

Graduate Certificate of Counselling (GCCO) - GradCertCouns

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

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

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

All specialisations

- Completion of an Australian university three year Bachelor degree in any area or equivalent.
- 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 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

The Graduate Certificate of Counselling has four specialisations. Students may also complete a Graduate Certificate of Counselling without a specialisation. The requirements for each of these options are listed below:

Foundations of Practice specialisation

The Graduate Certificate of Counselling (Foundations of Practice) consists of four level 5 compulsory courses.

Footnotes

This course has a mandatory 4– day residential school and 10 hours of mandatory online tutorials.

Unspecified specialisation

The Graduate Certificate of Counselling without a specialisation can be attained after completing four courses from within any of the Graduate Certificate of Counselling specialisations and may include other graduate courses related to counselling as approved by the Program Coordinator.

Program completion requirements

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

Required time limits

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. To 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](#).

There are mandatory residential schools held at Ipswich, Springfield or Toowoomba campuses, and mandatory synchronous online tutorials for:

- [COU5003 Introduction to Clinical Supervision](#)
- [COU5006 Professional Counselling Practice, Identity, and Ethics](#)
- [COU5007 Counselling Issues and Contexts](#)
- [COU5009 Counselling Skills and Applications](#)
- [COU5010 Counselling Frameworks](#)

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 an unspecified 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) 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

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Choose one of the following courses:								
PSY5020 Motivational Interviewing					1	1		Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: GCAD or GDCN or GCCO or MCCO or MPPS
COU5003 Introduction to Clinical Supervision			1	1			M	Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: GCCO or GDCN or MCCO or PDEV or GCHH or Gem

