



Master of Counselling



About the program

Many people working within the human service professions (social workers, psychologists, medical practitioners, nurses, educators, the clergy, physical therapists, and others) consider counselling to be an important part of the work that they do. In addition, the number of full-time, professional counsellors is increasing. Counsellors are employed in many areas such as non-government organisations, government services, schools, general practice and community health settings as well as in private practice.

The School of Social Work and Human Services and the School of Psychology offer Master of Counselling to provide graduate students with an in-depth knowledge base and the practical skills of professional counselling.

The program aims to ensure the quality and competence of counselling graduates who will serve individuals, couples, families, and groups in our community. We also seek to promote the professional status, identity, and visibility of counsellors within our community and support the ongoing professional and personal growth and development of our counselling graduates.

The program upholds and encourages counselling practices that are in accord with professional codes of ethics and standards of practice of the professional associations in Australia.

What can I study?

The program is comprised of two main sections. Students study a number of foundational courses that introduce them to counselling in general. These include theoretical, skills development and ethics courses as well as offering practicum experience. Students then build on these foundations through studying courses that deal with counselling for specific concerns or populations. The program consists of 16 courses (or 32 units of study).

15 core courses (30 units*) covering the following areas of counselling practice:

- Interpersonal Skills in Counselling 1
- Interpersonal Skills & Processes in Counselling Among Diverse Group
- Theories of Counselling
- Ethics & Professional Practice Issues in Counselling
- Counselling Practicum 1
- Counselling Practicum 2
- Crisis Counselling
- Relationship Counselling
- Counselling & Mental Health
- Counselling & Violence Issues
- Counselling Children & Young People
- Understanding & Caring for Those Affected by Loss
- Counselling for Health & Capacity Challenges
- Applied Gerontology
- Family Therapy Traditions: Basic Concepts & Skills

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In addition, 1 course (2 units) is chosen from a selection of relevant elective courses that allow students to extend their knowledge and skills in their particular area of interest.

* All courses in the program offered are of one semester duration and are 2 units in value.

Entry requirements

Students who have already completed a relevant undergraduate degree are encouraged to apply for this two year full-time (or four year part-time) program, which combines advanced theory, skill-based training, and supervised practice. Students who have completed an undergraduate degree in the following areas are encouraged to apply:

- Social Work
- Psychology
- Social Welfare
- Behavioural Studies
- Human Services
- Nursing
- The Therapies
- Medicine
- Chaplaincy

Or other appropriate fields.

Applications

Please contact the School of Social Work and Human Services for information regarding closing dates.

Application and Referee Report forms can be found at: www.uq.edu.au/swahs

Applicants are required to complete a written application as well as supply a certified copy of their university academic transcripts, a copy of their curriculum vitae and provide two reports from appropriate referees.

Applicants are also required to undertake an interview with staff of the program. Entry to the program is determined on the basis of all aspects of the application process.

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