

**Professional Development Award in Counselling Children & Young People (age 10-18) Course schedule 2026/2027**

Unit Title	Teaching Team & Dates		Cohort 3 Course content	Assignments & submission dates	Tutor Feedback Dates
Unit 1 Ethics and Professional Standards	1. HW & PM	19/09/2026	Introduction to differences and factors in counselling CYP	Reflective journal (required following each teaching day)	
	2 SW, PM & HW	24/10/2026	Practicing Therapy: Points of law and ethics		
	3 HW & PM	21/11/2026	Practicing therapy safely: safeguarding and risk		
	4 PM & HW	12/12/2026	Preparing for practice	Readiness to Practice: Assignment 1 (Presentation)	
				Assignment 2 (Essay) 18/12/2026	19/02/2027
Unit 2 Safe and Competent Practice	5 PM & HW	16/01/2027	Erikson and the psychosocial model	Placement confirmed (start to collate 50 clinical hours with CYP)	
	6 PM & HW	20/02/2027	Winnicott and the facilitating environment	Assignment 3 (Recording for Transcript)	
	7 HW & PM	20/03/2027	Bowlby and Attachment theory	Assignment 3 (Transcript) 19/03/2027	30/04/2027
	8 AH, PM & HW	24/04/2027	Psychodynamic Approach		
	9 HW & PM	15/05/2027	Person Centred Approach		
	10 PM & HW	19/06/2027	CBT Approach	Assignment 4 (Case Studies) 11/06/2027	23/07/2027
				Assignment 5 (Portfolio) (10/09/2027 or on completion of 50 practice hours)	22/10/2027 or 6 weeks after submission
Optional additional 2 days	Dates to be confirmed	Creative play-based activities when working with CYP		Certificate of attendance	