

## **Integrated Therapies Training Unit**

A world renowned ITTU offering courses and diplomas for Integrative Therapists, Allied Health Professionals, Nurses and Researchers.

## **Course Brochure 2025**

Massage | Reflexology | Aromatherapy
Mindfulness | Relaxation | End of Life Approaches

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#### Welcome

Welcome to The Christie School of Oncology's Integrative Therapies Training Unit.

As a world renowned ITTU unit we are delighted to offer a range of educational events for Integrative Therapists, Allied Health Professionals and Researchers. The content of some of our courses are also suited to Nurses and Medical Staff.

We have been proudly supporting all our students for more than 20 years, providing them with well researched, informative and evidence based educational events. Our team of both internal and external fully qualified facilitators are all passionate about producing and delivering an extensive programme of events, which we are sure you will love.

Our events are delivered either virtually, classroom or blended (classroom & virtual. All the classroom events are delivered at The Christie NHS Foundation Trust here in Manchester.

Have a look through our brochure to discover the range of courses and diplomas we offer. If you have any queries or require further information please don't hesitate to contact us at <a href="mailto:the-christie.ittu@nhs.net">the-christie.ittu@nhs.net</a>

We hope to welcome you on one of our events in the very near future!

## **Socials**

Follow us on Twitter <u>@TheChristieSoO</u> and join in the conversation with hashtag **#SoOITTU** 

Like us on Facebook @TheChristieSoO

## **Mailing List**

If you would like to receive the latest updates about our educational events direct to your inbox, then sign up to our mailing list and specify 'integrative therapies' as your area of interest.

The School of Oncology Subscription

## We would like your input

Please could you spare a couple of minutes to complete the following survey to indicate which courses you would like to see delivered "virtual" and help us to finalise our programme moving forward.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SoOITTUVirtual



Course title: Massage for Cancer and Supportive Care (Morecombe)

Dates/Times: Saturday 12th (1030-1730) and Sunday 13th April 2025 (0930-1630)

Course tutors: Anita Mehrez & Sarah Wilkins

**Course description:** This 2-day course is designed for massage therapists who want to expand their skills in massage therapy, enabling them to work safely and effectively with people with cancer and/or other complex/life-threatening conditions.

We will explore safe and creative ways of adapting massage therapy whilst gaining an understanding of the rationale for adapted work for clients at all stages of a cancer journey, whether on active treatment, living beyond, or alongside supportive and end of life care. As a teaching team we are committed to providing a knowledge base that can be contextualised to suit a variety of different environments.

We take a zero-strain approach to massage with touch-based sessions that will allow you to build your confidence working with and without oil, through both practitioner and client experience.

**Prerequisite:** Prerequisite: Applicants must hold a minimum of a UK Level 3 Diploma in Massage (or equivalent with a Level 3 certificate in Anatomy and Physiology). A minimum of one year of professional therapeutic experience, with supporting evidence.

**Delivery:** Classroom

Price: £215

## To book your place today click here



**Course title:** MRE Level 1, Workshop 1: Introduction to Trauma Sensitive Mindfulness

**Dates/Times:** Wednesday April 23rd, 30th, May 7th, 14th, 21st, June 4th 2025 (1830-2100)

Course tutors: Tim Duerden

**Course description:** This 6-week online training course offers an experiential introduction to Mindful Resilience Enhancement (MRE) and taking a trauma sensitive approach to safely and easily teach mindfulness to most individuals and groups. It is the first workshop in the MRE teacher-training that leads to a competency certificate in teaching mindfulness in professional practice.

**Suitable for:** : This course is ideal for any students, trainees, professionals and practitioners working in health, educational, social and complementary settings.

