

CCPE Diploma Course

CRITERIA FOR DIPLOMA COURSE ENTRY

The following are the criteria for the four-year UKCP accredited Diploma course:

- Sufficient relevant life experience and resilience for intensive experiential training
- 50 hours therapy with a qualified psychotherapist prior to commencement of the course
- Successful completion of a one-year Counselling Foundation Skills course or equivalent that provides basic Counselling skills training and knowledge of basic counselling theory
- Personal maturity and a willingness to reflect deeply
- An interest in and commitment to their own personal spiritual development
- Personal qualities and aptitude to work with vulnerable adults and those in mental emotional or spiritual crisis
- Evidence of skills and capacity for essay writing and academic work

Those candidates who do not meet the above requirements may be asked first to complete the [Certificate in the Foundations of Counselling and Psychotherapy](#) course.

The course is intended for people who wish to obtain a theoretical and practical training in the counselling and psychotherapy profession, from a spiritual perspective.

The Diploma Course is set at a postgraduate level of academic competence, which will be assessed through written work, as outlined below. Students also need to show that they have sufficient emotional competence and maturity and the spiritual resources necessary to engage with the demands of the training and the work of psychotherapy. Qualities that we look for include: a lively and enquiring mind, an ability to listen and respond with compassion and respect, awareness of prejudice, the capacity for in-depth self-reflection, self-awareness and commitment to self-development.

A student handbook with detailed guidelines on meeting the course requirements is available at the beginning of the first term.

Click here for: [REQUIREMENTS FOR AWARD OF THE DIPLOMA CERTIFICATE](#)

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. How do I apply for the Diploma course?

A. To apply, please follow the instructions in the Guidance for Applications found in the Application Pack on the general website. The application fee is £85. Applications for the Diploma course are generally from our Foundation students and students having completed their initial training elsewhere.

The CCPE Admissions Panel will review all applications in mid-September and decide if they are eligible for a place on the Diploma course. There are more applicants than places. All applicants will be contacted by the Admissions administrator regarding the decision of their application in Early October.

A deposit of £300 is required to secure the offer of a place on the course.

Q. What is the cost of the course?

A. The fee for Year 1 in 2025 is £5174 including £300.00 non-refundable deposit. The fee for Year 2 – Year 4 (2026-2028) is £6048 each year.

Q. How long is the Diploma Course?

A. The Diploma course is a four-year course, it runs each year from January to December (30 weeks). Two additional years are available and are used if a deferral is required and/or to complete course requirements after the end of the taught period.

Q. What are the times of the course?

A. The course is part-time. Lectures are held one evening per week from 7pm to 10.10pm.

Q. Are there any weekends involved?

A. In the 1st year there are 5 weekends plus a six-day seminar and a non-compulsory one-day workshop, 10am-5pm each day.

Q. Is the course accredited?

A. The course is accredited by the UKCP.

Q. Will I receive a Diploma certificate for training?

A. Yes, you will be awarded a Diploma certificate if you have successfully met all the training requirements; the criteria for completion certificate are set out on our website.

A minimum of 80% attendance of course lectures and 100% attendance of the weekend seminars.

Q. Am I required to have personal therapy whilst on the course?

A. All students are required to have completed 160 hours of personal therapy with a UKCP registered transpersonal face-to-face psychotherapist over the duration of the course. The successful completion of the course can lead to registration as a UKCP Adult Psychotherapist.