

Counselling Skills at Work

INTRODUCTION

This course is aimed at individuals who may be expected to support individuals with a range of issues, they maybe personal or work-related. The course explores the skills of counselling and also helps you identify when you need to refer the situation to a professional counsellor or agency.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

By the end of the course, delegates will have:

- **Demonstrated** their understanding of the role of the counsellor and identified core skills
- **Discussed** and identified the opportunities for counselling and how to use them
- **Practised** the key, component skills of counselling, in particular reflective and non-judgemental listening
- **Practised** structuring and managing a counselling interview in a role play situation
- **Identified** the types of counselling interview and practised at least one of these in a role play situation
- **Identified** own limitations and when to refer on. Also the need for own support

COURSE DURATION: 1 Day Course

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COURSE CONTENTS

What is Counselling

Counselling defined
The essential skills of a counsellor
Golden rules

Recognising and identifying the need for Counselling

Counselling for work-related problems
Counselling for personality problems
Counselling for problems outside work

Essential Counselling Skills

Verbal and non-verbal communication
Active and reflective listening
Communicating acceptance and non-acceptance
Questions that work and questions to avoid
Appropriate and inappropriate responses

Practical exercises

Managing the Interview

Developing an effective structure
Starting the interview
Getting people to talk
Exploring feelings
Role Play

Types of Counselling

Career – Redundancy- Grievance – Personal Problems –
Performance Counselling
Case Studies & Role Play

Contracts and Boundaries

Personal Development Action Plan

Throughout this course there will be a number of practical exercises carried out which will enable delegates to put into practice most of the theory covered