**Delivery**: Virtual via zoom

Price: £265 (£230 if booked together with MRE Level 1, Workshop 2)

## Clinical and Non-Touch Courses



**Course title:** Therapeutic and Practical Approaches to End of Life Concerns and Symptoms

**Dates/Times:** Saturday 10th May (1030-1730) and Sunday 11th May (0930 – 1630)

Course Tutors: Ann Carter, Dr Peter Mackereth and Paula Maycock

Course Description: This course explores issues related to providing therapeutic and practical approaches for patients approaching the end of life as well as in the last few days of life. The focus will be on addressing complex symptoms such as breathlessness, consent issues, involvement of carers, consideration of spiritual issues, challenging conversations and end of life care. The course will include a blend of theory and practical hands-on techniques and approaches. Students will also be required to complete directed tasks and provide reflective feedback on the activities (approx. 4.5 hours).

**Pre-requisite:** Suitable for Complementary Therapists and Health Care Professionals working with end-of-life patients.

**Delivery:** Classroom

Price: £215

## Clinical and Non-Touch Courses



**Course title:** Developing Guided Imagery & Progressive Muscle Relaxation

Dates/Times: Thursday 19th and 26th June 2025, (09:30am to 12:30pm) VIRTUAL and Sunday 6th July 2025 (9:30am to 4.00pm) CLASSROOM

Course tutors: Dr Peter Mackereth and Ann Carter.

Course description: This course focuses on creative approaches to guided imagery and progressive muscle relaxation. The methods promote calm, reduce anxiety and enhance wellbeing. The evidence-based content is patient centred and can be integrated into your practice for a variety of situations, including 1:1, online platforms or relaxation groups. The course has been specially designed for those who wish to further explore and gain confidence in using their voice as part of a therapeutic intervention.

**Prerequisite**: Suitable for complementary therapists and health care professionals.

**Delivery**: Blended (virtual and classroom)

Price: £195



Course title: The HEARTS Process

**Dates:** Saturday 17th May (1030-1730) and Sunday 18th May (0930 – 1630)

Course tutors: Ann Carter and Dr Peter Mackereth

Course description: Description: HEARTS is a mnemonic for Handson, Empathy, Aromas, Relaxation, Textures and Sound. You will learn how to combine these therapeutic components to help patients and carers achieve a state of relaxation and calm in many situations. Students can complete additional case study work in support of a HEARTS Process Practitioner Certificate.

**Prerequisite**: This course is ideal for integrative therapists and health care professionals working in supportive and palliative care.

**Delivery:** Classroom

Price: £215



Course title: Massage for Cancer and Supportive Care

Dates/Times: : Saturday 26th July (1030-1730) and Sunday 27th July

(0930-1630)

Course tutors: Anita Mehrez & Sarah Wilkins

Course description: This 2-day course is designed for massage therapists who want to expand their skills in massage therapy, enabling them to work safely and effectively with people with cancer and/or other complex/life-threatening conditions. We will explore safe and creative ways of adapting massage therapy whilst gaining an understanding of the rationale for adapted work for clients at all stages of a cancer journey, whether on active treatment, living beyond, or alongside supportive and end of life care. As a teaching team we are committed to providing a knowledge base that can be contextualised to suit a variety of different environments. We take a zero-strain approach to massage with touch based sessions that will allow you to build your confidence working with and

without oil, through both practitioner and client experience.

Prerequisite: Prerequisite: Applicants must hold a minimum of a UK Level 3 Diploma in Massage (or equivalent with a Level 3 certificate in Anatomy and Physiology). A minimum of one year of professional therapeutic experience, with supporting evidence. Applicants who do not meet the standard entry requirement will be subject to a review by Integrative Therapies Training Unit on a case-to-case basis. In such cases, candidates may be required to complete the Understanding Cancer: For Integrative Therapists & Health Care Professionals course as part of their application process. All applicants MUST provide a copy of their qualification upon booking confirmation.

**Delivery:** Classroom **Price:**£215



Course title: Precision Reflexology for Cancer and Supportive Care Dates/Times: Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st September 2025 (0930-1630)

As a qualified reflexologist, this intensive 2-day course will help you to expand your reflexology skills to work safely and confidently in the areas of hospice and cancer care. During this course we will overview theory but focus more on the practical aspects of adapting a variety of reflexology techniques that can be used safely for the benefit of patients when a more traditional approach to reflexology may not be suitable or may be contraindicated.

