Application form for NRPSN Accreditation Training

Thank you for your interest in our accreditation courses. If you are applying for a specific course, please note that the deadline is usually six weeks prior. You can also submit a general application and we will notify you of upcoming courses. Please email your completed form to [training@humanistcare.org.uk](mailto:training@humanistcare.org.uk)

Before making your application, please note:

* If you are seeking a paid role: The NRPSN is an accrediting body, and provides ongoing support for practitioners, including in finding paid positions. However, the NRPSN does not employ practitioners directly and cannot guarantee that suitable paid roles will always be available.
* If you are seeking a voluntary role: The NRPSN is an accrediting body, and does not directly recruit volunteers to provide non-religious pastoral care (except in Northern Irish prisons). The NRPSN provides ongoing support for practitioners, including in finding and applying for volunteer roles, but cannot guarantee that suitable roles will always be available. Individuals should agree the tenure and commitment of their role directly with their institution, typically a minimum of one half-day per fortnight.

| Location applied for (if known) |  |
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# Personal details

| Full name |  | | | | |
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| Address |  | | | | |
| Telephone |  | | | Email |  |
| Humanists UK membership number (if applicable) | | | |  | |

Please note that course costs will be met by Humanists UK for Humanists UK members, and charged at £225 for non-members. If you would like to become a member please click [here](https://humanists.uk/become-a-member/) to join.

# Experience

As a professional network, we do not look for specific experience, as accreditation is given when you can demonstrate the skills and competencies necessary to deliver non-religious pastoral care. However, particular kinds of experience are helpful in pastoral support, so we are interested in any relevant experience you may have. Please give details of any experience, which may include:

* Previous pastoral or support work
* Experience of hospitals, hospices, prisons or any institution where pastoral support is offered
* Inter-faith and belief work
* Experience dealing with substance abuse, physical/emotional abuse
* Samaritans, counselling, coaching, mental health work, social work, caring profession, advisory work, education

Please give a full account of your relevant experience in the boxes below in reverse chronological order. please insert further rows if you require them, and delete those you do not use.

| Date from (mm/yy) | Date to (mm/yy) | Title & type occupation (employed / self-employed / voluntary) | Employer or major clients (if self-employed ) | Summary of duties. |
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# Additional Information

1. Do you have any accessibility and/ or learning needs and require any reasonable adjustments? If so, how can we make the training inclusive to accommodate your needs? Please note: we try to ensure all our training venues have disabled access, but please do let us know your needs so we can check with our venues regarding equipment, such as hearing loops.

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1. Do you have any dietary requirements?

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1. Have you had a recent significant loss? If so, how may it impact on your ability to provide pastoral support?

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# Self-assessment

Please complete a self-assessment in the box below. The purpose of this exercise is to allow you and the trainers to have a better appreciation of your strengths and areas for development.

Please cover each of the following, with each no longer than 400 words:

* Part 1: Your current strengths, aptitudes, abilities, and skills relevant to becoming a non-religious pastoral carer.
* Part 2: Your areas for development in the same context.
* Part 3: What you hope to get out of the training, and your motivation and intentions in providing non-religious pastoral support.

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# References

Please provide contact details for two referees who have known you well for several years. They will be contacted if you are shortlisted for training and asked to say why they think you would be an excellent non-religious pastoral carer.

## Referee one

| Name |  | Relationship |  |
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| Address |  | | |
| Email |  | Telephone |  |

## Referee two

| Name |  | Relationship |  |
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| Address |  | | |
| Email |  | Telephone |  |

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By submitting this application you declare that the information supplied as part of it is true and complete, and consent to any of this information being checked or verified. You also declare that you understand that any deliberate omission, falsification or misrepresentation as part of your application may be grounds for rejecting your application or, should the discovery occur following your appointment, grounds for the withdrawal of your accreditation.