

# PG DEPARTMENT OF COUNSELLING PSYCHOLOGY

## SACRED HEART COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS)

A Don Bosco Institute of Higher Education, founded in 1951 \* Affiliated to Thiruvalluvar University, Vellore. Accredited by NAAC (3" Cycle) with CGPA of 3.43/4 at 'A' grade

## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

between

PG and Research Department of Counselling Psychology, Sacred Heart College (Autonomous) Tirupattur, [Party A]

and

FOUNTAIN: Capuchin Institute of Counselling, Psychotherapy and Research [Party B]

This is an agreement between "Party A", hereinafter called FIRST PARTY and "Party B", hereinafter called SECOND PARTY.

#### **PURPOSE & SCOPE** I.

The purpose of this MOU is to clearly identify the roles and responsibilities of each party as they relate to enhance the number seminars, conferences and courses offered to the FIRST PARTY.

In particular, this MOU is intended to:

- Enhance the quality of courses offered
- Increase the numbers of certificate courses
- Establish good understanding in sharing of resource in education
- Share the intellectual resource.

#### BACKGROUND II.

First Party, PG and Research Department of Counselling Psychology, Sacred Heart College (Autonomous), established in 2014, is affiliated to Thiruvalluvar University, Vellore Dt. offering M. Sc. in Counselling Psychology, a two- year full-time, choice-based semester programme and is offered to graduate students. The course includes a spectrum of selfdevelopmental skills and application-oriented subjects and training in the skills required to become experts in counselling. The uniqueness of this course is that the students will be exposed to learning through field practicum, internship and will be equipped with job-related social and technical skills, counselling theory and skills, counselling children with special needs, advanced statistics in behavioural sciences, psychological assessment, case analysis, health management and psychological wellbeing, corporate counselling and behaviour modification.

Through well equipped psychometric lab, students learn the assessment of intelligence, personality, attitude and other psychopathological issues. The department provides certificate programs for all postgraduate students. Students are encouraged to attend workshops, conferences and training programmes.

Second party, On the 6th of January 2014 Fountain, Capuchin Institute for Training Counsellors and Psychotherapists was started with the Basic Unit Programme lasting for four weeks (from 6th January to 1st February). The first batches of students were 18. The staff members comprised of Fr. John Antony, OFM.Cap., Fr. Dewaram, OFM.Cap., Fr. Arul Xavier, OFM.Cap., Fr. Amaladass, OFM.Cap., Fr. Stanly, OFM.Cap., Fr. Arockia Doss, OFM.Cap., and Miss Percy Priya. Before the course was over, we already got affiliation to Toronto Centre for Pastoral Counselling Education (TCPCE), Toronto School of Theology, University of Toronto. Also we obtained Memorandum of Understanding (M.o.U.) with Sacred Heart College, Tirupattur (Autonomous), affiliated to Thiruvalluvar University, Vellore and Don Bosco College, Dharmapuri, affiliated to Periyar University, Salem. For the convocation of the course on the 1st of February, Fr. A. J. Mathew, the Provincial of Amala Annai Province of the Northern Tamil Nadu was present to preside over along with many Capuchin brothers. It was a humble beginning with the grace of God. During the convocation, the official website www.thefountain.in and the official email thefountaincaps@gmail.com were launched by Fr. A. J. Mathew. Presently a three-unit programme leading to Diploma in Training Counsellors and Psychotherapists is designed along with other courses. The three-unit programme consists of the Basic Course (unit), Advanced Course (unit), and Diploma Course (unit) each lasting for four weeks. These three courses will be run simultaneously. These courses are conducted in the months of January, May and September starting from the first Monday of the month at and lasting for four weeks, and ending on the afternoon of Saturday.

### III. FIRST PARTY RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THIS MOU

First party shall undertake the following activities:

- Every year second year Students would participate in the certificate course on Hypnotherapy
- First Year students are sent for the one month internship programme
- Collaborate in National seminars, worshops and conferences

#### IV. SECOND PARTY RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THIS MOU

Second Party shall undertake the following activities:

- Organize Hypnotherapy certificate course
- Offer Internship programme
- Collaborate in National seminar, workshops and conferences

# V. IT IS MUTUALLY UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED BY AND BETWEEN THE PARTIES THAT:

- 1. There would modification of programme or courses according to the time constrain and the availability of the personnel.
- 2. The MoU time period is five years which agreed upon the understanding of the First Party and Second party and it will be renewed after the termination.

### VI. FUNDING

This MOU does not include the reimbursement of funds between the two parties.

#### VII. EFFECTIVE DATE AND SIGNATURE

This MoU shall be effective upon the signature of Parties A and B authorized officials. It shall be in force from 01.06.2019 to 30.03.2024

Parties A and B indicate agreement with this MOU by their signatures.

Signatures and dates

[PG and Research Department of Counselling Psychology, Sacred Heart College (Autonomous)

Tirupattur]

Date: 10th June 2019

FOUNTAIN
Capuchin Institute of Counselling,
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