Prerequisite: Applicants must hold a minimum of a UK Level 3 Diploma in Reflexology (or equivalent, with a Level 3 certificate in Anatomy and Physiology). A minimum of one year of professional therapeutic experience, with supporting evidence. Applicants who do not meet the standard entry requirement will be subject to a review by Integrative Therapies Training Unit on a case-to-case basis. In such cases, candidates may be required to complete the Understanding Cancer: For Integrative Therapists & Health Care Professionals course as part of their application process. All applicants MUST provide a copy of their qualification upon booking confirmation.

Course tutors: Susie Ray and Kaman Cheung

**Delivery**: Classroom

Price: £245



Course title: Resolving Anxiety and Panic States

Dates/Times: Thursday 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th October 2025

(1330 - 1630)

Course tutor: Vicky Phelan and Linda Orrett

Course description: Description: This course is ideal for professionals working with anxious clients, whether in a cancer/health care setting or private practice. Throughout the course, you will gain a comprehensive understanding of anxiety and panic, including their manifestations and the physiological and neurological changes they trigger. You will learn effective techniques and rapid calming interventions designed to help clients manage and overcome anxiety and panic in real-time. Additionally, for those in health care settings, the course provides strategies to enhance your confidence in supporting clients facing distress related to medical procedures, such as cannulation, surgery, and treatment-related anxieties.

**Prerequisite**: Suitable for Integrative Therapists, Health Care Professionals, Counsellors, or any therapist working with anxious clients, whether in a cancer or health care setting or in private practice.

Delivery: Virtual via Zoom.

Price: £265



Course title: MRE Level 1, Workshop 2: Teaching Mindfulness to Individuals

**Dates/Times:** Wednesday September 24th, October 1st, 8th, 15th, 29th, Nov 5th (1830-2100)

Course tutors: Tim Duerden

**Course description:** Course description: This online training course provides an experiential training in teaching mindfulness to clients in a 1-2-1 context. Together with MRE Workshop 1, it offers a very flexible way of teaching mindfulness that works with the specific needs of clients. The course is suitable for any students, trainees, professionals and practitioners working in health, educational, social and integrative therapy contexts.

**Prerequisite**: Attendance on MRE Level 1, Workshop 1: Introduction to Trauma Sensitive Mindfulness

**Delivery**: Virtual via zoom

**Price:** £265 (£230 if booked together with MRE Level 1, Workshop 1)

## To book your place click here



Course title: Reflexology for Cancer and Supportive Care

Dates/Times: Saturday 18th (1030-1730) and Sunday 19th October 2025

(0930-1630)

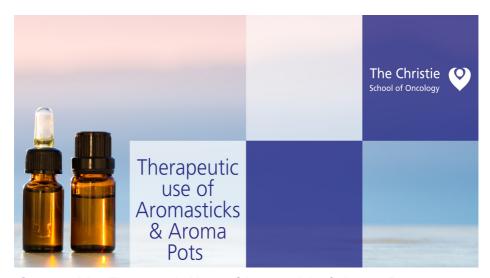
**Description:** This intensive 2-day course is designed for qualified reflexologists looking to enhance their skills in cancer and supportive care settings. With a strong emphasis on practical application, you'll learn to adapt reflexology techniques to safely and effectively support patients when traditional methods may not be suitable or are contraindicated. While key theoretical concepts will be covered, the focus is on building confidence and competence through hands-on learning.

Prerequisite: Applicants must hold a minimum of a UK Level 3 Diploma in Reflexology (or equivalent, with a Level 3 certificate in Anatomy and Physiology). A minimum of one year of professional therapeutic experience, with supporting evidence. Applicants who do not meet the standard entry requirement will be subject to a review by Integrative Therapies Training Unit on a case-to-case basis. In such cases, candidates may be required to complete the Understanding Cancer: For Integrative Therapists & Health Care Professionals course as part of their application process. All applicants MUST provide a copy of their qualification upon booking confirmation.

