

Information Pack
Level 6 Diploma in Working with Children in Art Therapy

Qualification title and level

Level 6 Diploma in Working with Children in Art Therapy
CPCAB (Counselling and Psychotherapy Central Awarding Body) and BAAT.

Total qualification time: 390 learning hours for the duration of the course.

1. Description of the qualification including the course aims and objectives.

The course is a level 6 Diploma for Arts Therapists qualified to MA or equivalent level, who are already working with children and young people or who wish to further specialise in working with this client group.

The course is an intensive practice led, theoretically informed course and will equip learners with the work ready skills required to operate effectively and ethically as a member of the contemporary Children and Young People's work force. 10 distinct modules will cover the ethical, practical, systemic, legislative and theoretical components essential to delivering safe, effective and evidence-based arts therapy interventions with children and young people aged from 4-18 in a range of settings. Those working with children or young people outside this age range may be considered on a case by case basis.

2. Placements

Learners will be expected to find their own placement which could be their current place of work or a setting where they deliver honorary work. The suitability of placement settings should be discussed with supervisor-tutors to ensure that they will be able to offer a good enough setting for learners to apply and demonstrate their course learning.

3. Clinical work

Learners will be expected to deliver a minimum of 2 pieces of child clinical work during the course. Child clients should be between the ages of 4-18. The suitability of children or young people out with this age range should be discussed with tutor-supervisors. The suitability of all potential cases should be discussed and agreed in supervision- tutorials. Learners should be able to deliver 1 time limited piece (under 12 weeks) of work and 1 longer term (12 weeks or longer) intervention during the course.

4. Target candidate group

Applicants will be qualified to PG Dip, MA, MSc level or equivalent in Art Therapy or one of the other creative therapies. Other suitably qualified practitioners may also be able to join the course on a case by case basis if holding an MA/MSc/M.Phil./PhD award. Overseas candidates who do not have access to formal art therapy training will also be considered on a case by case basis against equivalence criteria.

5. Teaching Faculty

The Course Lead, Miriam Usiskin, will hold overall responsibility for course content and delivery. Quality assurance will be monitored and supervised by the CEO of BAAT and Course Director, Dr Val Huet.

An additional 5-7 relevantly experienced Consultant Tutors will deliver specific specialist teaching modules. The minimum tutor qualification is MA or Post Graduate Diploma in Art (s) Therapy or Art(s) Psychotherapy or a related field with a minimum of 8 years post qualifying practice in their specialism. Consultant tutors will have at least 5 years' experience in supervising art therapists and experience of teaching or tutoring at Post Graduate level.

6. Dates of Sessions

All Thursdays

Term 1: Spring 2019

January 24th

February 28th

March 28th

April 18th

Term 2: Summer 2019

May 30th

June 27th

July 18th

Term 3: Autumn 2019

September 26th

October 24th

November 28th

Assessment Dates 2020

Final Exam Panel will be end of February 2020

7. Attendance Requirements

Learners will attend 1 full day Thursday Session (10.00 – 5.30) of guided learning per month for 10 months. In addition, learners will take part in 1hour monthly supervision-tutorial sessions for the duration of the Course; 11 months. Required attendance will be 80% in order to pass.

8. Learning Strands

The course is divided into 6 learning output strands:

- Monthly guided learning seminar sessions
- Monthly supervision-tutorials
- Ongoing Visual Journal
- 2 transcribed sessions

- Case study presentation
- Case study written submission

9. Learning Objectives

The Course addresses 7 overarching learning objectives; further underpinned by 30 specific objectives.

1. Work safely, legally and ethically as a child art (s) therapist
2. Establish and develop the therapeutic relationship as an art(s) therapist with children.
3. Integrate understanding of diversity in art(s) therapy with children.
4. Use a coherent art(s) therapy approach to meet the individual needs of the child.
5. Work with self-awareness as a child art(s) therapist
6. Use theory, research and skills within a coherent framework for child art(s) therapy.
7. Monitor and maintain professional effectiveness as a child art(s) therapist.

10. Assessment and Submission dates

Assessment will be on a continual basis throughout the course and will involve tutor and self-evaluation. Learners will make a final case work written submission and a presentation to the assessing panel which will include tutors and peers where they will be expected to clearly demonstrate the application from the 10 distinct learning modules to their practice. These assessments will take place over 2 days at the end of February 2020.

