

# PCI College

## MSc Family Therapeutic Skills

### 2018- 2019 Application

**This programme is designed to provide students with clinical skills and theoretical underpinnings to inform their work with families and gain Masters Qualification Validated by Middlesex University.**

#### About the course

This course will appeal to those who are interested in family therapy, theory and training. Family Therapists work with relationships in the context of families, couples and other groups. It is a creative, innovative and thought provoking model of Psychotherapy which places sound ethics at the heart of the work.

The principle which informed Family Therapy from the time of its inception in the 1950s has been to transcend simple cause and effect explanations which located deficits within the individual, and to include those aspects of the client's context in the therapy process which will enable them to manage, resolve or better understand their difficulty. It is this ecological view which attends to the interconnectedness of people, of beliefs and of all things, which characterises Family Therapy rather than the number of people sitting in the therapy room.

Students can expect a high quality cutting edge programme that captures and imparts a modern understanding of family therapy informed theory and practice that can be incorporated into a variety of practitioner's contexts such as counselling, teaching, psychology, social care and the allied health professions. It is designed to provide students with clinical skills and theoretical underpinnings to inform their work and to gain an understanding of the major theories and models of family psychotherapy, as well as an overview of the social, practical, ethical and cultural issues that arise when working with families.

**Course Duration: 24 months; Commencing 4th of October 2018**

The course will take place every Tuesday 2-7pm from October to June.

**Venue: PCI College Dublin West**

**Tuition Fees: Year 1 - €3,670 plus MU Registration Fee €1200**  
(€3,150 for PCI College Graduates + MU Registration Fee)  
**Year 2 - €4,250**

#### Entry Requirements

Students entering the MSc course must hold a relevant honours degree (Level 7 NFQ or equivalent; Final grade 2.2 or above).

Applicants who do not meet this criteria may be eligible to enter the course on the basis of prior learning and experience in the area. Students applying on the basis of prior learning must provide evidence of their knowledge, skill and ability to pursue this programme of study. This should be in the form of a career portfolio outlining and demonstrating your career path as is relevant to this course (including transcripts of any relevant results, statements of prior learning based on systematic reflection) and be must submitted with your application. We encourage applicants to make their strongest application, so anything that you think is relevant to your application should be included with your career portfolio (e.g. Certificates, references from relevant employers/institutions,



#### Course Content

##### Year 1 Modules (120 hours):

- Contemporary Family Therapy Theory, History, Current Perspectives & Emerging Dynamics
- Personal & Relational Development in Family Therapy
- Emotional Focused Therapy
- Therapeutic Relationships & Clinical Skills

##### Year 2 Modules (150 hours):

- Theoretically Informed Family Therapy Practice
- Professional Ethics & Family Law
- Working Therapeutically with Couples Dyad
- Advanced Clinical Skills 2
- Case Study & Dissertation

##### Practice Requirements

- 100 hours clinical placement / client work
- Supervision: Students are required to attend an external supervisor for one-to-one supervision
- Personal Therapy with a FTAI registered family therapist

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#### APPLICATION PROCESS

- Send in Complete Application Form & Deposit
- Copies of Transcripts (Confirming 2.2 on relevant Level 7 Degree or higher) or Copy of Career Portfolio and a 500-word written statement on why you believe you are suitable to the course.
- All suitable candidates will be invited to interview
- Places are limited (18). Selection is based on application and interview.

Applications must be accompanied by an Initial Deposit of €250, which is deductible from course fees if the application is successful.

Applicants are entitled to a full refund of the Initial Deposit if they decide to cancel within 14 days of receipt of their application. Should an application be unsuccessful or cancelled by the applicant following this 14 day period, an administration fee of €60 is charged and the balance of €190 refunded.

## Terms & Conditions

### Entry Requirements:

It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that he/she fulfils the minimum entry requirements for a chosen course, and to ensure that the chosen course is suitable for his/her needs and level of ability. Once an applicant accepts an offer of a place on the course, he/she agrees to abide by the rules and regulations of the College. If the applicant does not reach the acceptable minimum criteria for the course, PCI College has the right to withdraw them from the course.

