



Job Description and Person Specification

Summary

Job title:	Lecturer Counselling and Psychotherapy
Faculty:	Faculty of Health, Social Care and Medicine
Reference:	EHT0334-1125
Grade and	Grade 8. Points for grade: 31-35.
Salary:	£39906 - £44746 per annum, pro rata.
Contract Type:	Permanent
Hours:	Part Time (29.6 hours per week)
Location:	Ormskirk

About the Faculty

The Faculty of Health, Social Care and Medicine is one of the leading providers of education to the health and social care workforce in the region. It has a growing national and international research profile, with excellent relationships with external health and social care providers that ensures that its work is of direct relevance to, and impacts positively on, the rapidly changing health and social care environment.

The Faculty is made up of three schools:

- The School of Allied Health, Social Work and Wellbeing
- The Medical School
- The School of Nursing and Midwifery

Placement learning is integral to our programmes and we have strong working relationships with external health and social care providers.

Cross-Faculty research aligns with the following areas:

- Children, Young People and Families
- Prevention and Management of Conditions in Adults
- Improving Professional Practice

The Faculty has facilities in Ormskirk, Manchester and on a number of local NHS sites. It benefits from a multi-million-pound investment in a state-of-the-art Clinical Skills and Simulation Centre.

About the Department

The department of Social Work and Wellbeing is a well-established and successful department within the Faculty of Health, Social Care and Medicine. The current portfolio of undergraduate and postgraduate programmes have experienced a growth in popularity over recent years, reflected in an increase in applications. These are contemporary and exciting programmes which aim to develop graduates who are highly employable and well equipped to work in the field of health and social care. The department is dynamic, forward thinking, innovative and research active, delivering a variety of counselling, psychotherapy and mental health qualifications. Our suite of programmes offers diverse opportunities for our students, whilst the diverse backgrounds of the academic team complement each other, leading to a collaborative and academically stimulating learning environment for both students and staff. Coming to work in our department, you will help develop and deliver dynamic learning programmes that meet the needs of learners and utilise a diverse range of teaching and learning strategies.

About the Role

As Lecturer in Counselling and Psychotherapy, you will be required to make a significant contribution to the delivery of our suite of programmes, contributing to the delivery of our modules on Counselling and Psychotherapy and other areas of our core curriculum depending on your areas of expertise and experience.

You will be expected to contribute to the research activities of one of our Research Units.

About You

You will be an enthusiastic and friendly professional with excellent communication and interpersonal skills coupled with a commitment to providing an excellent student experience. An established or promising research profile in counselling and psychotherapy and very good teaching experience on undergraduate programmes is essential. A background and knowledge in counselling approaches, particularly humanistic and person-centred, with supporting qualifications and experience would be an advantage.

We also welcome applicants from arts therapies backgrounds, including those trained in disciplines such as art therapy, music therapy, drama therapy or dance movement psychotherapy, where their experience aligns with the core curriculum and ethos of our counselling and psychotherapy programmes.

To be successful you will further enrich our students' experience through your expertise and subject knowledge as evidenced through your qualifications and extensive experience of professional practice. In return, you will join a forward thinking and dynamic team that pushes the boundaries of curriculum development within counselling and psychotherapy.

About Us

“A great success story... an institution that improves and impresses year after year”
–Times Higher Education.

Founded in 1885 and gaining University Title in 2006, Edge Hill University is a multi-award-winning University based on a 160-acre campus in Ormskirk, Lancashire. An educational community, providing high quality teaching, support, and transformational opportunities; it's a place where students discover ideas, attain subject knowledge, and achieve their full potential.

The University has over 14,000 students studying at both undergraduate and postgraduate level and employs more than 2,000 staff.

Edge Hill's significant success in achieving its mission is recognised by a range of awards. It is one of the select few to have held the coveted Modern University of the Year title (2022), awarded by the Times and Sunday Times and is the Daily Mail's University of the Year for Student Experience, 2026.

