It was clear to me that the School of Education offers a great learning environment, which is something I am passionate about. There are a wide variety of opportunities, from work experience to social life.

Neethu Jacobs, BA Education
Studying education or humanistic counselling practice at Nottingham

Our courses focus on professional learning, enabling you to develop a wide range of transferable skills, knowledge and understanding.

Education
This course combines the study of educational systems and practices with an emphasis on career development. You will build a broad understanding of educational research methods; ideal if you would like to enter the field of educational research. This course also offers, through optional modules, a strong foundation for primary school teaching (subject to gaining Qualified Teacher Status).

Humanistic counselling practice
Delivered through a school with a 50-year history of humanistic psychology, BA Humanistic Counselling Practice can put you on track to becoming a professional counsellor.

Employers are looking for counsellors who are on a professional register. This course is accredited by the National Counselling Society, offering you low-cost professional membership and a smooth transition to accredited registrant status on graduation.

To maximise choice, we also provide more than the required number of training hours for individual accreditation with the British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy.

At a glance
- Experienced counsellors and academic experts who have won awards for the quality of their teaching
- Assessed placements develop your practical skills and enhance your employability
- Study on Jubilee Campus, which is celebrated for its environmentally friendly design

Degree title | UCAS code | Duration | A levels | IB
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Single honours
BA Education | X3BA | 3 years | ABB^ | 32
BA Humanistic Counselling Practice | B940 | 3 years | BBB^^ | 30

* Plus GCSE English and mathematics, 4 (C) or above.
^ Plus either Introduction to Counselling course, Basic Counselling Skills Certificate or equivalent experience or training; successful applicants will be interviewed.

English language requirements
IELTS 6.5 (no less than 6.0 in any element) except for BA Humanistic Counselling Practice, which requires IELTS 6.5 (including 6.0 in writing). For details of other English language tests and qualifications we accept, please see nottingham.ac.uk/go/alternativerequirements

Academic English preparation
If you require additional support to take your language skills to the required level, you may be able to attend a presessional course at the Centre for English Language Education, which is accredited by the British Council for the teaching of English in the UK.

Students who successfully complete the presessional course to the required level can progress onto their chosen degree course without retaking IELTS or equivalent. Find out more at nottingham.ac.uk/cele

I wanted to study something around counselling so I searched high and low across the country to find a course that I felt a connection with. When I came to the open day at Nottingham I got the sense in my gut that this BA would be something I would enjoy.

Luke Olowe,
BA Humanistic Counselling Practice

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BA Education

Studying education will develop your understanding of what it means to learn and how this is framed by wider cultural, societal, political, historical and economic contexts.

You will engage with debates and develop broad perspectives on issues such as:

- how people learn through multiple modes and in different settings
- the role of established and emerging technologies
- international education and the impact of globalisation
- equality, inclusion and social justice in 21st-century education

You will be encouraged to question current educational ideas and practices and to challenge the assumptions that underpin them.

Year one

In year one, you will begin to study a number of strands that run throughout the degree in subjects such as:

- contemporary debates in education
- education and society
- education: past, present and future
- learning through the 21st century

You will address academic, career-focused and study skills, through individual meetings with personal tutors, group sessions and assessed work.

Year two

Second-year studies continue to incorporate the core strands of the course. You will take an employability module and can choose up to 20 credits from outside of the school. You can complete an assessed placement in a wider education setting, such as museums, galleries, NGOs and social services. If you are interested in a career in teaching, a school-based placement will be available.

Year three

In year three, you will draw together your learning, take a specific research methods module and write a dissertation that addresses a topic from one of the core strands of the course.

Typical modules

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Modules may change, for example due to curriculum developments. The above list is a sample of typical modules that we offer, not a definitive list. The most up to date information can be found on our website at [nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/education](http://nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/education).

Small-group lectures and seminars make me feel comfortable to share ideas and participate in group discussions. You receive quality attention from the lecturers who can really get to know you.

Alice Humphrey, BA Education

[nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/education](http://nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/education)
BA Humanistic Counselling Practice

The humanistic approach to counselling suggests that each person has their own unique way of perceiving and understanding the world, which influences their actions and the way they behave.

This course offers a route to becoming a professional counsellor. It is accredited by the National Counselling Society and provides more than the required number of training hours for individual accreditation with the British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy.

Humanistic counsellors focus on helping clients to achieve their highest potential. They work to understand a person’s subjective experience and, as such, the questions they ask about people differ from those asked by practitioners who take other approaches.

Year one
Providing you with a solid theoretical and practical foundation, the first year of this course will introduce you to humanistic counselling practice and prepare you for your second-year placement. You will need to undertake a minimum of 20 hours of self-funded personal therapy alongside your studies, and pass a Readiness to Practice assessment before beginning a 100-hour supervised counselling placement. We hold a placement fair in spring so you can talk directly to our partners. You will be responsible for securing your placement, with guidance from your personal tutor.

Year two
Grounded in the person-centred approach, your second year will include 150 hours of face-to-face tuition in a single core module, which is one of the criteria for individual accreditation. You will also be required to continue the self-funded personal therapy you began in year one, and will start a 100-hour supervised placement.

Year three
Your third year will enable you to complete your counselling placement hours, consolidate your professional learning and delve further into specialist areas through optional modules.

