

## PQDCYP Stage 2: Full Award

Post Qualifying Diploma in Counselling Young People (11-18) addressing the BACP Curriculum.

### Course Details

This highly creative, experiential and advanced specialist course directly addresses **Stage 2** of the new [BACP Curriculum in Counselling Young People \(11-18\)](#) and hence the [BACP Competences for Humanistic Counselling with Young People \(11–18 years\)](#). It is highly recommended for counsellors who wish to work ethically and competently within this specialist area, and who wish to clearly demonstrate to future employers that they meet the Stage 2 level on the BACP Curriculum and the associated BACP competences.

### The PQDCYP Stage 2 curriculum

- Includes all Subject Areas listed within **Stage 2 of the BACP Counselling Young People (11–18 years) Training Curriculum**
- Assesses all Learning Outcomes listed within the **BACP Curriculum Stage 2**, and some from Stage 3, which are mapped onto the **BACP Competences for Humanistic Counselling with Young People (11–18 years)**.
- Meets all recommended placement requirements listed within Stage 2 of the **Counselling Young People (11–18 years) Training Curriculum**.

### Applications

#### How to apply:

You can apply by submitting the following documents and items:

- A completed Post Qualifying Courses application form ([available to download](#) from 'Download' section of this web page).
- Your £450 Enrolment Deposit (Non-Refundable) to reserve your place (see the 'Fees' tab for further information).

Application documents can be submitted by email

to [enquiries@ironmill.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@ironmill.co.uk), or by post to Iron Mill College, Morwenstow, 7 Barnfield Crescent, Exeter, Devon, EX1 1QT.

#### Entry requirements:

- A Certificate evidencing **Stage 1: Introduction to BACP Competences for Humanistic Counselling with Young People (11–18 years)**  
or
- Apply using **RPL/RPEL application form** if you don't have the Level 1

#### **Plus (for all applicants):**

- Successful completion of core adult counselling training (minimum: 400 taught contact hours over 2 years, with 100 hours placement and 40 hours personal therapy)

- BACP Registered Members (or equivalent: full membership of professional bodies relating directly to counselling and psychotherapy which either (a) are [authorised PSA Register holders](#) or (b) professional bodies for regulated professions on the [HCPC Register](#)).
- A current Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service certificate (less than 1 year old)
- Two professional referees (one of which must be your supervisor).

Successful applicants will be offered a place on the course once all of the above application documents have been received and checked, and the Enrolment Deposit paid.

## Syllabus

The **PQDCYP Stage 2 Full Award** addresses **Stage 2** of the *BACP Competences for Humanistic Counselling with Young People (11–18 years)*.

### Duration:

- 14 full days of tuition (across 7 months), plus substantial independent and guided learning
- An additional 6 months to achieve the required 50 placement hours meeting all criteria

**Total Duration:** This course will take a **minimum of 7 months and a maximum of one year** to complete - you choose!

- **Module 1: Transitioning from Childhood** (addressing Learning Outcomes in 6 BACP Subject Areas)
- **Module 2: Young People's Wellbeing** (addressing Learning Outcomes in 8 BACP Subject Areas)
- **Module 3: Holding the Overall Perspective** (addressing Learning Outcomes in 8 BACP Subject Areas)
- **Skills Practices** are included in all modules (addressing Learning Outcomes in 11 BACP Subject Areas)
- **Placement** of 50 hours with Supervisor Reports (addressing Learning Outcomes in 1 BACP Subject Area)

This course is assessed by a range of assessment types such as portfolio, essay, reports, and skills assessments. There are no presentations or exams.

## Fees

**£1450**, inclusive of assessments, tuition, tutorials, certificates, use of the extensive IMC placement database and support of Placement Coordinator, course materials, creative materials, online learning platform, plus free of charge use of our IMC online library and hard copy library.