It was ranked in the UK Top 35 universities (Guardian University Guide 2024), 5th in the UK (Uni Compare 2026) and is a Top 4 North West Institution (Complete University Guide 2025). It is also the safest campus in the North West according to the same guide. In 2024, it was the first University to achieve Ofsted Outstanding for all phases of its Initial Teacher Training provision under the new Inspection Framework.

The University has invested £350m in the campus over the last two decades. Construction has recently finished on a new £17.4m Life Sciences Building alongside a £35m investment in brand new accommodation and a Students' Union building which opened at the beginning of October 2024.

The University's researchers are addressing some of society's most pressing problems today and providing expertise to develop solutions and enact change. And there is a strong commitment to sharing that new knowledge through Knowledge Exchange and partnership working and through a significant number of Knowledge Transfer Partnerships.

From promoting inclusive societies and encouraging wellbeing for all, nurturing creativity and innovation, to tackling some of the world's biggest challenges to secure a sustainable future, Edge Hill's research builds new partnerships, enhances understanding and enriches lives. 62% of the University's research was classed as 'world-leading' or 'internationally excellent' in the 2021 Research Excellence Framework.

Job Description for Lecturer (Grade 8)

Duties and Responsibilities

As a Lecturer you will be expected to carry out the following as and when required:

Teaching, Learning & Scholarship

1. Contribute to the curriculum development of the Subject/Department academic programmes and wider Faculty where appropriate, producing high quality, innovative teaching and learning material, informed by research and professional practice (where appropriate) to support and develop student learning, engagement and application in practice (where appropriate) at undergraduate and post graduate level;
2. Enhance the quality of education and provision by ensuring that you maintain high standards of learning and teaching;
3. Use teaching and learning strategies, which encourage student involvement and advance their independent learning, adapting delivery to suit learners' needs;
4. Engage in subject professional and pedagogy research and/or scholarship as required to support teaching activities;
5. Contribute effectively to the design, planning and administration of the curriculum including preparation of your own teaching and learning materials and course documentation;
6. Contribute effectively to curriculum delivery, at the modular level, taking lead responsibility, where appropriate, within undergraduate and/or postgraduate levels;

Student Support

1. Effectively oversee the welfare, progress, examination, assessment and marking of the students as designated by the Head of Department (or their deputy);
2. Provide effective support to individual students and groups of students in accordance with Edge Hill University's procedures, referring students to further support services as appropriate;
3. Promote the work of the University and participate in the recruitment, selection and induction of students;

4. Undertake, as and when required, and in accordance with Edge Hill procedures, personal tutor responsibilities (academic and pastoral);
5. Support learning in practice, including placement/mentor preparation and practice audits (where appropriate).

Research

For those who have significant Responsibility for Research:

1. Publish, or show evidence of working towards publication of research consistent with the department's priorities in appropriate peer-reviewed journals;
2. Begin to develop and maintain links with cognate disciplines within the Faculty, University, Industry and the Community as part of a coherent research-dissemination strategy;
3. Collaborate with colleagues to identify and make credible bids for external funding through research grants and contracts and in developing collaborative research income- generating ideas.

Leadership, Service & Externality

1. Be an active member of relevant Departmental/Faculty/Institutional committees and contribute to partnership working with external colleagues and service users (where appropriate);
2. Contribute to faculty business, project management and/or enterprise;
3. Assist in student recruitment activities including Open Days, interviews or auditions;
4. Engage in appropriate training programmes provided by the University such as preparation for VASP membership;
5. Establish networks (professional and academic) to maintain currency and personal development;
6. Carry out any other duties as reasonably requested by Head of Department. Generally, these will be relatively limited in order to allow the role holder to take advantage of planned developmental and research opportunities.

Person Specification for Lecturer (Grade 8)

Please note that applications will be assessed against the Person Specification using the following criteria, therefore, applicants should provide evidence of their ability to meet all criteria. Where a supporting statement is indicated you will be asked to provide a statement of how you meet this criterion within the application form.

