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**Catholic Marriage Care Service**

*PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL TO ACCORD*

**Higher Diploma In Counselling  
(Marriage & Relationship)  
2011**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Home Tel: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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**MISSION STATEMENT**

*Empowering people  
Fostering Relationships  
Caring for Couples facing  
the Challenges of Christian Marriage.  
This is the work of ACCORD  
In today's world*

**SECOND LEVEL EDUCATION**

School	Years	Examination taken	Results

**Third Level Education (Part & Fulltime)**  
*(begin with most recent)*

Name of College/Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Commencement Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Duration of course: \_\_\_\_\_

Summary of content: \_\_\_\_\_

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Qualification achieved: \_\_\_\_\_

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Summary of content: \_\_\_\_\_

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Qualification achieved: \_\_\_\_\_

**Other Educational Achievements (arts, music, hobbies )**

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**EMPLOYMENT HISTORY: (PLEASE USE ADDITIONAL SHEET IF NECESSARY)**

Employer Name & Address	Years	Position	Reason for Leaving

Have you previously applied for training with ACCORD

 Yes

 No

If Yes what Year

Which Service?

Counselling

Education

Selection Outcome:

Selected

Not Selected

Briefly state your reasons for applying to become an ACCORD counsellor:

**In a separate document please outline significant life experiences (family, relationships, work etc) and say how those experiences would contribute to your work as a counsellor with ACCORD - 700 words approx.**

Please describe your communication style citing examples:

Please give an example of how you managed conflict in your life:

Please give an example of how you have worked as part of a team:

Please give the name & contact information of two people ( not related to you) whom ACCORD may contact for character references:

Name: _____
Position: _____
Address: _____
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_____
Phone: _____ e-mail: _____

Name: _____
Position: _____
Address: _____
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Phone: _____ e-mail: _____

I declare that all the above statements and information are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any miss statement or omission of facts constitute grounds for non-selection or release. I hereby give permission for contact to be made with all relevant persons. The offer of a place is contingent on satisfactory outcome to POCVA/Garda vetting process and reference checks.

**Candidate's signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Candidates are required to have access to and be familiar with Microsoft word, email and internet.

Please number in order 1, 2, 3 the Centre you would have a preference to join:

<b>Dublin Centres</b>	Athlone	Dundalk	Navan	Wexford
Ballymun				
Blanchardstown	Ballina	Ennis	Nenagh	Northern Ireland Centres
Bray	Ballinasloe	Galway	Newbridge	Armagh
Clondalkin	Bantry	Inishowen	Portlaoise	Ballymena
Dunlaoghaire	Carlow	Kilkenny	Roscommon	Belfast
Harcourt Street	Castlebar	Killarney	Sligo	Derry
Lucan	Cavan	Letterkenny	Thurles	Downpatrick
Marino	Charlestown	Limerick	Tipperary	Enniskillen
Phibsboro	Clonmel	Limerick West	Tralee	Maghera
Swords	Cloyne	Longford	Tuam	Newry
Tallaght	Donegal	Monaghan	Tullamore	Omagh
Templeogue	Drogheda	Mullingar	Waterford	

## VISION STATEMENT

ACCORD is an agency of the Catholic Church providing a nation-wide service to couples preparing for or seeking a deeper commitment within the sacrament of marriage.

ACCORD is committed to providing a quality service. Personnel, coming from a wide variety of backgrounds, are appropriately trained.

ACCORD responds to the challenges facing Christian marriage today and affirms its value in an ever-changing world. It empowers couples to explore and reflect on:

- ◆ the essential elements of their marriage
- ◆ the purpose and value of their choices within a committed relationship

ACCORD serves the pastoral needs of couples at different stages in their relationship.

- \* **Preparation for marriage** in a Christian context focuses, on the essential components which foster a good couple relationship:
  - lifelong commitment
  - communication and conflict resolution skills
  - responsible parenthood within a faith context
  - time and resource management
- \* **Relationship counselling** is provided for couples as well as individuals in a caring and confidential manner. It is a twofold process enabling clients to identify and acknowledge difficulties in their relationship and to discover the inner resources to deal with them

Prospective candidates should be familiar with ACCORD's Vision and Mission Statements

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### Cost

ACCORD is a voluntary organization providing a professional service to all who need it, regardless of ability to pay. Successful applicants have their course fees and cost of professional development paid for by ACCORD. Trainees are required to contract with ACCORD to repay part of the cost of the course by providing professional counselling on a voluntary basis. If, for any reason a trainee cannot fulfill this requirement, they will be required to repay any outstanding fees. All other costs, including personal therapy, are met by the trainee.

**Please return completed Application Form by 8th April 2011 to:**

**Doreen Mulvaney  
ACCORD Marriage Care Service  
Columba Centre  
Maynooth  
Co Kildare**