

Level 3 Counselling courses at Exeter College

We run two separate Level 3 Counselling Courses that are very similar in content but the approach to teaching and learning is slightly different:

- [NCPS Level 3 Certificate in Counselling Skills](#)
- [NCFE Level 3 Diploma in Counselling Skills](#)

How the Courses Differ...

In the approach and the requirement for study and written work outside the taught course:

- The [NCPS Level 3 Certificate in Counselling Skills](#) is a fast-track, quite intensive approach for people who are comfortable reading and writing independently on a weekly basis and contributing to group work. Counselling skills practice starts on Day 1.
- The [NCFE Level 3 Diploma in Counselling Skills](#) goes at a slower pace; the learning group is often larger and there is more time to explore topics in greater depth or according to learners' pace and needs. Independent set tasks are less frequent and less demanding.

Level 3 Counselling Course Comparison Table		
	NCPS Level 3 Certificate in Counselling Skills	NCFE Level 3 Diploma in Counselling Skills
Awarding Body	Exeter College	NCFE (Northern Council for Further Education)
Professional Body	Quality Checked by The National Association of Psychotherapists and Counsellors	Quality Assured by NCFE
Course Length	12 Weeks Fast Track Intensive	35 Weeks Full Academic Year
Study Mode	Part Time 1 Day per Week Thursday	Part Time 1 Day per Week Monday (from Sept) Friday (from Jan)
Times	09:00-16:00	09:30-16:30
Course Dates	19/09/2024 to 12/12/2024 13/02/2025 to 29/05/2025	16/09/2024 to 07/07/2025 (Full) 10/01/2025 to 13/12/2025
Location	Exeter Community Centre	Hele Road Centre
Fee	£1025 Self-Funded	£2225 Funding Available*

*Financial Support is available to pay for this course. [Click here](#) to view Level 3 Funding.