


## CAM ACADEMY TRUST COURSE INFORMATION

<b>Course Title</b>	Introduction to Counselling Skills				
<b>Course Description</b>	This course will provide a general introduction to counselling skills. The course aims will be achieved through direct teaching from the tutor, creative group work, personal, pair and group reflection and role play.				
<b>Start Date</b>	10 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2022	<b>Day &amp; Time</b>	Monday 7.00-9.00pm	<b>Venue</b>	Cambourne Village College
<b>Tutor Details</b>	Sue Arnold has a lifetime of experience in education, training and coaching and now counselling. Originally a teacher, Sue has worked in a variety of schools and now works to support the adults in school to support vulnerable children. Coaching, and especially Emotion Coaching and developing wellbeing programmes, have been a key aspect of this work. Since 2000, Sue has worked online as well as Face to Face, the former being useful experience upon which to draw during lockdown. Alongside this, Sue is currently a counsellor with JHD with a key focus on young people, working with an integrative approach but with a focus on interpersonal neurobiology and compassion.				
<b>No. of wks</b>	6	<b>Terms</b>	1		
<b>Fee</b>	<b>FREE*</b> /£64 <small>(see eligibility criteria below)</small>	<b>Concessionary Fee</b>	<b>FREE*</b> /£48 <small>(see eligibility criteria below)</small>		
<b>Course Level:</b>	Mixed ability			X	
	Level 1, Level 2 (equiv. to GCSE / NVQ2)				
	Level 3 Equivalent GCE A Level				
<b>Skills or qualifications needed for entry into the class</b>			None needed.		
<b>Course aims &amp; objectives</b>					
<p>This course aims to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enable participants to learn about counselling skills and to practice these in a safe, supportive and confidential environment.</li> <li>• Develop active listening skills including: paraphrasing, reflecting, summarising and the use of open questions.</li> <li>• Provide opportunity to improve communication skills.</li> <li>• Develop self-awareness and the ability to self-reflect.</li> </ul>					

<b>Progression – after this course what might you do next?</b>	
The tutor will provide guidance on further courses that are available, including the Level 2, 3 and 4 in Counselling at JHD Counselling Services Ltd.	
<b>How progress &amp; success will be recorded</b>	
Learners will assess whether course aims have been achieved at the end of the course. Individual targets will also be set in week one and monitored throughout the course.	
<b>Materials/equipment required for first class</b>	<b>You must bring photographic ID to the first class</b>  Notebook and pen.
<b>Contact for further information</b>	Adult Education: 01223 264721 <a href="mailto:commed@combertonvc.org">commed@combertonvc.org</a>

### Funding

This course is funded through the Adult Education Budget allocated by the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority (CPCA) or the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) and part financed by the European Social Fund (ESF) programme. This funding is managed by Cambridgeshire County Council, Adult Learning and Skills. A short video covering the background of ESF, what it does, how it helps and who benefits is available on the European Union website:

<http://ec.europa.eu/esf/home.jsp>

### Eligibility criteria \*

In order to qualify for a FREE place on this course, you must be eligible for us to claim funding to cover the costs. The eligibility criteria is as follows:

- Aged 19 or older on 31 August 2021
- You are a citizen of a country within the European Economic Area (EEA) or other countries determined within the EEA, including those with bilateral agreements such as Switzerland, or have settled status or the Right of Abode in the UK, **AND**

have been ordinarily resident in the EEA or other countries determined within the EEA, including those with bilateral agreements such as Switzerland, for at least the previous 3 years on the first day of learning

- you must attend regularly, more than 50% of the classes
- you must fully complete an enrolment form
- You must complete an individual learning plan (ILP) on a regular basis

If you do not qualify for a free course, then you can attend by paying the relevant fee.

## **Enrolment and Payment**

Please enrol at Comberton Village College for all courses, including those in Cambourne, Melbourn and online. **Please assume the class is running once payment has been received, unless you hear to the contrary.**

We would appreciate payment of fees over the telephone by debit card to avoid contact, however, if that is not possible then we will accept cheque or cash.

By Phone: 01223 264721

Email: [commed@combertonvc.org](mailto:commed@combertonvc.org)

Cheques: The Cam Academy Trust

Address: Adult Education, Comberton Village College  
Comberton, Cambridge, CB23 7DU

In person: Please bring payment to Reception

9.15am – 2.00pm Mon-Thurs

6.45pm – 9.15pm Weds, term time only

## **Refunds**

Refunds are only available if we close a class or you withdraw at least two weeks before the start. In the latter case there is a £5 administrative charge. Classes cancelled by us due to unforeseen circumstances (e.g. tutor illness) will be replaced with an extra class at the end.

## **Concessionary Fees**

25% discount (excluding materials) is available for those in receipt of JSA/ESA, Universal Credit, Carers Allowance or a social care assessment (EHCP, PIP) evidence to be provided. It is also possible to pay by instalments, please ask for details.

## **Calendar** (Please check start date of specific courses)

Autumn Term Half term 25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> Oct 2021

Spring Term Half term 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> Feb 2022

Summer Term Half term 30<sup>th</sup> May – 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022

During the summer holiday period a member of staff will pick up messages each week and return calls and emails. We are closed in other school holidays.

## **Equalities statement**

We are fully committed to equality of opportunity and welcome enrolments from all adults aged 19+ (on 31 August 2021). We positively encourage all learners with any concerns about specific needs which might affect their learning to discuss their requirements with us in confidence. We believe that everyone is entitled to learn in an environment that is free from discriminatory behaviour so that we build a community based on mutual trust and respect. We will do our best to ensure that resources and equipment are accessible to all and make reasonable adjustments to ensure that all learners can access activities.

Cambridgeshire County Council, Adult Learning and Skills service supports a wide range of other adult learning opportunities across Cambridgeshire to support adults with the lowest level of qualifications or no qualification at all, and so typically find themselves in lower paid, less secure jobs or unemployed. Search our website [www.cambsals.co.uk](http://www.cambsals.co.uk) for details of all our funded courses.

## **Safeguarding Statement**

Arrangements have been made to make sure that you are safe at our Centres. If you feel you are not safe for any reason, for example through verbal or physical abuse or you have been discriminated against, please tell your tutor or the Centre Manager, who will investigate to ensure your safety.

## **How we use your data**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/esfa-privacy-notice>



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