

## Statement of Purpose

### Pearson BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Counselling Skills (QCF) - 600/1060/5

#### Overview

##### ***Who is this qualification for?***

The Pearson Level 3 Diploma in Counselling Skills is for those who want to progress to become a qualified professional counsellor, or gain counselling skills as part their current profession, for example teachers and nurses.

The purpose of this qualification is to aid progression to accredited counsellor status but is not a license to practice.

##### ***What does the qualification cover?***

The qualification is a 40-credit and 270-guided-learning-hour (GLH) qualification that consists of five mandatory units.

The qualification covers:

- Developing Counselling Skills
- Theoretical Approaches in the Use of Counselling Skills
- Working Ethically With Counselling Skills
- Counselling Skills and Diversity
- Counselling Skills and Personal Development

The content of the qualification will support the personal development and development of counselling skills and knowledge.

#### WHAT COULD THIS QUALIFICATION LEAD TO?

##### ***Will the qualification lead to employment, and if so, in which job role at which level?***

The qualification does not support progression to employment and it is not a licence to practice, students will need to undertake further training.

##### ***Will the qualification support progression to further learning, if so, what to?***

The qualification will support progression to the BTEC Level 5 Diploma in Therapeutic Counselling, qualifying successful students to work as counsellors in their own practice.

##### ***If there are larger and/or smaller versions of this qualification or it is available at different skills levels, why should the student choose this one?***

**The Pearson BTEC Level 3 Certificate in Counselling Skills (QCF)** is a 22-credit and 150-guided-learning hour (GLH) qualification, and is for students who want to develop their counselling skills and introduced to the theories underpinning counselling approaches.

**The Pearson BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Counselling Skills (QCF)** is a broader qualification that gives the student the opportunity to develop skills, knowledge and understanding of counselling. It also provides students the opportunity to use counselling skills as part of their professional role and progress towards accredited counselling qualifications.

**This qualification is supported by the following colleges and training providers**

- Herefordshire and Ludlow College
- Bromley College
- Supporting Minds
- Lincoln Newark Gainsborough College