My favourite part of the degree is how practical and hands-on the teaching is. We rarely spend too long sat down simply listening. Instead, we often engage in small group discussions, thought-provoking personal reflections and creative activities – all of which are directly relevant to the learning.

Phil Rudd,
BA Humanistic Counselling Practice

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Engaging study, incredible results

Our staff are experts in their fields and regularly receive student-nominated awards for the quality of their teaching.

Lectures and seminars are delivered in small groups, providing regular and consistent tutor-student contact.

Your final degree classification will be based on marks gained for your second and subsequent years of study.

Education
You will be taught by staff who have been recognised for their teaching and have international reputations for their research. This course is assessed through essays, exams and presentations, as well as reflective portfolios, creative responses and the practical design of learning tools.

Humanistic counselling practice
You will be taught by experienced counsellors and psychotherapists, who have experience in a wide range of areas, including teenagers and young adults, addiction and sexuality. You will build your practical experience through micro-skills training, skills practice groups and a supervised counselling placement.

Placements
Completing a placement as part of your studies allows you to gain practical experience in your chosen field and enhance your employability.

With BA Education, you can undertake an assessed placement in a wider education setting, such as museums, galleries, NGOs and social services. If you are interested in teaching, there is a school-based placement.

Designed to help you develop the skills needed to practise as a professional counsellor, BA Humanistic Counselling Practice includes a supervised placement.
Outstanding careers support

Our courses will help you develop a wide range of transferable skills, knowledge and understanding.

Education

Our BA Education course provides a strong basis for a wide range of further education, training and employment opportunities. Personal and academic development modules will develop your self-study and reflection skills, while placement opportunities offer you hands-on experience in an educational environment.

You will build a broad theoretical and practical understanding of research methods suitable for entering the field of educational research.

Humanistic counselling practice

As a counselling graduate, you will be able to:

- make an impact in your community by volunteering in a third-sector counselling agency
- progress to postgraduate study in counselling or social work
- work in schools, colleges, charities and rehabilitation centres
- eventually set up a private practice*

The design of the course means that you’ll achieve the minimum required for registration as a counsellor by some of the professional bodies under the Professional Standards Authority scheme.

This course is accredited by the National Counselling Society, offering you low-cost membership of a professional body and a smooth transition to accredited registrant status on graduation.

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93.8% of undergraduates from the School of Education secured work or further study within six months of graduation*

£19,600 was the average starting salary, with the highest being £25,000*

Potential BA Education graduate destinations:
- Civil service
- Education in museums and prisons
- Charities and NGOs
- Community and educational theatre
- Educational marketing, PR and journalism
- Primary school teaching (subsequent to gaining Qualified Teacher Status)

Recent BA Humanistic Counselling Practice graduate destinations:
- Ecotricity
- NHS
- Various schools

Amplify your potential

Whether you already have a plan or need some inspiration, your Careers and Employability Service is here to help.

Academic excellence and employability go hand in hand at Nottingham. Your course, and the diverse student experiences we offer, will enable you to develop the skills and professional competencies required to thrive in the job market of the future.

We will help you explore your options, so you feel confident making choices about what you want to achieve. Our team will support you as you build your CV, search for jobs, prepare applications, practise your interview technique, and much more.

Get the Advantage

The career-enhancing Nottingham Advantage Award recognises and rewards your extracurricular activities. With a choice of over 200 modules, you can hone the key skills employers are looking for.

From developing your leadership skills and learning a language to public speaking and volunteering, you will leave university with demonstrable experience that sets you apart from other graduates. For further information, visit nottingham.ac.uk/careers/advantage

* Known destinations of full-time home undergraduates who were available for work 2015/16. Salaries are calculated based on the median of those in full-time paid employment within the UK.

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All applications for undergraduate study at Nottingham, including applications by international students, must be made through UCAS.

You can apply online at ucas.com and will be notified of decisions through UCAS Track.

Your personal statement
This is the section of your UCAS form that tells us most about you, and you should make the best use of it. Be as specific and detailed as you can – we would like to see that you are a student who can work hard, be self-motivated and make the best possible use of the opportunities that our courses offer you. We would also like to hear about any skills you have gained through extracurricular activities.

Flexible admissions policy
In recognition of our applicants’ varied experience and educational pathways, we employ a flexible admissions policy. If we judge that your situation has adversely affected your achievement, then we will consider this when assessing your academic potential. Some courses may make a slightly lower offer. For more information about this policy, see nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/applying

Mature applicants
We encourage applications from mature applicants who have a significant gap in education. You should apply through UCAS. Find out more at nottingham.ac.uk/mature

International applicants
The University provides a range of information and advice for international applicants. If you are unable to attend an open day, we can meet you in your country at one of our overseas events or arrange an individual visit to the University. For further information please visit nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/applying/international-applicants

Deferred entry
Applicants who wish to defer their entry by a year will not be at a disadvantage. Please tell us something about your plans for your gap year in your UCAS personal statement.

Equal opportunities policy
The University aims to create the conditions whereby students and staff are treated solely on the basis of their merits, abilities and potential, regardless of gender, race, colour, nationality, ethnic or national origin, age, socio-economic background, disability, religious or political beliefs, trade union membership, family circumstances, sexual orientation or other irrelevant distinction.

Around one-third of our UK students receive our means-tested core bursary, worth up to £2,000 a year (2018 entry figure; subject to change). For details, see nottingham.ac.uk/financialsupport
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