

BACP Professional Accreditation 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 (Registered Member MBACP) or as organisations, as appropriate. Service, Course & Directories provide details of all organisations with an accreditation. Click on the section headings below for all information connected to each scheme:

Counsellor/Psychotherapist Individual 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 have Registered Member MBACP status.

[Applying for accreditation - Click here for more information](#)

[Renewal form - Click here to access all forms and further information](#)

NEW Online Workshop - [Click here to go straight to the e-learning 'Accreditation Application Resource'](#) - access is free to all BACP members.

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.

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).

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.