



AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE of  
PROFESSIONAL COUNSELLORS

# BECOME A COUNSELLOR

## with a Master of Counselling

Course Cricos Code: 112554A

Australian Qualifications Framework: Level 9

**Duration:** 2 years

**Intakes:** February, May, September

**Units:** 10 core units + 4 elective units.  
(A trimester has a full time study load of 3 units.)

Counselling has developed substantially over the past decade. It is increasingly being recognised for its efficacy in practice, and its more practical education and therapeutic approach. This has positioned counselling as a more attractive career option to its more science and statistically based mental health peers.

Combined with our industry leading support services and teaching methods, you are fully supported in your study of advanced counselling topics to develop your skills as a counselling professional.

The Master of Counselling teaches contemporary counselling content and skills to an advanced level and is ideally suited to students wanting to develop their counselling knowledge and skills to a higher level, or aspiring to pursue a career in this high demand industry.

The Master of Counselling has been designed and developed by Australian Institute of Professional Counsellors (AIPC), a specialist counselling education provider. This course is an AIPC course. Acknowledge Education (AE) is a well-known and experienced provider and delivers the course on behalf of AIPC.

### Why study this course?

- ✔ Graduate Job Ready
- ✔ Industry Accreditation
- ✔ Practical Skills
- ✔ Specialist Learning



Master of Counselling graduates are skilled to work in a diverse variety of mental health and community health settings, or set up their own counselling practice.

### Course Outcomes

Graduates of the Master of Counselling can work in the following roles:

- Careers Counsellor
- Drug and Alcohol Counsellor
- Family and Marriage Counsellor
- Rehabilitation Counsellor
- Student Counsellor
- Counsellors nec

### Professional Accreditation

AIPC's Master of Counselling is accredited by the Australian Counselling Association. The course also satisfies PACFA's minimum training standards for membership.

## Master of Counselling - Full Time

Year	Subject Code	Title	Prerequisite
First Year	MC01	Introduction to Counselling	Nil
	MC02	Counselling Process	Nil
	MC03	Counselling Skills	Nil
	MC04	Ethics & Reflective Practice	Nil
	MC05	Counselling & Human Development	Nil
	MC06	Cognitive Behavioural Approaches to Counselling	MC02, MC03
	MC07	Collaborative & Competency-Based Approaches to Counselling	MC02, MC03
	MC08	Assessment & Case Conceptualisation	MC04, MC05
Second Year		Elective*	
		Elective*	
	MC09	Research Methods in Counselling	MC04
		Elective*	
		Elective*	
	MC10	Counselling Placement & Capstone Project	MC06, MC07, MC08, MC09
Electives	MC11	Counselling Interventions for Crisis & Trauma	MC06, MC07
	MC12	Family Therapy	MC06, MC07
	MC13	Counselling Children & Adolescents	MC06, MC07
	MC14	Counselling for Alcohol & Other Drugs	MC06, MC07
	MC15	Counselling for Loss & Grief	MC06, MC07
	MC16	Counselling for Couples	MC06, MC07
	MC11	Counselling Skills for the Digital World	MC06, MC07
	MC11	Mental Health Counselling	MC06, MC07

- Please note that a wide range of subjects is offered each trimester. Not all subjects are available every trimester.
  - After successful completion of all subjects, the Master of Counselling qualification is awarded by Australian Institute of Professional Counsellors Pty Ltd
- \* Electives offered each trimester are at the provider's discretion and completed online.

## Learning Methods

For units requiring on-campus learning, you attend 3 hours of lectures and tutorials each week for each unit.

To support your on-campus learning, you are provided specifically written and easy to understand study materials including study guide and readings, all purposefully designed to make your studies as conducive to learning as possible.

Some units require application of practical skills through role play. Role plays are conducted in tutorial sessions in a supportive and encouraging learning environment.

## Placement

The Master of Counselling includes a Work Placement and Capstone Project where you undertake clinical practice in a work setting and complete a real-world counselling project. A counselling placement is essential in assisting the transition from application in a simulated setting to real practice.

During your work placement, you will also complete a practical capstone project in a counselling environment. The practicum involves the completion of 12 hours work each week for 12 weeks along with 24 hours to attend individual counselling supervision with the workplace supervisor and group supervision by teleconference with the Lecturer.

Master of Counselling students can undertake their placement at Australian Counselling Services, AIPC's own counselling clinic, or through AE's network of community organisations and counselling practices.



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## Entry Requirements

You can apply for entry to the Master of Counselling course if you have successfully completed an undergraduate (Bachelor) degree in any field.

## English Requirements

You must meet one of the following:

- ✓ IELTS: achievement of an Overall Band Score of 6.5 in the Academic IELTS with a minimum of 6.0 in each sub-band (International English Language Testing System),
- ✓ PTE Academic: Overall score of 58 with a minimum score of 50 in each sub-skill,
- ✓ Cambridge English Scale score: 176. No less than 169 in any paper,
- ✓ At least one year of University studies in Australia in the last two years,
- ✓ Evidence of at least 5 years of studies in an English speaking country (Australia, New Zealand, UK, Canada, USA, South Africa or Ireland), or
- ✓ Acknowledge Education English Test.

## Campus

Melbourne: Level 8, 474 Flinders St, Melbourne VIC 3000

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Sydney: Levels 5-6, 815-825 George St, Haymarket NSW 2000



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