

What is accreditation?

We offer different types of membership depending on the counselling practitioners' experience and needs. These range from student membership to retired membership and help the public and employers make an informed decision when choosing a therapist.

A member who has completed their core training in counselling or psychotherapy can join our accredited register for counsellors and psychotherapists and become a BACP registered member.

From here, members can choose to apply to become a BACP accredited member, which requires a higher level of experience and practice hours with clients.

What can you expect from a BACP accredited member?

A BACP accredited member is an experienced practitioner who has:

- a high standard of core training meeting substantial, specific BACP requirements for advanced practice
- accumulated 450 or more fully supervised clinical practice hours, of which a third are post qualifying
- at least three years of clinical practice
- supervision for a minimum of 1.5 hours per month while in practice

How do members achieve accreditation?

To be accredited, members must demonstrate that they meet our criteria and demonstrate their understanding of what they do, with examples from their practice.

Members must complete a rigorous application process which we assess for evidence of training, advanced ethical practice, and supervision.

How do I know if a therapist is BACP accredited?

Accredited members can use the designatory letters and logo 'MBACP (Accred)' and will have a certificate to evidence and promote their accredited membership.

If you employ an accredited member you are demonstrating that the practitioner has met a higher standard of practice. This offers reassurance to both employers and to those using the counselling services within an organisation.

If you're looking for a therapist, you can feel assured that accredited members have met high standards of practice and are accountable to our accreditation standards.

Why would I choose an BACP accredited therapist?

BACP accredited status is given to practitioners who have demonstrated high standards of knowledge, experience and development in counselling and psychotherapy.

BACP accreditation is the gold standard of experience and knowledge in counselling and psychotherapy and nationally recognised by potential employers, clients and sources of referral.