



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte
Health Service Executive

Counsellor, Senior Family Therapist (CAHMS) - Grade Code 3918

In exercise of the powers conferred on me by Section 22 of the Health Act 2004, I hereby approve the qualifications, as set out hereunder, for the appointment and continuing as **Counsellor (Senior) Family Therapist (CAHMS)**.

1. Professional Qualifications, Experience, etc

(a) Candidates must:

(i) Possess a professional 3rd level qualification, at level 7 or higher in Psychology, Social Care, Social Work, Counselling, Psychotherapy, Education, Speech and Language Therapy, Occupational Therapy or be registered or eligible for registration as a nurse with An Bord Altranais.

and;

(ii) Possess a relevant post graduate qualification.

and;

(iii) Be accredited as a counsellor with the Family Therapy Association of Ireland (FTAI).

and;

(b) Candidates must have five years experience* as a counsellor in a relevant setting post FTAI registration.

* The five years experience must comprise of no more than three years full time post graduate training and no less than two full years experience as an accredited counsellor. Years in excess of the permitted three years for completion of the post graduate training or time not worked cannot be taken into consideration when assessing the five years experience requirement.

or;

(c) Be currently employed as an addiction/substance misuse counsellor in the Irish Health Sector.

2. Age

Age restriction shall only apply to a candidate where s/he is not classified as a new entrant (within the meaning of the Public Service Superannuation (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 2004). A candidate who is not classified as a new entrant must be under 65 years of age on the first day of the month in which the latest date for receiving completed application forms for the office occurs.

3. Health

Candidates for and any person holding the office must be fully competent and capable of undertaking the duties attached to the office and be in a state of health such as would indicate a reasonable prospect of ability to render regular and efficient service.

4. Character

Candidates for and any person holding the office must be of good character.

Dated this 11th day of April two thousand and twelve.

Barry O'Brien
National Director of Human Resources.