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"Start with an open mind and be prepared to have your assumptions challenged and to embrace new ideas and interests."

Rupert Knight, Assistant Professor

"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

200 years of experience in the field of education

Get hands-on experience through work placements

Interactive and inclusive lectures and tutorials

Develop your knowledge with experienced counsellors and academic experts

Lifelong careers support including CV workshops and interview preparation

8th in the UK for education
QS World University Rankings by Subject 2019.

100% of undergraduates from the School of Education secured work or further study within six months of graduation

Known destinations of full-time home undergraduates who were available for work 2016/17.
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. It explores the key themes of contemporary debates in education, education and society, international education, and learning and teaching. It offers a strong foundation for primary school teaching (subject to gaining Qualified Teacher Status), as well as careers in numerous other sectors.

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

Our courses

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^ 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

nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/education
This multi-disciplinary course examines global educational systems and practices in their wider contexts of psychology, sociology, philosophy, politics and history.

You will engage with debates and develop broad perspectives on issues such as:
- learning modes and behaviours
- the role of established and emerging technologies in teaching and learning
- equality, inclusion and social justice in 21st-century education
- the formation and impact of international education policy
- international education and the impact of globalisation

You will be encouraged to critically examine current educational trends and practices, and to challenge the assumptions that underpin them.

**Year one**
You will begin to study a number of strands that run throughout the degree:
- contemporary debates in education
- education and society
- international education
- learning and teaching

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

**Year two**
Your studies continue to incorporate the central strands of the course through core modules. You can also undertake an assessed work placement either in a school or a wider educational environment. Previous students have completed a placement in primary schools, special schools, a refugee education programme and with Nottingham Forest Youth Team.

You will complete a reflective portfolio using a Placement Module Guidance Booklet, and you will be fully supported by a mentor and your personal tutor. The placement provides an excellent opportunity to develop your understanding of educational theories in a practical setting, and will strengthen your CV.

**Year three**
You will consolidate your learning through core modules, and you will also complete a dissertation on a topic of your choice that explores one of the central strands of the course. This gives you the opportunity to specialise in a particular area of interest and to demonstrate your in-depth knowledge and understanding.

In order to develop a broad perspective on education, throughout each of your years of study you have the opportunity to take up to 20 credits from outside of the school from languages study, Nottingham Open Online Courses (NOOC) or appropriate modules from sociology, politics or psychology.

### Typical modules

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| - Big Ideas in Education: Inclusion, Equalities, Rights and Justice
| - History of Education
| - Joining the Academic Community
| - Learning and Development
| - The Purposes of Education
| Plus modules outside the school or one from:
| - Literacy, Learning and Education
| - Mathematics and Science in Schools
| - Big Ideas in Education: Curriculum and the Politics of Knowledge
| - Developing Skills Together
| - Education Beyond Borders
| - Learning in the Digital Future
| - Researching Education: Key Studies and Methods
| Plus modules outside the school or:
| - Assessed Placement
| - Big Ideas in Education: The Datafication of Education
| - The Developing Professional
| - Dissertations
| - New Modes and Sites for Learning
| - Research Methodology and Design in Education
| Plus modules outside the school or one from:
| - Place, Mobility and Space in Education
| - Inclusive Education

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

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
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 or attend in-house emotional development groups 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 personal development 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

[Typical modules]

Year one
- Core: Counselling in Education, Ethical Issues in Helping Relationships, Expressive Arts in Professional Practice, Preparation for Practice I and II, Principles and Practice of Person-Centred Counselling

Year two
- Core: Ethical Foundation and Professional Practice, Human Development Theory and Psychopathology, Person-Centred Theory and Practice, Personal Therapy and Personal Development, Supervised Counselling Practice and Case Study

Year three
- Core: Comparative Humanistic Counselling, Consolidation of Professional Development, Integration of Personal Development
- Optional: Sex and Sexuality, Solution Focussed Brief Therapy, Understanding Trauma, Working with Grief and Loss

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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 expert staff whose research aims to improve global education practices and policy. 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 the option of 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 an excellent foundation for a career in numerous sectors. You will build a broad theoretical and practical understanding of research methods suitable for entering the field of educational research.

Personal and academic development modules will also enhance your self-study and reflection skills, while placement opportunities offer you the chance to put your learning into practice in an educational environment.

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.

You will also complete the tuition requirements for individual accreditation with the British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy and gain 200 hours towards the practice requirements.

* Counselling is an extremely rewarding profession; however, paid, full-time counselling positions are rare and competition for these roles is high. Setting up private practice requires substantial experience of clinical work under supervision and personal therapy, and could be an option further in your career.

Recent BA Humanistic Counselling Practice graduate destinations:

■ Ecotricity
■ NHS
■ Various schools

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)
■ Educational policy development
■ Social services

£16,000 was the average starting salary**

100% of undergraduates from the School of Education secured work or further study within six months of graduation**

nottingham.ac.uk/careers

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 2016/17. Salaries are calculated based on the median of those in full-time paid employment within the UK.
How to apply

All applications for full-time 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.

Minimum entry requirements
Unless otherwise stated in individual course profiles, all UK applicants should have GCSE English grade 4 (C) as a minimum.

Alternative qualifications
In this brochure you will find our A level and International Baccalaureate entry requirements but we accept a much broader range of qualifications. For more details, visit nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/applying

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.

nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/applying

In 2020/21 the University will provide a generous bursary scheme to support lower-income students.* For details see nottingham.ac.uk/financialsupport

* To eligible home fee status students.

Mature applicants
We encourage applications from mature students, who are defined as 21 years old and over. 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/international

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.

If you wish to declare a disability, please ensure that you have ticked the appropriate box on your UCAS application form. Disclosure of this information will not affect your application.

nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/applying
This brochure has been drafted in advance of the academic year to which it applies. Every effort has been made to ensure that the information contained in this brochure is accurate at the time of publishing, but changes (for example to course content) are likely to occur given the interval between publication and commencement of the course. It is therefore very important to check our website for any updates before you apply for the course by following nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy. Where there is a difference between the contents of this brochure and our website, the contents of the website take precedence.