**Option 1** (Total Payable £1450):

- An Enrolment Deposit of £450 (Non-Refundable) followed by ONE instalment of £1000

**Option 2 (Total Payable £1550):**

- An Enrolment Deposit of £450 (Non-Refundable) followed by TWO instalments of £550

**Bespoke payment plans:**

In order to facilitate students, Iron Mill College has introduced bespoke payment plans that can be tailored to meet your specific needs. Please contact us at 01392 219200 / [enquiries@ironmill.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@ironmill.co.uk) for further information.

**Further information on fees:**

Fees listed include VAT.

Applicants are invited to enrol by paying the Enrolment Deposit (which shall be fully non-refundable in all circumstances) as well as submitting all application documents (see the 'Applications' tab for further information). The balance of course fees is payable as per the relevant schedule option above.

All applicants should ensure they read and understand [the Terms and Conditions of the Student Agreement and the Finance Agreement](#) before applying and paying their Enrolment Deposit (Non-Refundable).

**How to pay:**

For initial course payments and deposits, you can pay online (via PayPal) by using the booking form on this web page. You can also pay all fees by credit / debit card, either in person at Iron Mill College in Exeter, or over the phone by calling 01392 219200. Please note that we are unable to accept payments via American Express or Diners Club cards.

We also accept cash paid in person at Iron Mill College in Exeter, as well as cheques, which should be made out to 'Iron Mill College' and dropped in or sent to 'Iron Mill College, Morwenstow, 7 Barnfield Crescent, Exeter, Devon, EX1 1QT'. We can also accept payments by bank transfer and standing order - please get in touch with us at 01392 219200 / [enquiries@ironmill.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@ironmill.co.uk) for our bank details or a standing order form. Please use your name as the reference when making such payments.

**Course commencement:**

Please note: Iron Mill College makes every effort to avoid altering course times, course commencement and conclusion dates. However, should any changes be necessary, you will be notified at the earliest opportunity. All courses run subject to demand and the formation of a viable class cohort, based on the enrolment of a minimum number of successful applicants. A full refund of course fees paid, including any deposit, will be given to all applicants in the event that a course does not proceed and at least 14 days' notice (prior to the advertised course start date) will be given to applicants, in the event of a course cancellation or postponement. The college cannot be held liable for any remedy, damages or compensation beyond this.

**FAQs**

**How does this course meet the new BACP Curriculum?**

The new [BACP Curriculum in Counselling Young People \(11-18\)](#) is a thorough and intensive training curriculum that allows for some flexibility in course structure

and design providing the listed Subject Areas and Learning Outcomes are addressed and suitably assessed. IMC have ensured that all Subject Areas and Learning Outcomes listed for Stage 2 in the BACP Curriculum are addressed within this programme, and to ensure we have completed due diligence on this process, we have included detailed mapping tables within the course handbook which demonstrate that the required BACP Subject Areas and Learning Outcomes for Stage 2 training are properly addressed and assessed throughout.

### **Why do you not include Stage 1 in your training?**

Stage 1 is designed to prepare *un*qualified students to start work in placement with young people, 11-18 years. As the Stage 2 programme is a *post*-qualifying course, we do not teach the Stage 1 within it, but we do require Stage 1 to have been completed as part of the entry requirements to this programme. If you have not achieved a Stage 1, you may apply via our RPEL (Recognition of Prior Experiential Learning) process to demonstrate how you meet the Stage 1 criteria.

### **Does the Course meet the BACP Competences for Humanistic Counselling with Young People (11–18 years)?**

The BACP have completed their own mapping exercise ensuring that their BACP training curriculum maps onto their published BACP Competences. Therefore by completing this training, you are demonstrating how well you meet these Competences.

### **Will you be offering a ‘Top-Up’ course for people who have studied on non-BACP Curriculum courses?**

It is very difficult to design such a course, as everyone will come with very different training backgrounds – we would need to evidence what you have and haven’t already achieved against the 189 Learning Outcomes and 24 different Subject areas of the BACP Curriculum Stages 2 and 3! However, we are currently investigating the possibility of offering a BACP Curriculum Stage 2 top-up to the IMC students who studied on the previous IMC PQDCCA course – if we are able to do this to the standards we require, this will be announced in 2019.