Course tutors: Anita Mehrez and Sarah Wilkins

**Delivery:** Classroom

Price: £215



Course title: Therapeutic Uses of Aromasticks & Aroma Pots

Dates/Times: Thursday 6th, 13th and 20th November (0930 - 1230)

Course Tutors: Ann Carter, Dr Peter Mackereth & Paula Maycock

**Course Description:** The aim of the course is to enable participants to increase their knowledge, develop skills and build confidence in the therapeutic use of aromasticks. The course will include blending techniques, installing and anchoring methods, and research and evaluation evidence. Along with attendance on the course, students will also be required to complete directed tasks and provide reflective feedback on the activities (approx. 4.5 hours).

**Pre-requisite:** : Applicants must hold a minimum of a UK Level 3 Diploma in Aromatherapy (or equivalent, with a Level 3 certificate in Anatomy and Physiology, Professional Association register and insurance registration where applicableIntegrative Therapists & Health Care Professionals course as part of their application process.

**Delivery:** Virtual

Price: £155 (£110 for IFPA & NACTHPC Members)



Course title: The HEARTS Process

Dates: Saturday 8th November (1030 - 1730) & Sunday 9th

November (0930-1630)

Course tutors: Anta Mehrez and Sarah Wilkins

Course description: Description: HEARTS is a mnemonic for Hands-on, Empathy, Aromas, Relaxation, Textures and Sound. You will learn how to combine these therapeutic components to help patients and carers achieve a state of relaxation and calm in many situations. Students can complete additional case study work in support of a HEARTS Process Practitioner Certificate.

**Suitability**: This course is ideal for integrative therapists and health care professionals working in supportive and palliative care.

**Delivery:** Classroom

Price: £215

## To book your place click here

## **Diplomas**

Here at the Integrative Therapy Training Unit we offer a number of diplomas for qualified therapists, who are working in a cancer care or supportive care setting, to help further their personal development. The diplomas enable therapists to complete a number of our CPD courses, following one of the three specifically designed pathways, to gain a diploma.

The three pathways are:

**Adapting Integrative Therapies for Cancer and Supportive Care** 

**Adapting Reflexology for Cancer and Supportive Care** 

**Therapeutic Approaches to Relaxation in Supportive Care** 

Each pathway is a combination of mandatory core modules combined with option modules (see page 22) that allows you to personalise your learning experience with us. You must complete the 6 modules within a two year period and you can start any time.

There are also 3 written assignments to be completed within an allotted timeframe, in order to gain the award. You have one year from the date of the last study day to complete your written assignments.

During the diploma pathway you will need access to clients for developing a case study and for reflective practice assignments. A diploma handbook will be provided which will include supporting information about written assignments, reflective practice models and referencing. You will also receive support from the Diploma Programme Lead.

**Cost:** £1,180 which can be paid in full or in instalments as a £250 deposit followed by 8 x £116.25 monthly standing order payments.

Please get in touch at the-christie.ittu@nhs.net for all diploma

### Post-Qualification Cancer Care Certificate

If you decide to follow the programme pathway for one of our diplomas, but do not complete the assignments, then in this instance you will receive a certificate instead of a diploma.

# Adapting Integrative Therapies for Cancer & Supportive Care

This programme is designed for Complementary Therapists who want to develop their skills, knowledge and practical application of complementary therapies in cancer, supportive and palliative care.

**Prerequisite:** You must already be qualified to minimum level 3, and be practising and insured in all of your chosen option therapies with at least one year's therapeutic practice.

**Note:** For this diploma your option modules **MUST** include at least one 'Adapting' module for the touch therapies that you are qualified in (see page 22).

# Adapting Reflexology for Cancer & Supportive Care

This programme is designed for qualified reflexologists wanting to deepen their understanding and develop their skills and practice using Reflexology in the context of cancer, supportive and palliative care.

**Prerequisite:** Qualified to minimum level 3, and be practising and insured with at least one year's therapeutic practice.

