

Eligibility for Associate work with Lifelink

Our Associate programme is designed around working with experienced, self-managed therapists who can provide a quality service to our clients within the delivery models and frameworks associated with our company.

They will deliver an integrative approach to counselling within our 4:8, Single Session Approach; and any other delivery models appropriate to the contracts we engage them on.

Registration / Accreditation requirements

To apply for Associate work, you must be a registered and accredited member of the BACP / BABCP and meet the following criteria:

Training requirements

You must have completed and graduated from a BACP accredited course, or professional counselling or psychotherapy training that:

- Is accredited at PG Diploma level or above
- included at least 450 hours of tutor contact hours
- lasted at least two years (part-time) or one year (full-time)
- included a supervised placement as an integral part of the training
- covered theory, skills, professional issues and personal development
- required an assessment of your competence at the end

You can use more than one course to meet these requirements, but you cannot include:

- short continuing professional development (CPD) training
- courses which are not considered core practitioner training for counselling and psychotherapy, such as eye movement desensitisation and reprocessing (EMDR) or hypnotherapy
- courses that offer a certificate of attendance, achievement or completion without any assessment

Supervised practice requirements

You must also have:

- been in practice for more than three years (these do not have to be consecutive years)
- completed at least 450 hours of supervised practice, accumulated over three to six years (which don't have to be consecutive). At least 150 of these hours must have been after successfully completing all your practitioner training.
- been supervised for at least 1.5 hours a month throughout this period of practice