



## Program objectives

On completion of the award, students should 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) Please note that because there are 4 specialisations, each specialisation has a different final objective:
  - **Foundations of Practice:** Consolidate theory and practice within an integrative framework to effectively provide counselling within diverse contexts and client groups, including Indigenous Australians.
  - **Child, Youth and Family Therapy:** Integrate theory and practice to develop counselling interventions for working with children, youth, couples, and families, within diverse contexts and groups.
  - **Mental Health Counselling:** Consolidate theory and practice within an integrate framework to effectively provide counselling to individuals with mental health difficulties.
  - **Alcohol and Drug Studies:** Integrate theory and practice to develop counselling interventions and administer holistic assessment for clients impacted by alcohol and drugs.

## 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](http://www.aqf.edu.au).

## Admission requirements

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

- Completion of an Australian university three-year bachelor degree, or equivalent, in any area.
- 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 Schedule](#)

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](#).



**Footnotes**

In Semester 3, 2023 this course will be delivered as a Transition (9 week) semester, commencing on 13 Novs) OffvFootnotesv

## **Articulation**

A student successfully completing all courses in the Graduate Certificate of Counselling will receive full credit towards the [Graduate Diploma of Counselling](#) in the same major area. Students who exited with a general specialisation can enter the Graduate Diploma (Foundations of Practice). Students intending to continue with the Graduate Diploma must apply for separate admission and may EITHER graduate with a Graduate Certificate and receive full credit as exemptions into the Graduate Diploma, OR choose not to graduate with the Graduate Certificate, in order to transfer their grades, maintain their GPA and articulate into the Graduate Diploma and ultimately qualify for this higher award only. Students who wish to transfer their grades and maintain their GPA into the Graduate Diploma, must advise the Faculty in writing ( [usq.support@usq.edu.au](mailto:usq.support@usq.edu.au)) of their intention to articulate and this must occur prior to completion of the Graduate Certificate of Counselling. Entry into the [Master of Counselling](#) requires completion of at least 50% of the [Graduate Diploma of Counselling](#) with a GPA of at least 5.0, and an application that is supported by two referees as well as a structured interview.

## **Related pr**





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<a href="#">COU8013 Introduction to Psychoactive Drugs</a>					1	2		Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: GCAD or GDCN or MPPS or GCCO or MCCO

**Footnotes**

\* Mandatory Residential Schools.