

BACP Professional Accreditation & Endorsement Schemes

Accreditation offers kite-mark status for individual practitioners, professional training courses and therapeutic service provision, who are able to demonstrate that they are meeting a wide range of criteria, set to recognise high standards of knowledge, experience and development.

All Accreditation Schemes require current and ongoing BACP membership status as individuals or as organisations, as appropriate. As of 1 September 2014, all accredited individuals will be listed on the BACP Register. Service, Course & CPD Directories provide details of all organisations with an accreditation or endorsement, as applicable. Click on the sections below for all information connected to each scheme:

Counsellor/Psychotherapist Accreditation Scheme This is for individual counsellors and psychotherapists who have successfully completed 450 hours of professional counselling/psychotherapy training with an integral student placement element, have been in practice for at least three years, and have accumulated a minimum of 450 hours of practice covered by at least 1.5 hours of supervision per month. Applicants must be Registered MBACP Members. [CLICK HERE](#) for further information for all things connected to individual accreditation, including renewal and audit form templates, reinstatement and workshops/telesurgeries - look to the highlighted list.

Senior Counsellor/Psychotherapist Accreditation Scheme BACP accredited practitioners who wish to show their extended experience & knowledge, or who wish to accredit their specialist area of work are able to apply to become senior accredited. There are five specialist areas currently identified: - Counsellor/Psychotherapist - Supervisor of individuals, groups or both - working with Children & Young People - working in the Healthcare sector. [CLICK HERE](#) for further information.

Service Accreditation Scheme This is for organisations who provide therapeutic counselling/psychotherapy services either as an entity in itself, or as part of a portfolio of mental health & wellbeing services. Only distinct counselling/psychotherapy services with a minimum of three qualified counsellors/psychotherapists can be awarded accreditation (caveat for BACP UC members). [CLICK HERE](#) for further information on all things related to service accreditation.

Course Accreditation Scheme This scheme is for training providers who wish to have external recognition of the standard of their professional counsellor/ psychotherapist practitioner training. Applicant courses must consist of at least 400 face-to-face taught hours with an integral student placement requirement for a minimum 100 hours supervised client work. [CLICK HERE](#) for further information on all things connected to course accreditation.

CPD Endorsement Scheme Continuing Professional Development (CPD) is a vital component for individual practitioners to maintain their BACP Registered and Accredited status. This scheme provides a minimum standard for short courses and workshops to demonstrate their value as appropriate and useful CPD. [CLICK HERE](#) for further information.