### **If I do the PQDCYP Stage 2 Theory Only, and later want to top up to the Stage 2 Full Award, is this possible?**

Yes – providing you do it within 2 years of completion of your course, you can do a placement-only module with us. The fee is £300 per full 7 months of enrolment, starting in either September or April, and includes monitoring and support by the Placement Coordinator, and your assessment and certificate at the end. Likewise you can top up from ‘PQDCYP Stage 2 with Placement’ to ‘PQDCYP Full Award Stages 2 and 3’ by taking Top-Up modules for both Work based learning and Stage 3 placement of 50 hours. This will also require assessed written work to show how you align your theoretical learning with your practice.

### **Can I do this course as a ‘theory-only’, without a placement?**

The Stage 2 Curriculum, as published by the BACP, requires placement (50 hours at Stage 2). However, you may choose to just do the theory part of this course, with either minimal or no placement at all (PQDCYP Stage 2 -Theory Only). This shortened option will meet most but of course **not all** aspects of the BACP Curriculum. Your certificate will clearly reflect the option you have taken, and how it meets the BACP curriculum, so that it is not misleading in any way. Please see the relevant **PQDCYP Stage 2** course pages for details.

### **How much time does this course involve each week?**

As an advanced and intensive post-qualifying course, we require a **substantial personal commitment** to your own learning, which includes reading and self-directed study outside of your contact time with Iron Mill College. This allows time to prepare for assignments, consolidate learning, and broaden your individual knowledge and understanding of the course material. You should therefore be prepared to study as follows:

- 14 days of teaching (usually spread over 7 months)
- Approximately 4 hours per week reading
- Approximately 4-6 hours per week working towards assignments/ portfolios, and addressing any set formative assignments
- Placement – 50 face-to-face hours of supervised practice with 11–18 year olds (in an established service for young people where counselling/ psychotherapy is routinely offered such as in a school counselling service and/or a voluntary/community setting). As a general guide, if you choose to do this across 1 year, you will need to undertake approx. 1-2 counselling hours per week.
- Supervision of your placement hours at 1.5 hours per month minimum

#### **Are there any additional costs?**

Your fee is inclusive of assessments, tuition, tutorials, certificates, use of the extensive IMC placement database and support of Placement Coordinator, course materials, creative materials, online learning platform, plus free of charge use of our IMC online library and hard copy library (general texts on counselling/psychotherapy). The handbook is available in an electronic format.

You will need to budget separately for:

- Cost of your supervision
- Cost of core books you may wish to buy
- Travel/accommodation/ parking costs if applicable
- Stationary
- Regular and reliable access to a pc/ tablet or similar.

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| <b>Optional Placement/<br/>WBL Top-up</b><br>(to be started within 2 calendar years of completing the course) | This is for those who: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- achieved PQDCYP 'Stage 2 without placement' and later wish to top-up to 'Stage 2 <i>with</i> placement of 50 hours', or</li> <li>- achieved PQDCYP 'Stage 2 with placement' and later wish to top up to the PQDCYP <i>full award</i> for BACP Stages 2 and 3</li> </ul> |   |   |   | optional | optional | optional | £300 per 7 months enrolment |
| <b>Stage 2 and 3</b><br>(Full Award for BACP Stages 2 and 3)  | ✓   | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓        | ✓        | ✓        |                             |
| <b>PQDCYP Stage 2</b><br>(Full Award for BACP Stage 2)  | ✓   | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |          | ✓        |          | £1450                       |
| <b>PQDCYP Stage 2 Theory Only</b><br>(for BACP Stage 2 <i>without</i> Placement)                              | ✓   | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |          |          |          | £1200                       |