

Dear Student,

Congratulations on being offered a place on the MSc in Therapeutic Counselling (MSc TC) starting in September 2026. Below, I have set out some useful pre-start information for your attention. Whilst the majority of the teaching will be delivered live, on campus, there are a number of sessions online, to facilitate the BACP OPT (Online and Phone Therapy) curriculum requirements, particularly in terms two and three. There are also two Saturdays to make up for Monday bank holiday over the Easter period in 2027.

1.Placements

As you are aware, you need a placement for year 1, ideally up and running by the start of the year. For year 1 this can be a befriending, mentoring, telephone helpline, listening skills-based placement working with clients/service users who are at least 18 years of age. I am attaching our Year 1 table of placements for your perusal. I am aware that not all the organizations listed may still be operating post-pandemic, and I would welcome your feedback if you find any of the places listed are no longer open and so I can remove them from the list. That said, the list does give you a sense of what we are looking for in a first-year placement.

2.Placement Pack and Agreement

I am also attaching the placement pack information and agreement forms that you will need to complete (with your placement manager). Once completed, please return the form to the Faculty Office D145 (Dreadnought) for our records. This also sets out what we require in a first-year placement. Any questions about the suitability of a placement please feel free to contact me directly.

The D145 office is open Monday-Friday 9am-5pm excluding Bank Holidays and university-wide closures. It is the student's responsibility to keep a copy of coursework submissions and attach header sheets to the originals when submitting. Please allow at least 15 minutes for colleagues to process your coursework. Please note, you may have to wait longer during busy periods or be asked to return at a quieter time. Please avoid submitting work past 4:30pm.

3.Timings and Terms dates for year 1

As you are already aware, the first year runs on a Monday across 28 weeks of the year. Timings are:

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| 11.00 - 12.00: | Tutorials and programme committee meetings (these do not run every week, details and dates in the module handbook). |
| 12.00 - 13.00: | Additional seminars |

13.00 - 14.00:	Experiential Groups
14.00 - 15.00:	Case Discussion Groups
15.00 - 16.00:	Break
16.00 - 18.00:	Theory seminar
18.00 - 19.30:	Skills practice session

Please note there will be two Saturdays this year (see below) and the timings for this will be:

10.00 - 11.00:	Additional Seminar
11.00 - 12.00:	Experiential Groups
12.00 - 13.00:	Case Discussion Groups
13.00 - 14.00:	Break
14.00 - 16.00:	Theory seminar
16.00 - 17.30:	Skills practice session

Term dates

Please also note that the following sessions will be delivered online (using Teams)

Term 1: 21/09/26 - 07/12/26 (12 weeks)

Term 2: 11/01/27 - 29/03/27 (12 weeks)

Term 3: 19/04/27 - 10/05/27 (4 weeks)

Due to a Bank Holidays Term 2/3 will also have two Saturdays online: 27/03/27, 08/05/27

Mondays: 23/11/26; 07/12/26; 11/01/27; 18/01/27; 22/03/27; 19/04/27; 26/04/27; 10/05/27

4. Induction and Welcome event

Before the first full teaching day (Monday 21st September 2026), we will be holding an **Induction and Welcome event on Monday 14th September 2026**. Timings: 10.00 - 12.00 and this is scheduled to take place in the Queen Anne building (room QA 63). This will provide an opportunity to meet the counselling tutor team and your peers and will include a welcome address by the Programme Leader. Please ensure that you register (in the dreadnought building entrance), prior to this as you will need a student card to enter Queen Anne as outlined below.

A map of the campus can be found here: [Campus Map Greenwich | Documents | University of Greenwich](#)

Induction Events

- Monday 14th September 2026 10.00 – 12.00 pm - On Campus event: QA063 (Queen Anne Building)

You are also invited to the Library Induction meeting, Friday 18th September 2026, 10am-11am BST, online via MS Teams

Microsoft Teams meeting

Join: <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/326742305965205?p=2fx9O6UuHPsBBI9Tvv>

Meeting ID: 326 742 305 965 205

Passcode: Nq3Wv2RP

5.Registration

Usually, towards the end of August you will be invited to begin Stage 1 of your registration process online. You will then need to come in to complete Stage 2. Located in the Student Centre on the ground floor of Dreadnought Building. You will then get your student ID card which will allow you entry into the campus buildings, library, etc.

Further information can be found at [Registration | Welcome | University of Greenwich](#)

Please note that you will be unable to enter some buildings on campus without your student ID card.

6.Year 1 Indicative reading list

I have attached a generic reading list for Year 1; specific weekly set readings will be available later (before the start of the course) when module handbooks have been revised and created.

I hope that you have a good summer (and get some time to relax and refresh) and on behalf of Noel and Joe I look forward to welcoming you to the start of your studies on the MSc TC at the University of Greenwich on 14th September 2026.

Best wishes,

Noel Hargrave