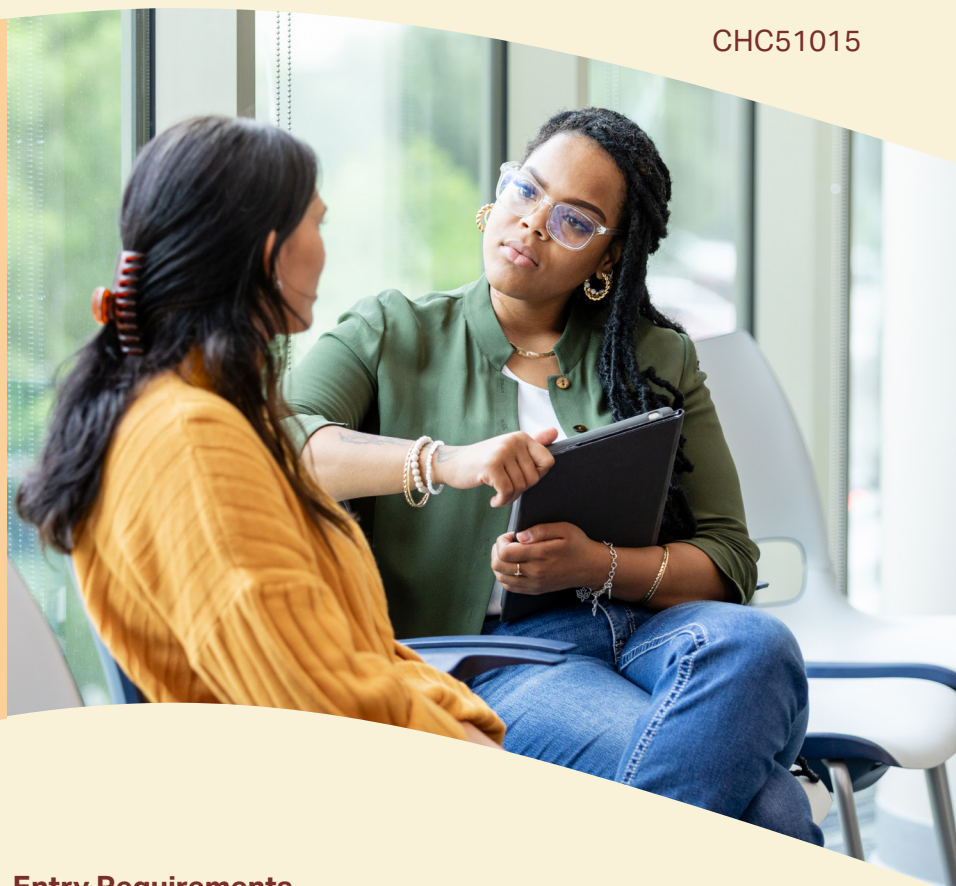


Diploma of Counselling

Mid-Year Intake

Work with clients on personal and psychological issues using established counselling modalities.



Overview

This qualification reflects the role of counsellors who work with clients on personal and psychological issues using established counselling modalities. Students will develop their integrative approach to counselling through face-to-face simulations and assessment with practice leaders within Relationships Australia SA.

The training combines best practices in online and face-to-face delivery, supporting student engagement with regularly scheduled, synchronous classes and tutorials and asynchronous activities and assessments.

All students can access interactive e-textbooks and a course facilitator for ongoing support.

Students completing this course will be equipped with the skills and knowledge to work in a defined and supported counselling role in an established agency rather than in independent practice. This qualification will add practical experience to an existing qualification.

Entry Requirements

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

All applicants must undertake a suitability interview with the course coordinator.

Study Requirements

The program offers a blend of face-to-face and online learning components. It includes 20 in-person classroom sessions, comprising both workshops and assessment days. Assessment days will be scheduled based on class size and may vary accordingly.

In addition to the face-to-face sessions, the course incorporates online tutorials and webinars focused on key subject areas, along with online forums to facilitate class discussions and engagement.

Participants should expect to dedicate approximately 10 to 15 hours per week to the program. This includes both scheduled learning and self-directed study outside of classroom time.

There is no required workplace component for the CHC51015 Diploma of Counselling.

Recognition of Prior Learning

You may be eligible for recognition of prior learning (RPL) for this qualification. Please see our website for more details.

Duration & Delivery Mode

15 months. Blended learning – Online and compulsory classroom sessions.

Tuition Fee

Full Fee: \$8,000

Subsidy Gap via Training Contract for eligible participants (employer supported traineeship): \$1,500

Employment Opportunities

Students enrolled to study the Diploma of Counselling may be eligible for Student Membership of PACFA (Psychotherapy and Counselling Federation of Australia), see PACFA website for further details.

Upon successful completion of this qualification, you can gain employment within the community services sector with a focus on counselling including:

- Counsellor
- Case Manager

Qualification Pathways

Participants may be eligible to undertake further qualifications at Advanced Diploma or Graduate Diploma level.

*This qualification is on the approved list of courses for Vet Student Loans (VSL). To check your eligibility: <https://www.education.gov.au/vet-student-loans>

This course is subsidised through SA Government when undertaken as part of a traineeship. Eligibility and subsidy criteria apply. To check your eligibility, visit www.skills.sa.gov.au.

This course is delivered in Adelaide only.

Dates	Unit of Study	Units of Competency
28 July to 3 October 2025	Counselling Fundamentals	CHCCSL006, Select and use counselling therapies CHCCSL005, Apply learning theories in counselling CHCCSL004, Research and apply personality and development theories CHCCSL003, Facilitate the counselling relationship and process
13 October to 19 December 2025	Inclusivity and Restorative Practice	CHCDIV002, Promote Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander cultural safety CHCDIV001, Work with diverse people CHCCSM005, Develop, facilitate and review all aspects of case management
9 February to 17 April 2026	Navigating Complexities	CHCCCS003, Increase the safety of individuals at risk of suicide CHCCCS019, Recognise and respond to crisis situations CHCCCS017 Provide loss and grief support
27 April to 10 July 2026	Responding to Client Adversities	CHCDFV001, Recognise and respond appropriately to domestic and family violence CHCPRT025, Identify and report children and young people at risk CHCLEG001, Work legally and ethically
20 July to 2 October 2026	Counselling in Focus	CHCCSL001, Establish and confirm the counselling relationship CHCCSL002, Apply specialist interpersonal and counselling interview skills CHCPRP003, Reflect on and improve own professional practice CHCCSL007, Support counselling clients in decision-making processes

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