

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Applying for enrolment

You can apply to Raworth College for admission by clicking the Application details link that appears on each Course Details page: you can send us a mail via the Contact Us link in the box on the left. Or, if you prefer, you can write to us, telephone, or send a fax. Whichever method you use we'll be delighted to hear from you and will do all we can to help you gain admission and achieve your goals. Once we have agreed your programme with you, payment of the deposit fee will secure your place on the classes according to our published conditions.

When you can start

Most course programmes have three intakes a year . These are: September, January and April.

College entry requirements

At Raworth we do not grant admissions solely on a candidate's academic background. We also look for qualities such as interpersonal skills, a naturally therapeutic mind-set, and a personality that is clearly suited to the courses we offer. Furthermore, we accept students of all ages and backgrounds, from all over the UK and from abroad and actively employ an equal opportunities policy.

Coursework assessment

Continuous assessment applies to all courses. To gain a qualification, candidates must submit a portfolio of assessed work, and, depending on the course, there may be practical and theory examinations. Full details will be given at your Induction Day and you will be updated throughout your training.

Weekly college attendance

Full-time study equates to three to four days per week and part time is anything from one day per week. Most courses can be studied in a flexible way.

Extent of home study

You should expect approximately five hours per subject per week, plus case studies, and any required clinic time.

Class hours

Classes start at 10 a.m. and finish at 4.30 p.m. for weekday and weekend sessions, with one hour for lunch and a short break in the morning and afternoon.

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Weekday and weekend classes

Occasionally, weekday students will need to attend a weekend lecture. In such cases we will provide you with as much notice as possible.

The qualifications that you will gain

In addition to our valued Raworth qualifications we offer a wide range of external awards which are recognised by professional bodies the world over.

Overseas students

Raworth College actively welcomes students from overseas. Do not be discouraged from applying if it is too difficult for you to come for a formal interview at the college. You can still be interviewed via on-line communications and the telephone and fax. However, you must have an intermediate standard of English to study here and provide certificates of language study to this level.

Overseas students? visas

United Kingdom Students? Visas will normally be granted to Raworth students from overseas, providing you study for at least 15 hours - or three study days - per week. However, we are currently under going a new accreditation procedure, due to Government legislation, and are not able to accept students who require visas, for the time being. We hope the Accreditation will be in place by the beginning of next year.

Student accommodation

Student accommodation in Dorking is mostly with host families who live quite near to the college. It will probably take you between 10 and 30 minutes to walk to the college.

Raworth College keeps a list of host families and the students living with them. We can therefore help you with arranging accommodation of this type. The cost of accommodation with a host family is between £80 and £100 per week. This pays for your accommodation only, and you will be responsible for your own shopping and cooking.

Studying by Distance Learning

Some of Raworth's Core Modules can be studied by flexible distance learning. Furthermore, it is possible, in some cases, to intersperse class attendance with distance study (for theory-based modules) should this prove to be of benefit to you.

Practising during training

Thanks to Raworth's modular training model, it is possible for you to achieve the qualifications and insurance cover you need to start practising before you have completed your chosen programme in its entirety. This can help you to build your client-base - and generate income - whilst you continue to study.

Exemptions for previous study

In some cases exemptions from certain modules will be applicable if you can demonstrate that such subjects have been previously covered. To gain a qualification, you may well still be required to sit an examination in the subject(s), but you may not need to attend the classes.

Changing timetable

At Raworth, we pride ourselves on our flexibility: we will always change your programme - even when part-way through -

wherever possible. Unfortunately, however, in these cases we are unable to make any refund on course fees.

Additional costs

Your fees include all class activities, course notes, exam registrations and any special kits required (for example, essential oils for aromatherapy or reflexology kits for reflexology courses). However, you will need to pay for your course text books most of which we stock at college and can often be purchased by you at a discount. Also, when you enrol on a practical course you will need to buy a college uniform from the college office.

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