



# Plan your journey to becoming a qualified counsellor

This infographic compares two common training routes and teaching timeframes that meet the requirements of accredited registers for counselling: the part-time CPCAB progression route and a full-time BA Honours Degree in Counselling. Other training routes are available.

Start here



CPCAB vocational part-time study  
£££



Academic full-time study  
£££££

Leading to practitioner training

Level 2 Certificate in Counselling Skills

Year 1

Core practitioner training

Level 3 Certificate in Counselling Studies

Year 2

Level 3 A Levels or equivalent

Begin Level 4 Diploma



Year 3



Begin Degree

Level 4 Diploma in Therapeutic Counselling



Year 4



Level 6 BA Honours Degree in Counselling

Year 5

## Key information



You are now in practitioner training. You are eligible to apply for student membership with a recognised professional membership body, e.g. BACP, NCS, ACC.



You are now a qualified counsellor. You can apply to join an accredited register, e.g. BACP, NCS, ACC. You can continue your studies, work towards accreditation and work as a counsellor.