11. What will be assessed and how

Students will be required to submit a portfolio to evidence their understanding of the 7 core learning outcomes. The portfolio will contain an index clearly specifying where the supporting evidence can be found and how it relates to the core learning outcomes. Assessments will be undertaken by seminar leaders, supervisor-tutors, self and peers.

In order to successfully pass the qualification your portfolio must provide evidence gathered from the 5 output strands for each criterion across the 7 learning outcomes.

- Case study written submissions should evidence all of the learning objectives
- Case study presentations should evidence all of the learning objectives
- Records of Supervisions-tutorials should evidence all the learning objectives
- Records of participation in seminars should evidence all the learning objectives
- Ongoing Visual Journal submission should evidence all the learning objectives
- Transcribed sessions should evidence all the learning objectives

FAQs

1. When can I apply?

The course is open for applications as of June 1st 2018 and closes for applications October 12th 2018 .

2. Where will the course be delivered from?

The 10 monthly seminars will be delivered from the BAAT Training Rooms in the Claremont Centre, Angel, London N1 9PD. This site is well served by public transport, walking distance from Angel Underground Station and is very close to key train links from elsewhere in the UK.

3. Will I be expected to find my own placement?

Yes. This can be your current place of work or a place where you are undertaking voluntary work. You will be expected to discuss the suitability of your potential placement setting with your allocated tutor to ensure that it can provide a good enough environment to enable you to apply the course learning.

4. Will I be expected to find my own supervisor?

No. A Tutor- Supervisor will be allocated to you for the duration of the course. This TS will be a suitably qualified and experienced art(s) or allied therapist who will be fully versed with the course curriculum to enable you to maximise the application of learning to your work setting. Skype supervision sessions can be arranged on request.

5. Will I have to pay for my tutor/supervisor?

No. The cost of supervision is included in the course fees.

6. Do I need to have a certain amount of experience of working with children?

Although it will be helpful to have had at least one year's experience of working with children there is no minimum experience required for learners.

7. What age of children will the course focus on?

The course will be suitable for those working with children from 4 to 18. Candidates working with children out with this age range could be considered on a case by case basis to ensure that they can apply the course content to their clients

8. Will it improve my chances of employment?

Yes. Art (s) Therapy with children and young people is a significant growth area with increasing opportunities for employment within schools, charities, nurseries, PRUs etc. The Adoption Support Fund has considerable ring-fenced finance for Art(s) and other creative therapies to support children and young people.

9. Will employers recognise this qualification?

Employers recognise the value of BAAT endorsed CPD and CPCAB validates a number of highly respected courses. This course will serve as the equivalent of a quality kite mark for Art (s) therapy with children.

10. Will I be required to be in personal therapy during the course?

Learners, as qualified Arts Therapists, will have undergone their own personal therapy as part of their training. It will therefore not be a requirement that learners are in personal therapy for the course duration. If the learners are overseas candidates on the equivalence pathway, a minimum of 15 hours experience of therapy prior to starting or within the first 6 months of the course will be a pre-requisite. All learners will be required to make appropriate reflective links to their own process during guided learning, tutorials and supervision sessions.

11. Will I be expected to have done voluntary work prior to the course?

Voluntary work is not a prerequisite for the course, however the training placement may be undertaken on a voluntary or honorary basis.

12. Will I be expected to pay for my own lunches and refreshments when I attend the London monthly seminars?

No. Lunch and refreshments for the day are included in the course fees.

13. How much does the course cost?

The course costs £4,450 for the full-time option (theoretical component & case work to be completed in one year) and £4,950 for the part time option (theoretical component to be completed in year 1 & case work in year 2)

14. Can I pay in instalments?

Yes.

The cost can be paid in instalments per month over 12 months

Part time students can pay in monthly instalments over 24 months.

15. Are there any discounted packages?

Yes. We can offer 10% discount if payment is made in full in accordance with the terms of our Early Bird offer.

16. Are there any other financial benefits?

Yes. Learners would also receive 20% discount on BAAT CPD courses during their term as a student.