

Master of Counselling (MCCO) - MCouns

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Semester intake:	Semester 1 (February) Semester 2 (July)
Fees:	Domestic full fee paying place International full fee paying place
Residential school:	Ipswich campus — mandatory
Standard duration:	2 years full-time, 4 years part-time
Program articulation:	From: Graduate Diploma of Counselling To:

- Mental Health Counselling *
- Foundations of Practice *

This specialisation has the core training for counsellor preparation and is a required component for professional counsellor registration. Students seeking registration should ensure they have completed this specialisation. The F

OR Master of Counselling (Advanced Practice)

- Current evidence of full membership of a relevant professional body, such as the Australian Psychological Society, Australian Counselling Association, Australian Association of Social Workers, Australian Counselling Association, or the Psychotherapy and Counselling Federation of Australia.
- 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.

Requirements for professional experience placements

Practical and/or clinical experience will be undertaken as part of the program (with the exception of the Advanced Practice stream). Students will negotiate supervised industry placement where they will have to demonstrate competency in those components of the course(s) that require application in a counselling situation.

Students undertaking practical and/or clinical experience are responsible for their own transport to and from their clinical placements and are also responsible for their own safety in organising that transport, whether public or private.

Students must have a Blue Card issued by the Commission of Children and Young People and Child Guardian in Queensland or its respective interstate equivalent, or be a registered health professional who qualifies for a professional exemption, to enrol in [COU8001 Masters Counselling Practicum](#). These courses must be satisfactorily completed in order to graduate from the Master of Counselling.

Information about application requirements for each state can be found below:

- [National](#)
- [Australian Capital Territory](#)
- [Queensland](#)
- [New South Wales](#)
- [Victoria](#)
- [Northern Territory](#)
- [Western Australia](#)
- South Australia (see National requirements) - Organisation's responsibility to conduct criminal check only if regular contact with children)
- Tasmania - none required

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

Training program philosophy

USQ counselling programs prioritise high quality, research-informed, client-focussed, transferrable counselling knowledge and skills to ensure maximum versatility and responsiveness to client diversity. The programs emphasise respecting client dignity throughout treatment, and emphasise collaboratively designing and adapting treatment to fit client goals, values, strengths, preferences, and treatment response.

Foundations of Practice specialisation

This specialisation is completed as part of the [GDCN Graduate Diploma of Counselling](#), which is a pre-requisite to enrolment in the Master of Counselling. The Master of Counselling (Foundations of Practice) consists of 12 units of compulsory courses and 4 approved courses. Three of the compulsory courses are 2 units each.

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** The on-campus Ipswich offering of this course will not be available in 2019.

Alcohol and Drug Studies specialisation

The Master of Counselling (Alcohol and Drug Studies) consists of 13 compulsory courses. Three of the compulsory courses are two units each.

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