

Graduate Certificate of Counselling (GCCO) - GradCertCouns

	External	Online*
Semester intake:	Semester 1 (February) Semester 2 (July)	Semester 1 (February) Semester 2 (July)
Fees:	Domestic full fee paying place International full fee paying place	Domestic full fee paying place International full fee paying place
Residential school:	Ipswich campus — Mandatory	
Standard duration:	1 year part-time	
Program articulation:	To: Graduate Diploma of Counselling	

Notes:

The Clinical Supervision specialisation will be discontinued from Semester 2, 2019. There will be no further intake after Semester 1, 2019.

Footnotes

* The Alcohol and Drug, Child, Youth and Family Therapy and Mental Health Counselling specialisations can be fully studied online.

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Professional accreditation

The Graduate Certificate of Counselling (Mental Health Counselling) is designed to meet the [PACFA Mental Health Practitioner Mental Health Competencies](#). Clinical Members of PACFA who have completed this qualification may apply to be registered as Mental Health Practitioners. For those seeking registration as a counsellor, please refer to the Graduate Diploma of Counselling and Master of Counselling degrees.

The Graduate Certificate of Counselling (Foundations of Practice) is designed to address many of the training standards in the [PACFA Training Standards 2018](#). There is a four day mandatory residential school for each of the four Foundations of Practice courses.

Program aims

The Graduate Certificate of Counselling is available to graduates of human services, counselling, health, nursing, psychology and other allied health disciplines. The Graduate Certificate of Counselling is a program that allows students and professionals to develop knowledge and expertise in one of four counselling areas or choose an unspecified option:

- Alcohol and Drug Studies
- Child, Youth and Family Therapy
- Clinical Supervision (this specialisation will not be available from Semester 2, 2019)
- Mental Health Counselling
- Foundations of Practice
- Unspecified

Program objectives

On completion of the award, students will be able to:

- (1) Demonstrate understanding of theories and models fundamental to fields associated with counselling
- (2) Demonstrate advanced interpersonal, written, and oral communication skills
- (3) Demonstrate ability to apply critical reasoning, judgment and problem solving to a range of professional, legal, and ethical practice issues
- (4) Demonstrate ability to contextualise knowledge within a counselling context.

Australian Qualifications Framework

The Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) is a single national, comprehensive system of qualifications offered by higher education institutions (including universities), vocational education and training institutions and secondary schools. Each AQF qualification has a set of descriptors which define the type and complexity of knowledge, skills and application of knowledge and skills that a graduate who has been awarded that qualification has attained, and the typical volume of learning associated with that qualification type.

This program is at AQF Qualification Level 08. Graduates at this level will have advanced knowledge and skills for professional or highly skilled work and/or further learning.

The full set of levels criteria and qualification type descriptors can be found by visiting www.aqf.edu.au.

Admission requirements

To be eligible for admission, applicants must satisfy the following requirements:

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- Completion of an Australian university three year Bachelor degree in any area or equivalent.
- English Language Proficiency requirements for Category 3.

All students are required to satisfy the applicable [English language requirements](#).

If students do not meet the English language requirements they may apply to study a University-approved [English language program](#). On successful completion of the English language program, students may be admitted to an award program.

Program fees

Domestic full fee paying place

Domestic full fee paying places are funded entirely through the full fees paid by the student. Full fees vary depending on the courses that are taken. Students are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Finder](#).

Domestic full fee paying students may be eligible to defer their fees through a Government loan called [FEE-HELP](#) provided they meet the residency and citizenship requirements.

Australian citizens, Permanent Humanitarian Visa holders, Permanent Resident visa holders and New Zealand citizens who will be resident outside Australia for the duration of their program pay full tuition fees and are not eligible for [FEE-Help](#).

International full fee paying place

International students pay full fees. Full fees vary depending on the courses that are taken and whether they are studied on-campus, via distance education/online. Students are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Finder](#).

Program structure

The Graduate Certificate of Counselling has four specialisations. Students may also complete a Graduate Certificate of Counselling without a specialisation. The requirements for each of these options are listed below:

Foundations of Practice specialisation

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EDU5221 Professional Learning	2	ONL
COU5011 Counselling Supervision/Teaching Practicum ⁺	2	EXT
Choose one of the courses below:		
ANP8003 Management in Health Care Practice OR	1	ONL
NUR8060 Health Policy Analysis and Review	1	ONL

Footnotes

This course has a mandatory 4-day residential school and 10 hours of mandatory online tutorials.

+ Students are required to undertake a practicum placement for this course

Mental Health Counselling specialisation

The Graduate Certificate of Counselling (Mental Health Counselling) consists of three level 5 compulsory courses and one choice between two level 5 approved courses.

Compulsory Courses	Semester(s) Offered	Mode
COU5012 Contexts of Mental Health Counselling	1	ONL
COU5004 Mental Health Practice 1	1	ONL
COU5005 Mental Health Practice 2	2	ONL
Choose one of the courses below:		
COU5008 Group Counselling Processes and Practice OR	2	ONL
COU5003 Introduction to Clinical Supervision [#]	1	EXT

Footnotes

This course has a mandatory 4-day residential school and 10 hours of mandatory online tutorials.

Unspecified specialisation

The Graduate Certificate of Counselling without a specialisation can be attained after completing four courses from within any of the Graduate Certificate of Counselling specialisations and may include other graduate courses related to counselling as approved by the Program Coordinator.

Program completion requirements

Students must have successfully completed the core and approved courses (229.52mwppr71.881 m369.071 59.269 311.85

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