Qualifications

Criteria	Essential or Desirable Criteria	Method of Assessment
A good relevant honours degree or equivalent qualification and experience of Higher Education learning.	Essential	Application
PhD or equivalent (normally by publication but where appropriate through professional achievement of a comparable nature).	Essential	Application
Higher Education (HE) teaching qualification, or commitment to achieve one within two years of appointment.	Essential	Application and Interview

Knowledge and Skills

Criteria	Essential or Desirable Criteria	Method of Assessment
Relevant knowledge of Higher Education curricula or other evidence of the ability to be or become an effective, research-informed teacher and assessor across the range of taught levels appropriate to the post.	Essential	Supporting Statement and Interview
Excellent, effective and adaptive teaching skills underpinned by sound pedagogical principles.	Essential	Supporting Statement and Interview
Developing breadth and depth of subject knowledge and evidence of continuing professional development.	Essential	Supporting Statement and Interview
Evidence of ability to work in a team and the emotional intelligence to support students in their studies through academic tutoring.	Essential	Interview

Experience

Criteria	Essential or Desirable Criteria	Method of Assessment
Ability to support the diverse academic and personal needs of individual students.	Essential	Supporting Statement and Interview
Proven capacity to conduct and publish research or contributions to professional practice, ability to engage in academic and professional networking through active membership of associations, societies and professional bodies. (This criterion assumes you have or aspire to having significant responsibility for research).	Essential	Supporting Statement and Interview
Excellent communication skills, both written and verbal, and excellent interpersonal skills with the ability to liaise effectively with colleagues, students and external stakeholders.	Essential	Supporting Statement, Interview and Presentation.
Ability to work on one's own initiative, to reflect on one's own skills and knowledge, and to seek opportunities to develop.	Essential	Supporting Statement and Interview

Competencies and Personal Attributes

Criteria	Essential or Desirable Criteria	Method of Assessment
Enthusiasm	Essential	Interview
Commitment	Essential	Interview
Team working	Essential	Interview
Good interpersonal skills	Essential	Interview
Flexibility and adaptability	Essential	Interview

Candidate Guidance and How to Apply

At Edge Hill University we value the benefits a rich and diverse workforce brings to our community and therefore welcome applications from all sections of society.

For informal enquiries about this vacancy, you may wish to contact: Shelly Haslam, Head of Social Work and Wellbeing at Haslamsh@edgehill.ac.uk

When you are ready to start the formal application process, please [visit our Current Vacancies website](#), search for the role you wish to apply for, and select the 'Apply Online' button at the bottom of the job advert. The online application form can be completed in stages and can be revisited at any time. The form automatically saves as you enter your information, and you can move backwards and forwards between individual form sections at any time prior to application submission. Help is available at each stage to guide you through the form. Before final submission, you can preview your application and can then choose to refine or submit the form.

As part of your application, you will be asked to provide details of two referees. Please see our application form for guidance on how to nominate your referees.

You are able to upload a CV to the application form to supplement your application and supporting statements.

Please refer to the advert for the closing date for this vacancy, all applications must be submitted by 11:59pm on this date. Please note that you will receive an automated email from our online recruitment portal to confirm receipt of your application. Please check your spam/junk mail if you do not receive this email.

Following the closing date, we will contact you by email to let you know whether or not you have been shortlisted to participate in the next stage of the selection process. We try our best to inform all applicants within two working weeks following the closing date.

If you are offered the post, the offer will be subject to pre-employment clearance. You will be asked to provide: proof of your right-to-work in the UK; proof of your identity and evidence of your qualifications and professional memberships as referenced as essential or desirable in the person specification for this role. You will also be asked to complete onboarding forms including a pre-employment health questionnaire to support the University make appropriate adjustments to support you in the role. The University will also contact the referees you have nominated. Please note that you may be asked for alternative or additional referees as we seek references that cover your previous three years of employment history. Following successful completion of pre-employment clearances (including an Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check, as relevant, please see job advert) a start date will then be arranged with you.