

Graduate Certificate of Counselling (GCCO) - GradCertCouns New

QTAC code (Australian and New Zealand applicants): External: GCCO02; Online: GCCO03

	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:	Toowoomba campus — voluntary	
Standard duration:	1 year part-time	
Program articulation:	To: Graduate Diploma of Counselling	

Footnotes

* Students taking the specialisation in the online mode will not accrue any hours toward eligibility to join a PACF. **Contact us**

Contact us

Future Australian and New Zealand students	Future International students	Current students
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Professional accreditation

The courses in the Graduate Certificate of Counselling (FAustralia.ionww

- Clinical Supervision
- Mental Health Counselling
- Foundations of Practice (from 2017)

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

For admission into the Graduate Certificate, applicants must have completed a Bachelor's degree from a recognised university.

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

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

Program fees

Domestic ~~F375m80~~ ~~470~~ fee deor admission ~~FM0g~~

Compulsory Courses	Semester(s) Offered	Mode
COU5009 Skills and Issues in Counselling #	1	EXT
COU5006 Professional Practice, Identity, and Ethics #	1	EXT
COU5010 Counselling Frameworks #	2	EXT
COU5007 Counselling Issues and Contexts #	2	EXT

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Mental Health Counselling specialisation

The Graduate Certificate of Counselling (Mental Health Counselling) consists of three level 5 compulsory courses and one level 5 elective.

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	1,2	ONL

Program completion requirements

Students must have successfully completed the core and elective courses (as applicable) to successfully complete the program.

Required time limits

This program is offered on a part-time basis only. Minimum time to complete is one year. Students have a maximum of 2 years to complete this program.

IT requirements

Students should visit the USQ [minimum computing standards](#) to check that their computers are capable of running the appropriate software and versions of Internet web browsers and to check the minimum and recommended standards for software.

Residential schools

From 2017
