

## PCI College offers you...

## This is important because....

### 1. Accredited Courses

Professional accredited counselling & psychotherapy courses. The PCI College Diploma (awarded Year 3 of the BSc degree) is accredited by the Irish Association for Counselling & Psychotherapy (IACP).

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The IACP is Ireland's largest, and most well recognised accreditation body for counsellors & psychotherapists. GP's, state-bodies, HSE professionals and others usually specifically request IACP accreditation when referring clients to counsellors. Make sure you do not choose a professional body that has little standing in the field.

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### 2. Academic Standards

An honours BSc degree programme, validated by Middlesex University which is nationally and internationally recognised. Our academic standards are set in partnership with Middlesex and monitored by them on an ongoing basis. It is Level 8 on the NFQ.

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Recognised academic validation is an increasing requirement within the counselling profession. As the Government moves towards statutory regulation in the coming years, a Level 8 honours degree, from a University or QQI is expected to be the minimum standard.

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### 3. Experiential Learning

An approach which combines experiential, classroom-based learning with up-to-date theory and approaches. Our degree programme is only taught in a face-to-face, classroom environment and we support students in their 100 hours of client work practice.

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As a professional therapist, you need to be fully comfortable with both theory and practice when you counsel clients. Our unique teaching approach ensures students gain skills and knowledge which they have practiced, tried and tested throughout their training.

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### 4. Experienced Lecturers

Experienced, qualified lecturers with expertise and training in a wide range of psychological and psychotherapeutic areas. Most importantly, all of our tutors are practicing counsellors.

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Our lecturers bring their own valuable experience which students can learn from. This is combined with thorough training in the skills and personal development that are essential for therapists to be effective professionals.

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### 5. Student Focused Training

A person-centred, student focused approach. This is at the heart of our teaching ethos and means that we work hard to ensure every student receives a high standard of education and training, in a supportive and empowering environment.

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Training as a counsellor & psychotherapist is a rewarding and life-changing journey but it can be challenging at times. We understand the commitments and sometimes sacrifices, that students make along this journey and we do our utmost to support them every step of the way.

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### 6. Accessible, Nationwide Classes

The opportunity to study at venues around the country, with part-time class timetables and online resources to facilitate students busy lives.

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We aim to make our courses as accessible as possible, with seven regional locations for degree classes. While we passionately believe in classroom learning for our profession, we support that learning with online library access, e-submission of assignments and a web-based Student Portal to join up our student body and faculty around the country.

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### 7. An Unrivalled Reputation

PCI College has been providing counselling & psychotherapy training since 1991. We have trained thousands of counsellors & psychotherapists and have an unrivalled reputation for high academic quality, experiential courses that teach practical skills for professional practice.

Choosing your counselling training course is a big decision and a significant investment in yourself and your future. It's vital to choose a college with a track record of high quality qualifications and satisfied graduates. Don't just take our word for it – read some student and graduate [testimonials here](#).