



Basingstoke Counselling Service, a registered charity, was founded in 1985 by a small group of local therapists wanting to provide mental health support to the local community. Since then, the Service has flourished to become a busy, vibrant counselling and training centre, managed by a talented team of clinical and non-clinical staff, dedicated to improving the emotional wellbeing of our community.

We achieve this in two ways. Firstly, we offer one-to-one and couples counselling for adults, via a team of counsellors who provide a professional and affordable service. Our counsellors are supervised and practise within the BACP Ethical Framework for the Counselling Professions.

Secondly, we provide a range of training courses for those interested in supporting others with mental health difficulties. We have a long heritage of running highly regarded courses from one-day CPD workshops through to a three-year BACP Accredited Diploma in Psychodynamic Counselling.

Based in central Basingstoke (a stone's throw from War Memorial Park and the town centre shops and transport links), we have a suite of eight rooms used for counselling, training and administration. All of these rooms have recently been refurbished to a high standard, making BCS a very pleasant and welcoming work environment!

This is an exciting time for the Service as we are experiencing a sustained period of growth. To ensure that we continue to deliver high quality services to all our users it is imperative that we recruit talented and committed individuals to complement the current team and help us continue to develop and grow the Service.

To minimise our impact on the environment and ensure efficient work practises, all of our systems are now digital.

We understand that discrimination and inequality exist in our society. As an organisation, we aim to treat everyone with dignity and respect, and therefore challenge ourselves regularly to ensure we achieve this. We do this by listening and responding to feedback and regularly reviewing our approach to equality, diversity and inclusion.



Job Description

Role title	Seminar Leader
Reporting to	Introduction and Certificate Course Manager
Employer	Basingstoke Counselling Service
Location	Goldings, London Road, Basingstoke, RG21 4AN
Working hours	Teaching two groups for 1hr 50mins each (Term 3 only): 5.45pm to 7.35pm 7.55pm to 9.45pm Attendance at first evening on 22 nd September 2022 Personal tutor duties for the duration of the academic year
Rate of pay	£160.00 per evening
Term of contract	Self-employed
Start date	22 nd September 2022
Closing date for applications	9am on Monday 11 th July 2022
To apply	Send a CV and covering letter to catherine.butler@basingstokecounselling.org.uk
For an informal chat about the role	Please contact Catherine Butler on 01256 843125 or catherine.butler@basingstokecounselling.org.uk

Overview of the post

We are currently seeking an enthusiastic Seminar Leader to teach Term 3 on BCS's Certificate in Counselling Skills and Theory. The Certificate takes place annually, and the full course runs over one academic year with 30 once-weekly sessions which take place on a Thursday evening. Due to the popularity of the course, we will be running two Certificate groups for the first time this year, with a maximum of 14 students per group.

This Seminar Leader will teach Term 3 of the Academic Year. This term's seminars begin with an introduction to the BACP Ethical Framework for Good Practice for the Counselling Professions which frames our practice as counsellors. Trainees will begin to explore the fundamental values of counselling and consider possible ethical dilemmas associated with the use of counselling skills. Sessions will focus on the client/counsellor relationship and the issues clients may bring **(6 sessions)**.

Counselling skills assessments will also take place towards the end of this term **(3 sessions)** and the final session of the year will focus on endings and the significance of these, both in client work and also for the students.

In addition to teaching the final term, the successful candidate will undertake the role of Personal Tutor for up to ten trainees. This will involve supporting these tutees throughout the course and providing termly tutorials. Additional remuneration is applied for this work. Attendance at the first evening of the Certificate course (on 22nd September 2022) is required for introductions.

The successful candidate would be psychodynamically trained or have a deep understanding of the modality, with a lively interest in the subject matter. We pride ourselves on the quality of our training and believe a varied approach to teaching to be valuable. It is therefore important that our Seminar Leaders are capable of teaching, utilising a mix of methods such as seminar leader presentation, experiential exercises, role-play, and small and large group discussion.

Term dates:

Term 1

Week 1 22nd September 2022

Term 3

Week 21 27th April 2023

Week 22 4th May 2023

Week 23 11th May 2023

Week 24 18th May 2023

Week 25 25th May 2023

Week 26 8th June 2023

Week 27 15th June 2023

Week 28 22nd June 2023

Week 29 29th June 2023

Week 30 6th July 2023