

Summary – tutor qualifications and experience

The following table summarises the qualifications and experience that a tutor must have to deliver qualifications at each level.

Tutor	Minimum qualification	On-going CPD	Minimum practice experience	Min. experience as a trainer / tutor	
Level 2 Award in Introduction to Counselling Skills (ICSK-L2)					
Core tutor	Counselling skills (90+ hours) or equivalent	Counselling or related field	Professional work with others (social work, teaching etc), OR ... Volunteer helper (agency setting)	In related field (human relations, professional development etc)	
Level 2 Certificate in Counselling Skills (CSK-L2)					
Core tutor	Counselling skills (90+ hours) or equivalent	Personal Professional	Professional work with others using counselling skills (social work, personnel teaching etc.), OR ... Experienced volunteer helper (agency setting)	Group training in related field (human relations, professional development etc.)	
Additional tutor(s)	Counselling skills or equivalent	Personal Professional	Professional work with others (social work, teaching etc), OR Volunteer helper (agency setting)	None required	
Level 3 Certificate in Counselling Studies (CST-L3)					
Tutor	Minimum qualification	Personal therapy + professional accreditation	On-going CPD	Minimum practice experience	Min. experience as a trainer / tutor
Core tutor	Therapeutic counselling (diploma - min 350 hours)	Experience of personal therapy AND member of a professional association	Personal Professional Current Practitioner	Either supervised counselling practice OR related professional work with others (social work, teaching etc) and volunteer helper (agency setting) AND supervisory role in related field	Counselling skills training OR trainer in related field (e.g. human relations, professional development)
Additional tutor(s)	Counselling skills (90+ hours) or equivalent		Personal Professional	Professional work with others (social work, teaching etc) OR volunteer helper (agency)	None required

Tutor	Minimum qualification	Personal therapy + professional accreditation	On-going CPD	Minimum practice experience	Min. experience as a trainer / tutor
Level 4 Diploma in Therapeutic Counselling (TC-L4)					
Core tutor	Therapeutic counselling (diploma min 450 hours)	Experience of personal therapy AND ... member of a professional association	Personal Professional Current Practitioner	Supervised counselling practice (450 hours post-qualification) in agency / independent setting) AND supervisory role in related field	Evidence of ability to teach and facilitate at level 4.
Additional tutor(s)	Therapeutic counselling (diploma -min 350 hours)	Experience of personal therapy AND member of a professional association	Personal Professional Current practitioner	Supervised counselling practice (agency / independent setting)	Trainer in related field (human relations, professional development etc)
Level 5 Diploma in Psychotherapeutic Counselling (PC-L5)					
Core tutor	Therapeutic counselling (diploma min 450 hours)	Min 40 hours personal therapy AND ... member of a professional association	Relevant and current Professional CPD Current practitioner	2 years post-qualifying supervised counselling practice as an AUTONOMOUS practitioner Experienced counselling supervisor	Evidence of ability to teach and facilitate at level 5.
Additional tutor(s)	Therapeutic counselling (diploma min 450 hours)	Min 40 hours personal therapeutic counselling AND member of a professional association	Personal Professional Current Practitioner	1 year post-qualifying supervised counselling practice (agency/independent)	Trainer in related field (human relations, professional development etc)
Level 5 Diploma in Cognitive Behavioural Therapeutic Skills and Theory (CBT-L5)					
Core tutor	Recognised CBT qualification	Member of a professional association	Relevant and current Professional CPD Current practitioner Supervision skills	Min 100 hours post-qualifying supervised CBT counselling practice	Evidence of ability to teach and facilitate at level 5.
Level 6 Certificate in Therapeutic Counselling Supervision (TCSU-L6)					
Core tutor	Therapeutic counselling diploma (min 450 hours) AND Supervision qualification OR ... 3 years experience of supervising	Min 40 hours personal therapy AND ... member of a professional association	Relevant and current Professional CPD Current practitioner	450 hours post-qualifying supervised counselling practice AND ... 2 years post-qualifying experience of supervising in agency / independent setting	Evidence of ability to teach and facilitate at level 6.

Additional tutor(s)	Therapeutic counselling diploma (min 450 hours) AND 2 years experience of supervising	Min 40 hours personal therapy AND member of a professional association	Personal Professional Current practitioner	1 year post qualifying supervised counselling practice AND either experience of assessment OR in a supervisory role	Trainer in related field (human relations, professional development etc)
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