Graduate Certificate of Counselling (GCCO) - GradCertCouns

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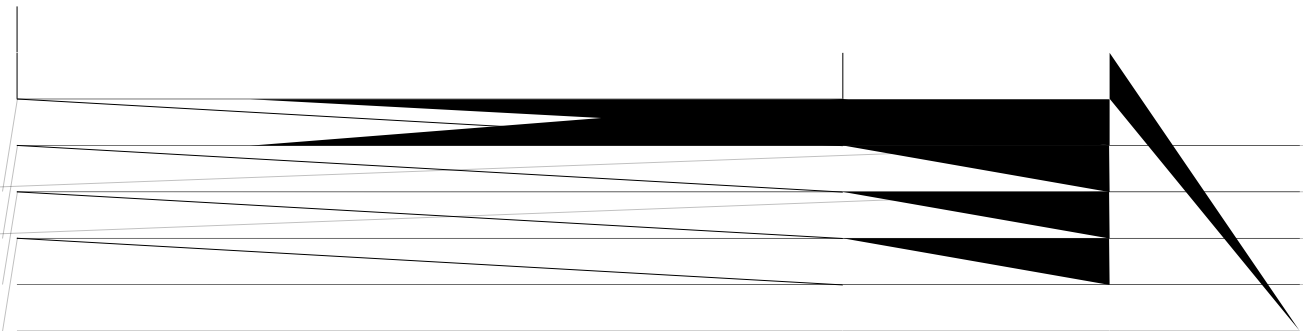
Compulsory Courses	Semester(s) Offered	Mode
COU5009 Counselling Skills and Applications[#]	1	EXT
COU5006 Professional Counselling Practice, Identity, and Ethics[#]	1	EXT
COU5010 Counselling Frameworks[#]	2	EXT
COU5007 Counselling Issues and Contexts[#]	2	EXT

Footnotes

\#   This course has a mandatory 5 day residential school.

Alcohol and Drug Studies specialisation

The Graduate Certificate of Counselling (Alcohol and Drug Studies) consists of four level 5 compulsory courses.

Footnotes

+ 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 level 5 approved course.

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 approved 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

The attendance requirement of residential schools within this degree is indicated by the following letters: V = Voluntary; O = Optional; C = Compulsory; R = Recommended; HR = Highly Recommended; M = Mandatory. Find out more about residential schools, visit the Residential School Schedule to view specific dates for your degree, or visit the Policy and Procedure Library.

In the Foundations of Practice specialisation attendance at residential schools is mandatory. The residential schools are held at the Ipswich campus.

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 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 from 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) 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 the Graduate Diploma of Counselling with a GPA of at least 5.0, and an application which is supported by two referees as well as a structured interview.

Related programs

The Graduate Certificate of Counselling is nested in the Graduate Diploma of Counselling and Master of Counselling.

Credit

Exemptions/credit will be assessed based on the USQ Credit and Exemption Procedure.

Foundations of Practice specialisation recommended enrolment pattern

Students are able to enrol in any offered mode of a course (on-campus, external or online), regardless of the program mode of study they enrolled in.

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Child, Youth and Family Therapy specialisation recommended enrolment pattern

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Clinical Supervision specialisation recommended enrolment pattern

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