

Variation to the Programme Specification

For Academic Year 2020/21

Name of programme(s) and award type(s): <i>(such as Single Honours History with International Year)</i>	MSc Counselling and Psychotherapy Graduate Certificate in Counselling
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Dear students,

As part of our commitment to continually work to improve our programmes, and in light of our plans to start next academic year with a hybrid delivery model due to the impact of Covid-19, we are confirming in this document the changes to your programme in the Academic Year 2020/21. More general information about what studying at the University will be like in 2020/21 can be found here:

<https://www.keele.ac.uk/coronavirus/operations/>

Specific planned changes

How the programme will be taught <i>(include any significant changes to the balance between on campus and digital delivery and what students can expect)</i>	<p>MSc Counselling & Psychotherapy Up to 30% of the timetable will be in situ teaching, including practising of counselling skills. Online learning will be delivered through both asynchronous and synchronous means. During this time students will be expected to engage with a range of online material and resources and with their peers.</p> <p>Graduate Certificate Counselling Up to 30% of the timetable will be in situ teaching, including practising of counselling skills. Online learning will be delivered through both asynchronous and synchronous means. During this time students will be expected to engage with a range of online material and resources and with their peers.</p>
Changes to placements, field courses or other practical activities <i>(where applicable)</i>	<p>MSc Counselling & Psychotherapy In line with current guidance from the British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy (BACP), it is envisaged that our students will be sourcing placements, as in previous iterations of the programme. There may be challenges with this and we will work with BACP and placements to ensure that our students are able to qualify in line with BACP requirements for our MSc accredited course. The Supervision Officer will facilitate and support the sourcing of suitable placements. Preparation for practice will be undertaken to ensure that a suitable supervisor is chosen and that students are well supported throughout placement.</p> <p>Graduate Certificate Counselling N/A</p>

Learning resources and any potential additional costs (<i>such as equipment requirements</i>)	Given an increasing level of online teaching and assessments for this programme, it would be preferable if students had access to computer equipment with a webcam and microphone. It may also be preferable for students to have adequate Wi-Fi connectivity and associated internet speeds. Students who need support in accessing appropriate IT equipment may be eligible to apply for support from the University's hardship fund .
How the programme will be assessed (<i>a general summary of changes to assessment methods</i>)	The assessments will generally not change as the majority are essay based. However, the team plan to retain the option of alternative online assessments, for examinations if in situ assessment is not available.
How students are supported (<i>any alternative arrangements such as communication methods, support networks etc.</i>)	MSc Counselling and Psychotherapy Students will be supported by synchronous online sessions in small groups and personal tutor meetings. Graduate Certificate in Counselling Students will be supported by synchronous online sessions in small groups and personal tutor meetings.

Updated module lists for 2020/21

Year / Level 7 MSc Counselling and Psychotherapy Full Time

Compulsory modules	Module Code	Credits	Semester	Added/removed/unchanged?
Exploration in Counselling	PSY-40059	15	SEM1	Unchanged
Research Methods	PSY-40026	15	SEM1	Unchanged
Understanding in Counselling	PSY-40023	30	SEM2	Unchanged
Integration in Counselling	PSY-40061	15	SEM2	Unchanged
Personal and Professional Development and Reflexivity	PSY-40054	15	SEM2	Unchanged
Practicum - Part 1	PSY-40063	15	SEM1-2	Unchanged
Practicum Part 2	PSY-40065	15	SEM1-2	Unchanged
Counselling Dissertation	PSY-40027	60	Y1	Unchanged

Year 1/ Level 7 MSc Counselling and Psychotherapy Part Time

Compulsory modules	Module Code	Credits	Semester	Added/removed/unchanged?
Exploration in Counselling	PSY-40059	15	SEM1	Unchanged
Understanding in Counselling	PSY-40023	30	SEM2	Unchanged
Integration in Counselling	PSY-40061	15	SEM2	Unchanged
Practicum - Part 1	PSY-40063	15	SEM1-2	Unchanged

Year 2 / Level 7 MSc Counselling and Psychotherapy Part Time

Compulsory modules	Module Code	Credits	Semester	Added/removed/unchanged?
Research Methods	PSY-40026	15	SEM1	Unchanged
Counselling Dissertation	PSY-40027	60	Y1	Unchanged

Personal and Professional Development and Reflexivity	PSY-40054	15	SEM2	Unchanged
Practicum Part 2	PSY-40065	15	SEM1-2	Unchanged

Year / Level 6 Graduate Certificate in Counselling

Compulsory modules	Module Code	Credits	Semester	Added/removed/unchanged?
Core Counselling Competences	PSY-30079	30	SEM1-2	Unchanged
Personal Development and Professional Issues	PSY-30080	30	SEM1-2	Unchanged