### Fees:

Tuition Fees are non-refundable in all personal circumstances. The balance of fees for tuition is payable, in full, before the course commences, or by availing of an agreed PCI College Direct Debit Payment Plan. Tuition Fees do not include costs of Additional Requirements such as Personal Therapy, Supervision and CPD. Once a student is enrolled on a programme of study, no part of course fees are refundable or transferable. No refund will be made in any circumstances to students who fail to attend classes or who commence a course and subsequently feel that the course does not suit him/her. Students who are having their fees paid or part-paid by a third party, should be fully aware that responsibility for payment of fees and liaison with these bodies rests solely with the student and not with PCI College.

The College makes every effort to provide the Programme as described, and to avoid altering course dates, tutors, locations etc. 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. A full refund will be given to all applicants in the event that the class does not proceed.

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### Student Requirements:

Students are required to have sufficient IT skills and access to appropriate IT facilities to participate in the course. All students are assigned an individual email address and given access to an online Student Portal. The Portal includes course materials, an online library and College announcements and students are required to upload all written assignments online. Email is the primary communication method of the College and all students are requested to access their individual email account on a regular basis to ensure receipt of all notices.

Students with a disability may require adjustments to facilitate their learning. These adjustments will be fully evaluated by PCI College. Students are requested to make the College aware of any disability, special need or learning support requirement on application.

### Garda Vetting:

Students will be requested to participate in Garda Vetting procedures in relation to programme and accreditation requirements. Please note that Year 1 fees include a €20 charge for Garda vetting process which is required prior to course entry.

Our Terms and Conditions may change and be updated from time to time. Students are requested to review the current version of Terms and Conditions on our website at [www.pcicollege.ie](http://www.pcicollege.ie)

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**APPLICATION FORM**



**1. Personal Details (Please fill all fields in Block Capitals)**

Forename \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Name \_\_\_\_\_ Surname \_\_\_\_\_

(For Registration—please use name as appears on Passport / Bank Statements)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Nationality \_\_\_\_\_ Ethnicity \_\_\_\_\_

(Leave blank if you prefer not to say)

Telephone: Home: \_\_\_\_\_

Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Employment: \_\_\_\_\_

Where did you see this course advertised? \_\_\_\_\_

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|---------------------|---------|
| ID No: _____        | IT: Y/N |
| Deposit: _____      |         |
| Offer: _____        |         |
| Accepted: _____     |         |

Please give names and addresses of two personal referees who would attest to your competence to undertake a course in Counselling & Psychotherapy. (BLOCK CAPITALS PLEASE)

|      |          |       |       |          |       |
|------|----------|-------|-------|----------|-------|
| 1    | Name:    | _____ | 2     | Name:    | _____ |
|      | Address: | _____ |       | Address: | _____ |
|      |          | _____ |       |          | _____ |
|      |          | _____ |       |          | _____ |
| Tel: | _____    | Tel:  | _____ |          |       |

Have you ever been convicted of a criminal offence?

Yes  No

If yes, please give details? \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Education Background**

Highest Education Achieved: Please give details of Course, Institution and Award\* :

(Level 7+ in Counselling/Psychotherapy, Social Work, Sociology, Psychology, Social Care or equivalent)

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Please list any other courses you consider relevant to your application: \_\_\_\_\_

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*\* Please note you will be required to bring original Transcript of Results & copies of Relevant Qualifications to interview for verification.*

### 3. Additional Information

If you have a disability or special need, will you require extra learning support?

Yes       No

If yes, please give details?

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#### I attach the following:

(Please note that applications cannot be processed until all information is received)

1. Fully completed Application Form
2. 500-word written statement on why you believe you are suitable for the course
3. Copy of all relevant transcripts\* (Confirming 2.2 on relevant Level 7 Degree or higher)   
or a Career Portfolio
4. €250 deposit (see below)

\* Please note you will be required to bring original Transcript of Results & copies of Relevant Qualifications to interview for verification.

4.  I enclose a deposit of €250.00 (of which €60.00 is non-refundable)

**OR**  VISA / MASTERCARD / LASER       Cheque       Other

Card No: \_\_\_\_\_

Exp Date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ Security Code: \_\_\_\_ (on back of card)

Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_

**OR**  BANK TRANSFER

BOI Account Number: 75917606

Sort Code: 90-01-21

### 5. Declaration

I wish to register for the programme selected above. I have read and understood the terms and conditions for programme registration (as set out in page 2 of this application form & online at [www.pcicollege.ie](http://www.pcicollege.ie)) with PCI College and I agree to be bound by those terms and conditions.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_