



CERTIFICATE IN COUNSELLING

(MARRIAGE & RELATIONSHIP)

APRIL 2024

Your contact details:

Full Name

Full Postal Address (inc postcode):

Home telephone number:

Mobile telephone number:

Personal email address:

A personal email address is essential. It will be used for all correspondence. Business/academic or work email addresses must not be used.

PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL TO ACCORD NI

Completed application forms are to be emailed to Brenda Russell

Email: brussell@accordni.com

Tel: [02890 233002](tel:02890233002)

Closing date for applications is: **WEDNESDAY 20TH DECEMBER 2023**

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Training will be delivered both in person and online. In person training (residential) will take place in Tobar Mhurie, Crossgar, Co Down, N.Ireland. All training sessions will be scheduled to take part over 4 weekends , (Saturday & Sundays) 9* days in total.

***(Phase I - the September weekend is a three-day weekend)**

It is essential that all applicants have stable broadband, a PC/laptop with Zoom installed, and are competent in the use of Microsoft Word, email and the use of Zoom for video conferencing.

Please note that this course will commence if there is a sufficient demand from ACCORD NI Centres and an adequate number of candidates are selected.

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Employment Status:

Present occupation:

Company/Organisation

Date from:

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Outline your reasons for applying to Accord NI Catholic Marriage Care Service to train as a Marriage and Relationship Counsellor:

What skills and personal qualities will you bring to this role?

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Outline your understanding of the commitment necessary to work as an Accord NI Couples and Relationship Counsellor:

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Outline how learning from your significant life experiences (marriage, family, relationships, work) has contributed to your suitability to train as an Accord NI Marriage and Relationships Counsellor:

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Where did you see this training advertised?

In which Catholic diocese do you live?

Do you have any criminal convictions?

Do you have any Learning Support needs?

Please give Learning Support Details:

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Please give the names & contact information of two people that Accord NI may contact for character references:

Name

Profession

Address (inc Postcode)

Phone

Email

Name

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Please number in order 1, 2, 3 the Accord NI Centres you have a preference to join:

CENTRE NAME	1	2	3
ARMAGH (Craigavon)			
BALLYMENA			
BELFAST			
DERRY			
ENNISKILLEN			
MAGHERA			
NEWRY			
OMAGH			

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TRAINING, FEES AND EXPENSES:

ACCORD NI is a registered charity providing a professional couple and relationship counselling service. Successful applicants have their training fees and supervision for their ACCORD NI placement caseload funded by ACCORD NI.

All other expenses incurred during attendance at training are met by the student.

Trainees are required to contract with ACCORD NI to deliver 100 sessions during the placement phase. If, for any reason a trainee counsellor cannot fulfil this requirement, they may be required to repay outstanding fees.

I confirm that all the information supplied by me in this application is factually correct.
I understand that any misstatements or omissions of fact constitute grounds for non-selection or de-selection.

SIGNED:- _____

DATED:- _____

ACCORD NI

VISION STATEMENT

ACCORD NI Catholic Marriage Care Service is an agency of the Catholic Church providing an all-island service to couples preparing for or seeking a deeper commitment within the sacrament of marriage.

ACCORD NI is committed to providing a quality service.

Personnel, coming from a wide variety of backgrounds, are appropriately trained.

ACCORD NI 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 NI 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.
- * **Ongoing support** throughout marriage facilitates:
 - ◆ the development of strategies for the emotional, spiritual, and psychological well-being of couples.
 - ◆ reflection on the Christian experience of love, commitment and family life.
- ◆ **Relationship counselling** is provided for couples as well as individuals in a couple relationship 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, and develop the skills and strategies necessary to deal with them.

MISSION STATEMENT

Empowering people

Fostering Relationships

Caring for Couples facing the

Challenges of Christian marriage

**This is the work of ACCORD NI in
today's world**

ACCORD NI

Requires that all prospective candidates

Are familiar with our **Vision Statement**

and our

Mission Statement so that they are full
informed of

ACCORD NI's ethos