

MA in Counselling and Psychotherapy by Research

The Masters degree by Research at the University of Warwick, starting January 2015, offers the opportunity to spend two years, part-time, learning skills and competencies to critique and appraise, as well as carry out research in counselling and psychotherapy. the MA can also be studied full-time.

This course does **not** lead to a practice qualification but to practice based research for those practitioners who are already qualified.

Modules are taught using a blended learning approach which combines elements of face-to-face teaching with independent study using web-based course materials.

Module 1 – Research Methods (30 credits)

This module examines the purposes, principles, ethics and applications of research and the practice of both quantitative and qualitative research. The curriculum includes case studies, interviewing, action research, surveys, interpretive phenomenological analysis, narrative inquiry and critical research. Students will also produce a research proposal in preparation for the dissertation.

Dissertation (150 credits)

Identifying and justifying appropriate research questions and producing a detailed proposal will be followed by seeking ethical approval to conduct research into the student's chosen topic. There is growing recognition internationally that sound research enhances good practice in counselling and psychotherapy. This module provides an opportunity for in-depth, practice-based research.

Self-directed study supported by regular research supervision, offered by a specialist in chosen area.

Length:

1 year full-time (this may be of particular interest for international students)

or

2 years part-time (designed for those who wish to combine study with work commitments through a combination of face-to-face teaching, online resources, group work and individual supervision)

Entry requirements: Normally a second-class honours degree, plus 3 years professional experience in counselling and psychotherapy or a related area would be required.

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Website (for further course information, fees information and how to apply):
warwick.ac.uk/counsellingcourses