiences.
The listening helper; qualities, skills and knowledge. Core conditions of Congruence, Empathy and UPR.	Establishing Rapport and client engagement.	Addressing relational issues in the Therapeutic Alliance.
Closing skills and disengagement at the end of the session	Demonstrating the use of Core conditions in the counselling framework.	Reflection on content and process of a counselling session

Theoretical Perspectives in Counselling & Psychotherapy

Module content will include:

Counselling and psychotherapy. Definitional distinctions and commonalities.	An introduction to Psychodynamic Counselling & Psychotherapy	An introduction to Humanistic Counselling & Psychotherapy
An introduction to Integrative & Pluralistic Counselling & Psychotherapy	An introduction to other Theories & Models in Counselling & Psychotherapy	Similarities and differences between schools/models of counselling and psychotherapy.
A common factors approach to counselling and psychotherapy.	Structuring the counselling/psychotherapy session.	Understanding the Therapeutic Relationship in Counselling & Psychotherapy
Therapist Competencies for practice	Counselling, Psychotherapy & the "Core Conditions"	Diversity, Difference and Cultural Sensitivity

Schedule

Tuesday 1st April 2025 6.30 to 9pm – Theoretical Perspectives	Saturday 5th April 2025 9.30am to 4.30pm – In person Skills Griffith College Dublin	Tuesday 8th April 2025 6.30 to 9pm – Theoretical Perspectives	Tuesday 15th April 2025 6.30 to 9pm – Theoretical Perspectives	Tuesday 29th April 2025 6.30 to 9pm – Theoretical Perspectives
*Saturday 10th May 2025 9.30am to 4.30pm – In person Skills Griffith College Dublin	Tuesday 13th May 2025 6.30 to 9pm Theoretical Perspectives	Tuesday 20th May 2025 6.30 to 9pm Theoretical Perspectives	*Saturday 24th May 2025 9.30am to 4.30pm -In person Skills Griffith College Dublin	Tuesday 27th May 2025 6.30 to 9pm Theoretical Perspectives
Tuesday 10th June 2025 6.30 to 9pm Theoretical Perspectives	Tuesday 17th June 2025 6.30 to 9pm Theoretical Perspectives	*Saturday 21 st June 2025 9.30am to 4.30pm – In person Skills Griffith College Dublin	Tuesday 24 th June 2025 6.30 to 9pm Theoretical Perspectives	

Programmes Fees

Fees for this certificate are €800 and are funded in full by Safe Ireland. Upon Successful completion of this Certificate students will receive a Level 6 (20 ECTS) Certificate in Foundational Skills & Competence in Counselling & Psychotherapy validated by Quality Qualifications Ireland(QQI). <https://www.qqi.ie/>. This Certificate is made up of two 10 credit modules from the first year of the BA(Hons) in Counselling and Psychotherapy(With)Addiction/Youth Studies at ICHAS. Successful participants on the certificate programme have the option to progress on to the BA degree programmes at the College. Should you wish to proceed with the ICHAS Degree Programme, tuition fees for this degree will be reduced, by the fee paid for this certificate, students would also be exempt from class attendance for the module listed above on the B.A. Programmes.

To proceed with an application for this programme, please apply online at www.myichas.ie and put in Safe Ireland in the supporting statement

See further information at: <https://ichas.ie/course/safe-ireland-certificate-in-foundational-skills-competence-in-counselling-psychotherapy/#1638971508607-5c4b26b2-bebbor> please contact ICHAS at info@ichas.ie or on 061216288



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