# Therapeutic Approaches to Relaxation in Supportive Care

This package consists of a variety of workshops, which focus on the principles which underpin the therapeutic use of relaxation techniques, creative imagery and mindfulness. The programme has been designed to offer skills development that will increase your flexibility when working with relaxation in practice in supportive care. If you want to develop your expertise so you can practice in a variety of healthcare settings, this diploma is the ideal way for you to 'step up' your knowledge and confidence.

**Prerequisite:** Integrative therapist or health care practitioner working in a supportive health care setting with at least one year's therapeutic practice.

Pathway Module Options	Adapting Integrative Therapies for Cancer and Supportive Care (3 core, 3 options)	Adapting Reflexology for Cancer & Supportive Care (3 core, 3 options)	Therapeutic Approaches to Relaxation in Supportive Care (4 core, 2 options)
Massage for Cancer & Supportive Care*	Option	Option	Option
Developing Guided Imagery & Progressive Muscle Relaxation	Option	Option	Core
Evaluation, Audit & Research for Therapists & Health Care	Option	Option	Option
Introduction to Mindfulness (MRE 1, Workshop 1)	Option	Option	Core
Mindfulness: Teaching clients 1-2-1 (MRE 1, Workshop 2)	Option	Option	Option
Therapeutic & Practical Approaches to End of Life Symptoms/Concerns	Option	Option	Option
Precision Reflexology**	Option	Core	Option
Reflexology for Cancer & Supportive Care**	Option	Core	Option
The HEARTS Process	Core	Option	Core
Therapeutic Uses of Aromasticks and Aromapots***	Option	Option	Option
Resolving Anxiety and Panic States	Core	Option	Core
Understanding Cancer: For Integrative Therapists & Health Care	Core	Core	Option

<sup>\*</sup> Only open to qualified massage therapists

<sup>\*\*</sup> Only open to qualified reflexologists

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Only open to qualified aromatherapist 20

# **Enrolling on the Post-Qualification Cancer Care Diploma/Certificate**

To enrol on one of the diploma/certificate pathways, we ask for a 1 page CV-style application giving us an indication of your background, current professional position and your interest in/intended outcomes from attending the programme.

You can start the courses at any time. If you've already attended any of our courses, you may upgrade to one of the diploma packages so long as all modules will be completed within the specified 2 year timeframe. Additional option modules may be added to your diploma programme at a discounted rate of 20% on the normal course price.

Please email the-christie.ittu@nhs.net to express your interest.

## **Clinical Days**

Clinical days are an extra optional day we offer for our diploma students so that they can gain some insight into what it is like to work in a cancer care setting. During the clinical day you will be placed with a member/s of the team who will take you to different locations within The Christie, where you will be able to observe how the various integrative therapy techniques are used in a clinical setting. The placement will cover a range of therapies, however if you have a particular therapy that you would like to observe, please let us know and we will do our best to accommodate.

Participants will be requested to wear a white tunic and black/blue trousers or similar uniform and complete a declaration of confidentiality.

A certificate of participation will be awarded.

Dates are agreed on arrangement.

**Prerequisite**: Diploma students only. You must have completed your 12 study days to attend a clinical placement day.

Price: £95 per day per person

If you are interested in attending please email

the-christie.ittu@nhs.net

## **Course Bookings and Payment**

#### Paying by credit or debit card

All our courses can be booked by credit or debit card via our Eventbrite webpage. <a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/integrative-therapies-training-13943859517">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/integrative-therapies-training-13943859517</a>

#### Paying by invoice

Please book through Eventbrite and select the option to pay by invoice and email the ITTU with your details: name, address, email, telephone number, course title and date and the details of the person/organisation that is paying, if different.

#### Funded by NHS or other organisation

If you are being funded by an NHS trust or other organisation, please provide a purchase order (PO) number. If no PO is required then send a confirmation email from your manager/accounts department that they will be paying for your attendance on the course and that no PO no. is required.

#### Organisations paying by BACS

If you are an organisation and would like to make a group booking and pay by BACS transfer please email <a href="mailto:the-christie.ittu@nhs.net">the-christie.ittu@nhs.net</a> with details.

