



IACP ACCREDITATION

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When applying
for
Accreditation
you must have:

IACP recognised
qualification

Garda Vetting

Professional Indemnity
Insurance

450 hours of client work

Application form
Supervisors Report,
a brief essay from you

450 hours:

“Have completed **450 hours** of client contact work with an Accredited Supervisor (IACP, BACP* or IAHIP) post 100 trainee hours required on the course (post 120 trainee hours if the course began September 2020 or later).”

IACPWebsite, Nov 2024.

450 hours:

As of May, 2017,

Students can start counting the 450 hours towards accreditation after full completion of the 100/120 hours even if you are still on the course.

450 hours:

“A Pre-Accredited Member may use the title Pre-Accredited Member IACP (exact phrase only) on documentation. They may not represent themselves as an Accredited Member and may not use the initials MIACP”

Old rule: Supervision

“Students are not required to change their Supervisor while in training, but they **must** change their Supervisor after qualifying/graduating from the course. The supervision ratio remains 1:5 for the duration of the **core course.**”

New rule:

This is changing:

You **no longer must change** supervisor after your course...you can stay with them if you choose

Motion passed in Oct 2024

This will be ratified by start of 2025

Supervision

“Pre-accredited members must be supervised by the same Accredited Supervisor (IACP, BACP or IAHIP) in the 12 months preceding their application for first time accreditation”

Supervision

“Frequency: Individual Supervision must take place for at least one hour per month when the Counsellor / Psychotherapist is actively seeing or available to see clients.”

Supervision

“Ratio: The required minimum ratio of supervision for Pre-Accredited members is one hour of supervision for every 10 client contact hours (1:10) continuously. There should not be more than 10 client hours in between supervision sessions.”

Supervision

During the 450 hours of post-trainee counselling/psychotherapy practice, at least **75% of supervision** time must be in **individual supervision**.

Supervision

Ratios:

IACP Student Members - 1:5

Pre-Accredited Member - 1:10

Accredited (less than 5 years) - 1:20

Accredited (5-10years) - 1:30

Accredited (10+years) - 1:40

Some final things to remember:

- You have **5 years after graduation** to apply for First Time Accreditation
- You must re-apply for accreditation **annually**
- **Keep track** of all your client hours & especially your supervision sessions as this will be required when applying for supervision
- Long gaps in practice will be enquired about
- **Annual CPD is a requirement** for accreditation (10 CPD for pre-accredited, 30 for accredited).