**Academic reference on behalf of an applicant to the MSc in Psychotherapy,**

**Dublin City University**

*Thank you for providing this reference which will be very helpful for assessing this candidate’s suitability for the above MSc programme. Please note that information provided by you is liable to be released to the subject of the reference, where a request is made under relevant legislation (including the Irish Freedom of Information Acts, 1997 and 2003, and the Data Protections Acts, 1988 and 2003). Confidential references from staff outside the Irish jurisdiction or from bodies not covered under the Act will not be released without prior consultation with the provider.*

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Name of applicant:

Name of referee:

Email:

Please indicate how long you have known the applicant:

0-1 year 1-3 years 3-5 years 5+ years

Please indicate the capacity in which you know the applicant:

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Please estimate in which of the following categories you would rank the applicant’s academic performance, in relation to others you have taught over the last 5-10 years:

Top 25%  High average  Average  Below average

Please comment on why you have given this applicant this rating:

If the applicant is currently one of your students and has not yet completed her/his degree examination, please state the class of degree that you expect her/him to obtain:

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**Please rate the applicant’s capabilities in the following areas** (note N/A if you do not know the applicant’s competence in a particular area):

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|  | **Exceptional ability** | **Above average ability** | **Average ability** | **Needs improvement** |
| *academic writing competence* |  |  |  |  |
| *verbal presentation skills* |  |  |  |  |
| *critical thinking ability* |  |  |  |  |
| *motivation and perseverance* |  |  |  |  |
| *capacity for new learning* |  |  |  |  |
| *ability to work independently* |  |  |  |  |
| *ability to adapt/be flexible* |  |  |  |  |
| *responsiveness to mentoring* |  |  |  |  |
| *capacity for self-evaluation* |  |  |  |  |
| *responsiveness to constructive criticism* |  |  |  |  |
| *ability to work with others* |  |  |  |  |
| *ability to manage workloads* |  |  |  |  |
| *ability to meet deadlines* |  |  |  |  |
| *attention to detail* |  |  |  |  |
| *capability for higher academic study (level 9 MSc study)* |  |  |  |  |

**Please indicate how strongly you are supporting this application:**

**Not strongly Strongly Very strongly**

**Please summarise your opinion of the applicant’s key skills and competencies**:

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_