



Australian  
INSTITUTE of SOCIAL RELATIONS  
National Provider Code: 102358

## Qualification Information Brochure

# CHC81015 Graduate Diploma of Relationship Counselling



Learning Mode  
Blended Learning



Location  
NSW



Weekly study hours  
10-15



Face to face days  
15



Duration  
12 months

## Overview

Do you have skills and experience in counselling? Do you want to specialise in relationship counselling? Do you want to make a difference?

Our Graduate Diploma of Relationship Counselling is your path to a rewarding and worthwhile career as a relationship counsellor. Your knowledge and skills will be recognised Australia-wide and will equip you to provide advice and support to those struggling with relationship issues. Your specialist expertise will include couples therapy, family counselling, domestic and family violence, child well-being, crisis intervention, and grief counselling.

If you already work in counselling, psychotherapy, psychology, social work, mediation or related areas, this qualification will allow you to extend your professional practice and specialise in relationship counselling.

You will learn from some of Australia's leading practitioners, in a course based on over 60 years of frontline relationship services work by Relationships Australia.

Our blended learning options provide the flexibility you need to balance study with your other commitments.

Our knowledge, experience and reputation will ensure you graduate ready to secure employment in this important and challenging 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 clinical skills, knowledge and confidence to provide advice and support to those struggling with relationship issues. You will be able to:

- apply the principles of structured, impartial, non-judgemental, respectful counselling
- apply a full range of proven therapy techniques to assist couples and families
- recognise and respond appropriately to crisis situations, and to evidence of family violence, parenting stress, mental health issues, loss and grief issues, and child harm.
- work effectively with more than one client in the room

- understand the legal and ethical considerations applying to relationship counselling
- work effectively within a case management framework
- work effectively within a clinical supervision framework.

## Entry Requirements

Successful candidates will meet one of the following requirements:

- Undergraduate degree or higher qualification in counselling, psychotherapy, psychology, social work, social science or equivalent
- An accredited qualification in counselling at diploma or advanced diploma level
- Relevant work experience. This is likely to be in a family counselling environment in a position requiring self-directed application of knowledge, exercise of independent judgement and decision-making, and relevant technical skills.

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

## Employment Opportunities

Graduates will be qualified to work in a variety of family relationship specialist roles including:

- Family Counsellor
- Couple and Family Counsellor
- Relationship Counsellor
- Marriage Counsellor
- Post Separation Counsellor
- Child and Family Counsellor

The Federal Government estimates that the demand for family and marriage counsellors will be very strong over the next 5 years. See [joboutlook.gov.au](http://joboutlook.gov.au)

## Units of Study & Units of Competency

Unit of Study 1: Family therapy

Units of Competency:

- CHCFCS001 Facilitate the family counselling process
- CHCFCS003 Provide counselling to children and young people
- CHCPRP006 Lead own professional development

Unit of Study 2: Couple therapy

Units of Competency:

- CHCFCS002 Provide relationship counselling
- CHCFCS004 Provide grief and loss counselling
- CHCPRP007 Work within a clinical supervision framework

Unit of Study 3: Current and emerging diversity issues

Units of Competency:

- CHCCDE004 Implement participation and engagement strategies

Unit of Study 4: Domestic and family violence

Units of Competency:

- CHCDFV006 Counsel clients affected by domestic and family violence
- CHCDFV008 Manage responses to domestic and family violence in family work
- CHCDFV012 Make safety plans with people who have been subjected to domestic and family violence
- CHCDFV013 Manage domestic and family violence screening and risk assessment processes

## Duration and Delivery Mode

12 Months Full-Time.

The course delivered in partnership with Relationships Australia New South Wales is a 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 15 face to face classroom contact days. 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

This course is delivered mostly online but does have requirements for face-to-face, in classroom days. These are available Sydney (Macquarie Park) only.

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## Work Placement Requirements

Students must complete 50 hours of supervised counselling work (included in the face to face intensives). A current Working with Children check is required before commencing work placement.

## 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

Full fee: \$11,000

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](mailto:info@aisr.edu.au).

## Enquiries & Enrolments

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