#### Paying in instalments

Only diplomas can be paid in instalments. A payment plan will be agreed at the time of booking and must be paid by standing order. Failure to pay an instalment once agreed will automatically void the agreement and the outstanding balance will become due immediately.

## **Cancellation Policy**

#### **Cancelled by the Integrative Therapies Training Unit**

In the event we have to cancel a course, we will inform you with a minimum of 14 days' notice. You may request a full refund or transfer your place to another course.

**Note:** We reserve the right to alter the tutors and the location of the delivery of the course if the need arises. In this event we will endeavour to always provide you with at least 14 days' notice, and you will have the right to cancel the course and receive a full refund if you are unhappy with the changes.

**Please note:** Pre-booked travel and personal expenses cannot be reimbursed

#### Cancelled by you with at least 14 days' notice

If you have booked and paid via Eventbrite, you can request a refund or transfer to another course free of charge if you give at least 14 days' notice before the start date of the course. If you would like to transfer to another course, you will need to request a refund and then book onto the alternative course of your choice and pay via Eventbrite.

If you have booked and are paying via an invoice, you can either:

- Transfer onto another course of the same value, free of charge.
- Transfer to another course of higher value but you will need to pay the difference along with a £10 admin fee.

Contact the ITTU to request a refund.

#### Cancelled by you with less than 14 days' notice

No refunds will be given or fees transferred for cancellations with less than 14 days notice.

## **Student Learning and Support**

- Participants will be treated as adult learners and you will be responsible at all times for ensuring personal physical and psychological fitness and safety to attend and participate on the courses.
- We will provide tutorial support but cannot provide counselling or personal therapy. The purpose of any practical work is purely to develop your skills and cannot be construed or utilised as any form of personal therapy.
- We do our best to enable participation, however, if you have health concerns that may impact on or interfere with your participation, please seek advice from our tutorial team *before* confirming a place or attending an event.
- Where a prerequisite is stipulated for attendance on a course, you
  may be required to provide proof of qualifications upon booking.

## **Delivering Educational Events Externally**

All our classroom events are available to be delivered externally at a location of your choice. This is ideal for healthcare organisations where it would be more cost effective for us to deliver the course to a group on or near your organisation, rather than sending a group of attendees to The Christie. We offer this in groups of 8 - 20 delegates on dates that are mutually agreeable with both parties. Please contact <a href="mailto:the-christie.ittu@nhs.net">the-christie.ittu@nhs.net</a> for more details.

#### **COVID-19 Safe Protocol**

If you are attending a classroom event and have flu-like symptoms, please perform a COVID-19 PCR test. If the test proves positive please do not attend the event.

**Note:** We are unable to refund you for your place on the course if you are unable to attend.

## **Privacy and Confidentiality**

The Christie Integrated Therapies Training Unit respects your right to privacy and maintaining confidentiality of the personal information that you provide us with. Our Privacy Policy sets out details of the information that we may collect from you and how we may use that information; this forms part of our responsibilities in terms of the General Data Processing Regulations (UK GDPR). More information about how we collect, use, store and share your information can be found here <a href="Christie Education">Christie Education</a>

## **Complaints procedure**

We are committed to providing all our students with the best service possible, however If at any point you find that you have cause to raise a complaint or concern please email **the-christie.ittu@nhs.net** advising us that you would like to make a formal complaint, include the date/s, who was involved, your reason for dissatisfaction, any evidence.

We will endeavour to get back to you within 14 days with an acknowledgment of receipt of your complaint and an estimated time for us to investigate and provide you with a resolution.

#### Clinical Research and Education Lead

Jacqui Stringer

### **Diploma Programme**

Jenny Charlton, Diploma Programme Lead Martin Speakman, Diploma Programme Moderator

### **Education Programme Advisors**

Ann Carter and Peter Mackereth

**Course Coordinator** 

Aidilla Jehareygilluley

#### Get in touch

Email: the-christie.ittu@nhs.net

Website: https://www.christie.nhs.uk/ittu

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The full range of all of The Christie School of Oncology educational events can be found here:

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/d/online/the-christie-school-of-oncology/

