

Cork Counselling Services Training Institute

B.Sc. (Hons) Counselling & Psychotherapy

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CCS5006: Researching Counselling Practice

CW 3 – Employing Research As A Clinical Tool

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The aim of this assignment is to encourage students to integrate their learning across modules and to explore a real and current issue arising in their personal and professional development. Students should make use of research findings to deepen their understanding of the chosen issue and to gain from the experience and scientific insights of researchers in the field.

The assignment should be 1000 words in length (+/- 10%), set out in essay format in line with the following criteria.

1. Introduce an issue or phenomenon relating to your personal or professional development (e.g., how anxiety effects the counselling relationship - it might be yours or a clients or both)
2. Introduce a research piece that will be further your understanding of this. (e.g., you search for a research paper on anxiety in a counselling context to inform your work)
3. Set out the method that you used to find this piece of research.
4. Explain how the research applies to the issue and how it might impact your understanding and practice as a trainee Humanistic Integrative Counsellor
5. Conclude with thoughts and evidence around research in general can assist in the development of trainee Humanistic Integrative Counsellors.

Students are expected to use a small number of references relating to the chosen clinical issue and to research in counselling in general. Students are required to achieve a minimum of a pass grade in their assignment. Students who receive a fail grade on their assignment will be allowed to repeat the assignment once. Failure to submit an assignment or failure to deliver the repeat submission will result in automatic failure of the module and training will be deemed to be terminated.

After the due date, your work will also be used as an input for CCS5007 Clinical Integration 1 (Component CW3 – Facilitation of Group Discussion) where it will be introduced to the group and a number of them selected as topics for wider group discussion.

This assignment accounts for 40% of the marks for the module CCS5006 Researching Counselling Practice. Where it is used in CCS5007 Clinical Integration 1, it is not marked.

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Marking Scheme

Student Name	Not met	Partially met	Fully met	Exceeds
Is the assignment clearly presented, use academic language and references to justify analysis and arguments?				
Does the student explain what the clinical issue being explored is?				
Does the student explain how the chosen research study relates to this?				
Does the student sufficient information about the methods used to source their research?				
Does the student explain how the research could impact their understanding and practice as a trainee Humanistic Integrative Counsellor?				
Does the student offer insight into how research in general can impact trainee Humanistic Integrative Counsellors?				
General Feedback	Mark			