

*Presentation pattern*    *October to June*

*Module description*

*Counselling and forensic psychology: Investigating crime and therapy* draws on recent theoretical debates and research to critically explore the fascinating relationship between counselling and forensic psychology. Students will learn about media representations of crime and therapy and the role of sociocultural issues in both forensic and therapeutic work. They will be introduced to the most common and effective therapeutic approaches for working with offenders/victims of crime, and explore therapeutic and forensic aspects around sex and sexuality. Students will develop an understanding of the dichotomies and emerging themes in this area and the challenges of providing therapy in a forensic setting.

*Person specification*

The person specification for this module should be read in conjunction with the [generic person specification](#) for an associate lecturer at The Open University.

As well as meeting all the requirements set out in the generic person specification, you should have:

- a good undergraduate degree in psychology/forensic psychology or in a cognate area.
- A good knowledge of counselling theory and counselling practice and some understanding of therapeutic work in forensic settings.
- experience of teaching, ideally through distance learning, and familiarity with teaching using a virtual learning environment (VLE) and online tutorials or forums.
- experience of using IT systems as assignments will be submitted, marked and returned electronically.

It would be an advantage to have:

- a postgraduate qualification/Diploma in counselling/psychotherapy.
- BACP and/or UKCP registration.
- experience of teaching counselling and/or forensic psychology at (undergraduate) university level.
- the ability to navigate relevant online resources and databases and use them in teaching.
- a demonstrable interest in the relationship between counselling and forensic settings.
- a postgraduate qualification in psychology/forensic psychology with a substantial counselling and/or forensic component..

*Module related details - a full explanation can be found on the website*

Credits awarded to the student for the successful completion of a module:	60
Number of assignments submitted by the student:	7
Method of submission for assignments:	2
Level of ICT requirements:	2
Number of students likely to be in a standard group:	20
Salary band:	7
Estimated number of hours per teaching week:	6