



Catholic Marriage Care Service

PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL TO ACCORD

ASSOCIATE COUNSELLOR APPLICATION FORM 2014

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Tel: _____ Mobile: _____

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

Occupation: _____

Employer: _____

Address: _____

Work Tel: _____

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*

GENERAL EDUCATION :

School	Year	Final Exam taken	Results

Counselling Qualifications & Experience

Are you an accredited counsellor? Yes No
Are you working towards accreditation? Yes No

Accrediting Body: _____ Date of Accreditation: _____

Counselling Qualifications _____

Number of post-graduation counselling hours delivered in the last 2 yrs

Number of post graduation supervision hours received in the last two years:

Counselling Training (Part & Fulltime)

(Begin with most recent)

Name of College/Institution: _____

Commencement Date: _____ Duration of course: _____

Summary of content: _____

No. of counseling hours delivered during training? _____

Qualification achieved: _____

Counselling Training (Part & Fulltime)

Name of College/Institution: _____

Commencement Date: _____ Duration of course: _____

Summary of content: _____

Qualification achieved: _____

No. of counselling hours delivered during training ? _____

Give a brief description of your post-graduation counselling caseload and experience to date :

Employment History—Briefly outline starting with the most recent

Dates

Organisation and Role

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Outline briefly your reasons for applying to become a member of ACCORD Catholic Marriage Care Service as a Marriage and Relationship counsellor:

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

Describe your communication style citing examples:

Give an example of how you manage conflict in your life:

Outline your understanding of the commitment necessary to work as an ACCORD Marriage and Relationship counsellor:

Give the names & contact information of two people (relevant to the counselling profession and 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 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 hereby give permission for contact to be made with all relevant persons.

Membership of ACCORD is contingent upon reference checks and a satisfactory outcome to the ACCESSNI/Garda Vetting process.

Candidate: _____ **Date:** _____

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

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

Supervisors Report

CONFIDENTIAL

Name of Applicant: _____

Applicant's Address: _____

The above named applicant has applied for selection for training as an ACCORD counsellor. A supervisor's report on her/his suitability is required, before selection. The applicant must have been in supervision with you for a minimum of 12 months prior to completing this report. In the event of a shorter period of time, we will also require a report from the applicant's previous supervisor.

Supervisor's Name: _____

Address: _____

Qualifications: _____

Professional membership: _____

Counselling / Supervision experience:

(1) How long has the applicant been in supervision with you?: _____

(2) Do you consider the applicant to be a competent counsellor?

Yes

No

If yes outline your reasons:

3) Please indicate if there is any reason why the selection of this applicant, at this time, could have a negative impact on either the applicant or on ACCORD.

4) Other comments you feel may help in the assessment process:

Supervisor's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Closing date for receipt of application is May 5th 2014, Please send to:

*Aisling Madden
ACCORD Central Office
Columba Centre
Maynooth
Co Kildare
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01 5053111*

(Copy of degree, diploma to be included)

VISION STATEMENT

ACCORD Catholic Marriage Care Service is an agency of the Catholic Church providing a nation-wide professional 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

* **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.

All prospective candidates should be familiar with ACCORD's Vision and Mission Statements

* **Cost**

ACCORD is a voluntary organisation providing a professional counselling service to all who request it, regardless of ability to pay. Successful applicants have their training fees, cost of supervision and essential professional development paid for by ACCORD.

Trainees are required to contract with ACCORD to repay part of the cost of the training by delivering the agreed number of counselling sessions on a voluntary basis annually. If, for any reason a trainee cannot fulfil this requirement, he/she will be required to repay any outstanding fees. **All other costs**, including personal therapy costs, are met by the trainee.