

Diploma in Creative and Practical Therapeutic Skills



A Diploma course for provision of creative and practical therapeutic skills for use in therapeutic work with children and adults in a family orientated focus of delivery. The training will follow the method utilised by Dandelion Time in its work with families that have been affected by attachment difficulties, neglect and trauma through abuse.

The therapeutic model is based upon Dandelion Time's work engaging with children who have experienced high levels of abuse or neglect, focussing its work on reducing trauma through a therapeutic process with the family. Amongst a variety of integrated therapeutic methods, Dandelion Time utilises the natural environment, craftwork and imaginative, creative activities. Additionally, though not specifically detailed in this training programme, the Dandelion Time charity provides counselling, couple work and play therapy for attending families as required.

This training programme is delivered by Dandelion Time and approved by Crossfields Institute. The demand placed upon the learner is equivalent to the first year of an undergraduate degree.

AIMS

The Diploma equips learners to develop competence in working with vulnerable children and their families with complex issues in relationships, behaviour and emotional wellbeing. Learners will gain an understanding of attachment theory, the impact of trauma, abuse and neglect and other significant emotional issues such as loss or bereavement. Learners will gain knowledge about the application of the integrated approach and therapeutic model of working with families utilising the natural world and traditional craft activities.

STRUCTURE AND DELIVERY OF THE DIPLOMA

The Diploma will be delivered at Dandelion Time's premises for half a day each week during term time (see below). There is an additional requirement to support the theoretic background with sessional work with families which will require an additional half day per week at Dandelion Time. This element is required to gain the necessary experience in working with families. At Dandelion Time, the half day 'experience' sessions will be undertaken on a different day to that of the training session. The Diploma is delivered through a mix of academic teaching, group discussion and learner presentations alongside practical and experiential craft and creative activities.

The Diploma will cover seven main areas (units) as detailed below.

Units	Title
One	The Dandelion Time Approach to Child Centred Working
Two	Revival and Healing in Family Work
Three	Engagement and Sensory Development
Four	Learning and Therapeutic Craftmanship
Five	Imagination and Creativity in a Therapeutic Context
Six	Nourishment and Home-making
Seven	Personal Development

The Diploma will start in January 2017 and will run for a total of 35 weeks ending in December 2017 (and will be delivered at the Dandelion Time premises in West Farleigh on Tuesday afternoons and up to four Saturdays. (dates to be agreed).

The Diploma requires a total of 420 hours of learning, approximately 60% of which will be delivered at Dandelion's premises at fixed times. The remainder will be delivered flexibly, including home study.

Assessment will be through observations of discussions and presentations and written assignments.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants should have experience or qualifications in fields such as counselling, psychology, psychotherapy, health visiting, social work, education (for example Special Educational Needs Co-ordinators, Family Liaison Officers, Specialist Teachers) or relevant voluntary sector experience. Applicants may alternatively have experience of craft working, therapeutic craft work or land based work or similar.

All Applicants will need a **minimum of GCSE in Maths and English at Grades A-C or equivalent**. Applicants will need to have access to a computer and a printer in order to complete and print assessments. Applicants will be required to have been successful at interview and attend a trial session. During the period of the Diploma, the learner will work with children and families.

FEES

Course fees are £2950 including a £300 deposit. A limited number of bursaries are available, subject to availability and to meeting the criteria.



Crossfields Institute endorses this programme. The Institute reviews and monitors the centre's systems and the processes underpinning the delivery of this training. This is not a Crossfields Institute qualification.

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