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 section headings below for all information connected to each scheme:

Counsellor/Psychotherapist Individual Accreditation SchemeThis 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. Renewal & Audit forms+ Reinstatement forms + Tele-surgeries information is also available here - look to the highlighted list.

E-leaning module- as of 1 April 2015, the BACP Accreditation Workshops will no longer be in operation. These have been replaced with a members-only, free online e-learning module, complete with clips from an actual workshop presentation to work through at your leisure and return to as many times as needed to refresh your memory. Click here to go straight to the e-learning Accreditation Application Resource.

Senior Counsellor/Psychotherapist Accreditation SchemeBACP 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.

Service Accreditation SchemeThis 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).

Course Accreditation SchemeThis 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.

CPD Endorsement SchemeContinuing 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.