

Additional Learning and Support Needs

It can be the case that students come to learning with additional needs. This might be support with numeracy and/or literacy or with conditions such as dyslexia, dyspraxia, sight and hearing problems, emotional and mental health conditions. Usually these additional needs are identified during the initial assessment (application form and interview) or they may emerge during the training.

The Bedfordshire Centre for Therapeutic Studies (BCTS) is a small training centre with no access to specialist support unlike a college of further education or a university. If a student wishes to train with BCTS and they have an additional learning need they need to consider carefully whether a small centre is the best place for them to study. Further costs, on top of course costs, could be incurred e.g. specialist equipment, specialist tutor costs or additional support from course tutors. BCTS **do not** have the resources to fund additional requirements and neither BCTS or the student can always envisage the emerging support needs as the course progresses.

It is the responsibility of the applicant to disclose any known disability, mental health condition or any other condition that may create a barrier to their learning prior to applying, stating clearly what their support needs are. The tutor who interviews you will then ask about your support needs to identify what the centre can support and what requires external specialist support and/or equipment. It is the applicant's responsibility to be clear and upfront with the centre.

If a learning need emerges during the course then a tutorial will be arranged to see what the tutor can do to support you, what requires external specialist support and what reasonable adjustments need to be put in place for the exam. Because the centre may need to apply to CPCAB for reasonable adjustments for the exam (e.g. additional time) early identification of any issues is key. A learning need may be identified by your tutor but this may not necessarily be the case and if, at anytime you are struggling with the course, in anyway, it is your responsibility to approach your tutor for an additional tutorial.

We hold an equal opportunities policy and welcome everyone onto the course who meet the course requirements and will do our very best in supporting you to obtain what it is you need to get the most out of your learning and complete the qualification.