



Therapy And Counselling Teesside (TACT)

Admissions Policy

1 Policy Statement

The entry qualifications reflect the desire to make all the courses open to as many people as possible. If there is any doubt concerning an applicant's ability to benefit from a course, a number of options are available.

An applicant may present evidence of uncertified learning which may, if it is deemed to satisfy the entry requirements for a course, enable the applicant to be admitted to a course. This would be dependent on an interview and satisfactory completion of an essay/written.

An applicant could have direct access to the 2nd year of training if an equivalent training of a minimum of one, or two years could be evidenced. Such training would need to have been successfully completed and within an organisation which meets the requirements of the UKCP, EIATSCYP and UKAHP.

2. Admissions Criteria

Normal entry requirements:

1. Evidence of a capacity to demonstrate written work at the required level. (Higher Education - Post Graduate Diploma Level).
2. Relevant experience of counselling.
3. Complete an application form with relevant information about education, professional training, work experience and voluntary activity. The application form will include a requirement to sign a statement regarding any previous criminal convictions.
4. Attend for an interview of a approximately 60 minute's duration with a two senior members of the relevant course team and, if required, attend for a second interview.
5. Demonstrate personal insight and awareness of the nature of the counselling process.
6. A personality which offers the stability for a counselling relationship.
7. Relevant experience of working with people in a responsible role.
8. Applicants will be required to confirm their willingness to abide by the Codes of Ethics of TACT at point of registration.

9. Applicants are required to have a full enhanced DBS normally processed through TACT before starting the training.
10. If (1) cannot be evidenced through any formal qualifications arising from study in Further or Higher Education, then the following will be required in order to provide the applicant with the opportunity to demonstrate an appropriate standard for entry to a TACT course:
 11. Provision of applicant's CV
 12. A portfolio of work including:
 - experience in counselling in a volunteer or other capacity;
 - formal and information education;
 - an outline of independent study. e.g. reading which is relevant to counselling;
 - other experiences which are relevant, e.g. receiving counselling /therapy;
 - references from a person who has experience of working with people in a responsible role;
 - written evidence of the above is required.
 13. In addition to the above an essay/written project of 1,500 words on a counselling related topic.
 14. The criteria for this essay/written project are as follows:
 - Issues in the title are addressed in a lucid, relevant, rigorous and coherent way.
 - The work is well structured; themes/ideas/issues are developed in a logical and consistent way.
 - There is evidence of use of personal experience and views, reading of relevant literature, and of practical implications.
 - Unsupported generalisations are to be avoided, and clear distinctions between evidence and opinion should be maintained.
 - Further implications of the issues are indicated, which there may not be space to develop.
 - The conclusion draws together the main arguments in a way which enables the reader to appreciate why these conclusions are reached.
 15. There are minimum English Language entry requirements for individuals applying to a TACT's training courses. Applicants will be expected to have an adequate command of written and spoken English (disability and equalities exceptions and adaptations to this requirement will always apply). Applicants will normally be expected to have a minimum English language grade (Grade 4 in GCSE English language or equivalent). International applicants will be expected to have a minimum 6.5 International English Language Testing System score or equivalent.
 16. If the applicant presents a satisfactory portfolio and essay/written project then they may be admitted to the course normally by initial registration for

the first year.

17. In the event of an applicant failing to achieve entry to the Course, the Head of course will advise the candidate as to what courses of study and experience may be appropriate to undertake prior to any further application. Successful completion of such course of study/experience does not of itself guarantee acceptance at subsequent application.

Enrolment

Enrolment is for the part-time mode of study and will normally be for a period of one year at a time. The course as a whole is over a minimum of three years.

Continuation of training will normally be within a maximum of 5 years from initial enrolment. This period may be extended if a trainee had to take time out of the training course for extenuating circumstances.