



**Catholic Marriage Care Service**

**PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL TO ACCORD**

**Higher Diploma In Counselling  
(Marriage & Relationship)  
2014**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Home Tel: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ (essential as all correspondence will be sent by email)

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**MISSION STATEMENT**

*Empowering people  
Fostering Relationships  
Caring for Couples facing  
the Challenges of Christian Marriage.  
This is the work of ACCORD  
In today's world*

**SECOND LEVEL EDUCATION**

School	Years	Examination taken	Results

**Third Level Education (Part & Fulltime)**  
*(begin with most recent)*

Name of College/Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Commencement Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Duration of course: \_\_\_\_\_

Summary of content: \_\_\_\_\_

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Qualification achieved: \_\_\_\_\_

**Third Level Education (Part & Fulltime)**

Name of College/Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Commencement Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Duration of course: \_\_\_\_\_

Summary of content: \_\_\_\_\_

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Qualification achieved: \_\_\_\_\_

**Other Educational Achievements (arts, music, hobbies )**

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**EMPLOYMENT HISTORY: (PLEASE USE ADDITIONAL SHEET IF NECESSARY)**

Employer Name & Address	Years	Position	Reason for Leaving

Have you previously applied for training with ACCORD

 Yes No

If Yes what Year

Which Service?

Counselling

Education

Selection Outcome:

Selected

Not Selected

Briefly state your reasons for applying to become an ACCORD counsellor:

**In a separate document please outline your significant life experiences (family, relationships, work etc) and how your learning from these experiences could contribute to your work as a counsellor with ACCORD 700 words approx.**

Please describe your communication style citing examples:

Please give an example of how you managed conflict in your life:

Please give an example of how you have worked as part of a team:

Please give the name & contact information of two people ( not related to you) ACCORD may contact for character references:

Name: _____	
Position: _____	
Address: _____	
_____	
_____	
Phone: _____	e-mail: _____

Name: _____	
Position: _____	
Address: _____	
_____	
_____	
Phone: _____	e-mail: _____

I declare that all the information given is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any misstatement or omission of facts constitute grounds for non-selection or deselection. I give permission for contact to be made with all relevant persons.

Membership of ACCORD is contingent on a satisfactory outcome to the ACCESS NI / Garda vetting process and reference checks.

**Candidate's signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Candidates are required to have access to and be familiar with Microsoft word, email and internet.

Please number in order 1, 2, 3 the Centre you would have a preference to join:

<b>Dublin Centres</b>	Athlone	Dundalk	Navan	<b>Northern Ireland Offices</b>
Ballymun	Ballina	Ennis	Nenagh	Armagh
Blanchardstown	Ballinasloe	Galway	Newbridge	Ballymena
Bray	Bantry	Inishowen	Portlaoise	Belfast
Clondalkin	Carlow	Kilkenny	Sligo	Derry
Dun Laoghaire	Castlebar	Killarney	Thurles	Downpatrick
Harcourt Street	Cavan	Letterkenny	Tipperary	Enniskillen
Lucan	Charlestown	Limerick	Tralee	Maghera
Marino	Clonmel	Limerick West	Tuam	Newry
Phibsborough	Cloyne	Longford	Tullamore	Omagh
Swords	Donegal	Monaghan	Waterford	
Templeogue	Drogheda	Mullingar	Wexford	

## VISION STATEMENT

ACCORD Catholic Marriage Care Service is an agency of the Catholic Church providing a nationwide service to couples preparing for or seeking a deeper commitment within the sacrament of marriage.

ACCORD is committed to providing a quality service.

Personnel, coming from a wide variety of backgrounds, are appropriately trained.

ACCORD responds to the challenges facing Christian marriage today and affirms its value in an ever changing world. It empowers couples to explore and reflect on:

- ◆ the essential elements of their marriage.
- ◆ the purpose and value of their choices within a committed relationship.

ACCORD serves the pastoral needs of couples at different stages in their relationship.

\* **Preparation for marriage** in a Christian context focuses on the essential components which foster a good couple relationship:

- lifelong commitment.
- communication and conflict resolution skills.
- responsible parenthood within a faith context.
- time and resource management.

\* **Ongoing support** throughout marriage facilitates:

- the development of strategies for the emotional, spiritual, and psychological well-being of couples
- reflection on the Christian experience of love, commitment and family life.

\* **Relationship counselling** is provided for couples as well as individuals in a couple relationship in a caring and confidential manner. It is a twofold process enabling clients to identify and acknowledge difficulties in their relationship and to discover the inner resources to deal with them.

**ACCORD wishes that all prospective candidates are familiar with our  
Vision Statement above and also with our Mission Statement,  
which is on the cover page of this application form, so that they are fully aware of ACCORD'S ethos.**

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**Cost**

ACCORD is a voluntary organisation providing a professional service to all who need it, regardless of ability to pay. Successful applicants will have their course fees and supervision costs paid for by ACCORD. All other costs, including personal therapy, are met by the trainee. Trainees are required to contract with ACCORD to repay part of the costs involved in their training by providing counselling on a voluntary basis. If, for any reason a trainee cannot fulfil this requirement, they will be required to repay outstanding costs. Following Graduation a minimum commitment of 3 years is required.

***Please return completed Application Form by May 5th 2014 to:***

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