

COURSE INFORMATION SHEET 2026/27

HOW TO APPLY & INTERVIEW DATES

Please read the below information before submitting your application form

General Application Information | Foundation Certificate

- We operate a rolling admissions process for the Foundation Certificate, we therefore encourage you to apply as early as possible
- The application processing fee is £60; this is for all applications and is non-refundable. This will be requested with an interview invitation
- References: two references need to be submitted before your interview date. A place being offered will depend on both references being received. References cannot be from a family member or your therapist
- Following interview and offer of place, you will be required to pay a deposit for the course within two weeks
- Acceptance of a place on this course is a contractual commitment to pay the full fee and refunds are not permitted if for any reason you do not complete the stage
- Throughout training you are required to be in personal counselling or psychotherapy (in person), with a therapist from our approved list (a minimum of 35 hours per year), which will cost from a minimum of £45 an hour
- Due to bank charges on international payments there is an additional £10 charge
- Please note that our training requires attendance **in person**

For information about the Counselling and Psychotherapy Diplomas please click below: - [Guidelines-for-applicants-to-BCPCs-Professional-Training.pdf](#)

Course Specific Information

Listening Skills in a Diverse World

Online: 12, 19, 26 Jan, 02, 09, 23 Feb, 02, 09, 16, 23 March 2026

In-person: 28 April, 05, 12, 19 May, 02, 09, 16, 23 & 30 June, 07 July

(Please note the dates exclude Half-term)

Foundation Certificate (commencing September 2026)

Interview days 2026:

Sat 21 March, Sat 18 April, Sat 02 May, Sun 14 June, Sat 04 July

Counselling Diploma (commencing September 2026)

Application deadline: 01 May 2026

Interview day: Mon 01 June 2026

External applications: for applicants who are not on the BCPC Foundation Certificate but hold an equivalence to the Foundation Certificate. Please see the website for entry requirements: <https://www.bcpc.org.uk/training-with-bcpc/diploma-entry-requirements>

Internal applications: for applicants who are on the Foundation Certificate or who have completed the Foundation Certificate in the last 2 years. Please use the internal application form available in the members area or the online application form. One of the references required will be from your tutor on the Foundation Certificate.

Psychotherapy MA/Diploma (commencing September 2026)

Application deadline: 01 May 2026

Interview day: Wed 03 June 2026

External applications: for applicants who are not on the BCPC Foundation Certificate but hold an equivalence to the Foundation Certificate. Please see the website for entry requirements: <https://www.bcpc.org.uk/training-with-bcpc/diploma-entry-requirements>

Applicants for MA Module 1 must have completed a course equivalent to the BCPC Counselling Diploma and be prepared to meet the APL/APEL requirements, which include writing an essay (as above).

Internal applications: for applicants who are on the Foundation Certificate or who have completed the Foundation Certificate in the last 2 years. Please use the internal application form available in the members area or the online application form. One of the references required will be from your tutor on the Foundation Certificate.

Course Dates 2026/2027

(all courses are held in Bath)

Half-Term Dates

Term 1: Mon 26 Oct – Sun 01 Nov 2026

Term 2: Mon 15 Feb – Sun 21 Feb 2027

Term 3: Mon 31 May – Sun 06 Jun 2027

Foundation Certificate (see above for Half-term dates)

DAY/TIME	Wednesdays (2pm - 8:15pm)	Thursdays (10am - 4:30pm)	Fridays (10am - 4:30pm)
Term 1	16 Sep – 02 Dec 2026	17 Sep – 03 Dec 2026	18 Sep - 04 Dec 2026
Term 2	06 Jan – 17 Mar 2027	07 Jan – 18 Mar 2027	08 Jan – 19 Mar 2027
Term 3	14 Apr – 07 Jul 2027	15 Apr -08 Jul 2027	16 Apr – 09 Jul 2027

Counselling Diploma (see above for Half-term dates)

DAY/TIME	Year 1: Mondays (10am - 5.30pm)	Year 2: Tuesdays (10am - 5.30pm)
Term 1	14 Sep – 07 Dec 2026	15 Sep – 08 Dec 2026
Term 2	04 Jan – 22 Mar 2027	05 Jan – 23 Mar 2027
Term 3	12 Apr – 05 Jul 2027	13 Apr – 06 Jul 2027

Psychotherapy MA/Diploma (see above for Half-term dates)

DAY/ TIME	Year 1: Wednesdays 10am - 4:30pm	Module 1: Thursdays 10am – 4:30pm	Modules 2/3: 3 x Saturdays 10am - 4:30pm	Module 2 (Relational Process) 13 x Fridays 10am -4:30pm	Module 2 Weekend Course/s Body Process	Module 3 Weekend Course/s Eco-Self & CEE	Module 4: 18 x Fridays 10am - 4pm
Term 1	16 Sep – 02 Dec 2026	17 Sep – 03 Dec 2026	10 Oct 2026	04, 11, 25 Sep 09, 23 Oct 06, 20 Nov 04 Dec 2026		12/13 Sep 26/27 Sep 17/18 October 2026	04, 18 Sep 02, 16 Oct 13, 27 Nov 11 Dec 2026
Term 2	06 Jan – 24 Mar 2027	07 Jan – 25 Mar 2027	30 Jan 2027	15, 29 Jan 12, 26 Feb 12 Mar 2027			08, 22 Jan 05 Feb 05, 19 Mar 2027
Term 3	21 Apr – 07 Jul 2027	22 Apr – 01 Jul 2027	12 Jun 2027		17/18 April 08/09 May 22/23 May 2027		16, 30 Apr 14, 28 May 11, 25 Jun, 2027

Course Fees 2026/27

Please note: all fees are subject to annual review to reflect inflationary pressures		
	Fees	Notes
Listening Skills		
30 hour course	£395	No instalment option
Foundation Certificate		
Wed, Thu or Fri	£4,125	Instalment option
You will need to budget for a minimum 35 hours therapy each year throughout the training (£45+ a week)		
Counselling Diploma – commencing on or after 1/9/2026		
Year 1	£3,885	Instalment option
Year 2	£3,885	Instalment option
Year 3 (submission stage) ^{Note 1}	£360	Includes Annual Membership Fee
Year 3 + 1 (& any subsequent years)	£75	Annual Membership Fee
Year 3 + 1	£475	Diploma Submission Fee (for all submissions for the Oct 2026 and March 2027 deadlines)
Note 1 For a Guide to C3 Submission Stage including fees, please see the Counselling Student Handbook Section 7 You will need to budget for a minimum 35 hours counselling each year throughout the training (£45+ a week) and private practice supervision from Term 2 of Year 2 onwards (£50 + a fortnight)		
Psychotherapy MA/Diploma – commencing on or after 1/9/2026		
Year 1	£3,885	Instalment option
Module 1	£3,895	Instalment option
Module 2	£3,895	Instalment option
Module 3	£3,895	Instalment option
Module 4	£3,895	Instalment option
Module 5	£75	Annual Membership Fee
Module 5	£590	MA Submission Fee
Please note that students who take a sabbatical will need to pay the £75 membership fee. You will also need to budget for: weekly psychotherapy throughout the training (from a minimum of £45 per week) as well as supervision from Module 1 onwards (at a minimum of £50 a fortnight) and in submission year for tutorials and reading fees (£55)		
Other fees		
Application Fee (Foundation & Diplomas) 2025/26	£60	Paid on application to course
Additional tutorials (per 50 minute tutorial)	£55	Paid as and when required, direct to tutor
Library Membership	£10	One off fee at start of course
BCPC Student Membership (including sabbatical students)	£75	Annually until submission