



Australian
INSTITUTE of SOCIAL RELATIONS
National Provider Code: 102358

Qualification Information Brochure

CHC51015 Diploma of Counselling



Learning Mode
Blended Learning



Location
SA



Weekly study hours
10-15



Face to face days
10 (+9 evening lectures)



Duration
12 months

Overview

Are you curious about why we think and behave as we do? Do you have a passion for helping people? Do you want to make a difference?

Our Diploma of Counselling is your path to a rewarding and worthwhile career as a counsellor. Your knowledge and skills will enable you to work effectively with people of all backgrounds to improve their personal and psychological wellbeing. You will have the practical and theoretical skills to establish and maintain positive and constructive client relationships. Your specialist expertise will enable you to recognise and respond appropriately to the full range of issues that present in a counselling environment.

You will learn from experienced frontline counsellors who will support you at every stage of your learning.

You will be able to work at your own pace, in a flexible online environment that allows you to balance your studies with your other commitments.

Our knowledge, experience and reputation will ensure you graduate ready to secure employment in this growing and important field.

Places are limited! [Book a call HERE](#) with a Training and Education Advisor and explore all your options!

Learning Outcomes

This course will equip you with the knowledge and skills to work as a professional counsellor. You will be able to:

- establish and maintain positive relationships with clients from all backgrounds
- apply a range of proven therapy techniques to assist individuals and groups on matters related to personal and psychological wellbeing
- apply the principles of structured, impartial, non-judgemental, respectful counselling
- recognise and respond appropriately to crisis situations, and to evidence of family violence, parenting stress, mental health issues and child harm
- confidently and respectfully refer clients to other services when necessary
- understand the legal and ethical requirements and professional practise
- work effectively within a case management framework.

- Graduates may be eligible to undertake further qualifications at advanced diploma or graduate diploma level.

Entry Requirements

Priority will be given to people with a background in health, community services or education and to those already providing services to support communities and individuals in either a volunteer or paid capacity.

All applicants are required to undertake a suitability interview with the course coordinator.

Employment Opportunities

Graduates will be qualified to work in counsellor, case manager, support and liaison roles in community, education, healthcare, government and private sector organisations.

Students may be eligible for student membership of PACFA (Psychotherapy and Counselling Federation of Australia). See [PACFA website](#) for further details.

The Federal Government estimates that the demand for workers with counselling qualifications will be very strong over the next 5 years. See [joboutlook.gov.au](#)

Units of Study & Units of Competency

Unit of Study 1: Counselling fundamentals

Units of Competency:

- CHCCSL001 Establish and confirm the counselling relationship
- CHCLEG001 Work legally and ethically
- CHCDIV001 Work with diverse people

Unit of Study 2: Developing safe and collaborative relationships

Units of Competency:

- CHCCSL002 Apply specialist interpersonal and counselling interview skills
- CHCDIV002 Promote Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander cultural safety
- CHCCCS017 Provide loss and grief support
- CHCDFV001 Recognise and respond appropriately to domestic and family violence

Unit of Study 3: Counselling theories and frameworks

Units of Competency:

- CHCCSL004 Research and apply personality and development theories
- CHCCSL005 Apply learning theories in counselling
- CHCCCS014 Provide brief interventions

Unit of Study 4: Identify and respond to safety issues

Units of Competency:

- CHCCCS019 Recognise and respond to crisis situations
- CHCCSM005 Develop, facilitate and review all aspects of case management
- CHCCCS004 Assess co-existing needs
- CHCCSL006 Select and use counselling therapies

Unit of Study 5: Counselling with an integrative approach

Units of Competency:

- CHCCSL003 Facilitate the counselling relationship and process
- CHCCSL007 Support counselling clients in decision making processes
- CHCPRP003 Reflect on and improve own professional practice

Duration and Delivery Mode

12 Months Full-Time.

Blended learning: mix of online learning and face-to-face classroom sessions.

Please see 2021 [Delivery Schedule](#) for dates of all Modules and face-to-face sessions.

This program has 10 face-to-face workshop and assessment days and 9 evening lectures. Final assessment times are to be negotiated on Friday's during November and December.

This program is equivalent to 10 to 15 hours of study per week. Students will be required to undertake self-directed online learning outside of classroom delivery.

Location

Face-to-face classroom sessions are delivered in Adelaide (Hindmarsh).

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Work Placement Requirements

None

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)

RPL credit may be granted for relevant prior study.

Students seeking recognition for all or part of a qualification must complete the online AISR [Recognition Application](#) at least 14 days before the start of the course.

Tuition Fee, Payment Options, Loans

\$7,500

This qualification is on the approved list of courses for Vet Student Loans (VSL). [Check your eligibility here](#). To understand your obligations under the VET Student Loans program please see [this document](#), which includes information on the application process, ongoing student obligations, and how to cease accessing a VSL.

See our [Schedule of Fees](#) for key dates and payment options.

All enquiries regarding tuition fees and payment schedules should be directed to info@aisr.edu.au.

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