

## Master of Counselling (MCCO) - MCouns

QTAC code (Australian and New Zealand applicants): Unspecified (External: 906975); Advanced Practice (External: 906075)

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<b>Start:</b>	Trimester 1 (January) Trimester 2 (May) Trimester 3 (September)
<b>Fees:</b>	Domestic full fee paying place International full fee paying place
<b>Residential school:</b>	Ipswich campus or Toowoomba campus — mandatory
<b>Standard duration:</b>	2 years full-time, 4 years part-time
<b>Program articulation:</b>	From: ; <a href="#">Graduate Diploma of Counselling</a>

### Notes:

In 2023 the programs follows the Semester calendar. The [Academic Calendar and Important Dates](#) webpage will allow you to view and download a copy of the important dates for the Semester calendar.

### Contact us

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### Professional accreditation

The Alcohol and Drug Studies, Child Youth and Family Therapy, Mental Health Counselling and Foundations

met the training requirements for membership with PACFA and the ACA. This pathway has a choice of four specialisations.

- Alcohol and Drug Studies
- Child, Youth and Family Therapy
- Mental Health Counselling
- Foundations of Practice

This Master of Counselling contains special admission selection requirements, foundational courses, mandatory residential schools and online tutorials, and practicums to ensure that the training standards are of the highest quality. Please note that students must be enrolled in or have completed the UniSQ [GDCN Graduate Diploma of Counselling](#) (or equivalent) prior to applying for the Master of Counselling. The Master of Counselling also includes two research options – a Research Project option that involves completion of a full Research Project, and a Capstone Experience option, that involves completion of a smaller piece of research.

The second pathway is called the Master of Counselling (Advanced Practice) and is designed to advance knowledge, research, and practice for applicants who are already registered professionals in counselling or related disciplines and thus are not required to meet initial registration requirements. This pathway does not require students to undertake foundational courses, residential schools, or a practicum. It offers maximum choices, flexibility, and a simpler admission process. However, it does not lead to registration as a counsellor. The Master of Counselling (Advanced Practice) includes two research options – a Research Project option that involves completion of a full Research Project, and a Capstone Experience option, that involves completion of a smaller piece of research.

The Master of Counselling is available to graduates of human services, health, nursing, psychology and other allied disciplines.

## **Program objectives**

On completion of the award, students should be able to:

- (1) Apply a core body of knowledge, including contemporary theories and models central to counselling assessment, treatment, and clinical supervision.
- (2) Effectively utilise a range of advanced interpersonal, written, oral and digital literacy skills appropriate for communicating with diverse audiences including clients and professionals.
- (3) Apply critical reasoning, problem solving, and professional and ethical judgement with initiative to identify and resolve a range of therapeutic, professional, legal and ethical practice issues.
- (4) Consolidate theory and practice within an integrative framework to effectively provide counselling within diverse cultural and practice contexts and client groups.
- (5) Critically evaluate relevant research literature, methodologies and findings to inform practice development and conduct research.

## **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 09. Graduates at this level will have specialised knowledge and skills for research, and/or professional practice and/or further learning.

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## Master of Counselling (Qualifying)

- Completion of an Australian university three-year bachelor degree in any area (or equiv

- UniSQ Placement Request Form

## **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 tak



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COU8033 Mental Health Practice 2	2	ONL
COU8101 Counselling Skills and Applications <sup>#</sup>	1	EXT
COU8102 Professional Counselling Practice, Identity and Ethics <sup>#</sup>	1	EXT
COU8103 Counselling Issues and Contexts <sup>#</sup>	2	EXT
COU8104 Counselling Frameworks <sup>#</sup>	2	EXT
EDU5325 Child Abuse and Neglect: Intervention, Protection and Prevention <sup>£</sup>	1,3	ONL
EDU5335 Emotional and Behavioural Problems of Children and Adolescents <sup>£</sup>	1,3	ONL

#### Footnotes

\* Two units

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

£ In Semester 3, 2023 this course will be delivered as a Transition (9 week) semester, commencing on 13 November 2023 and concluding on 12 January 2024

## Research

Students must choose between completing a Research Project Route and a Capstone Counselling Project Option. Students completing the Research Project Option take 4 units (2 courses) of research; while students completing the Capstone Counselling Project Option take 2 units (1 course) of research. Enrolment in the Research Project Option is dependent on the availability of a supervisor who is willing to supervise the research project; topics for the Research Project will be jointly determined by supervisors and students.

## IT requirements

For information technology requirements please refer to the [minimum computing standards](#) .

## Residential schools

The attendance requirement of residential schools within this degree is indicated by the following letters: R = Recommended; HR = Highly Recommended; M = Mandatory. T

**Credit**

Exemptions/credit will be assessed based on

**Foundations of Practice specialis**





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<a href="#">COU8033 Mental Health Practice 2</a>						2		Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: GCCO or GDCN or MCCO or PDEV or GCHH or GDHH or MOHH
<a href="#">EDU5325 Child Abuse and Neglect: Intervention, Protection and Prevention</a> £						1,3		Enrolment is not permitted in <a href="#">EDU5325</a> if <a href="#">EDU3325</a> has been previously completed.
<a href="#">EDU5335 Emotional and Beha</a>						1,3		Enrolment is not permitted in <a href="#">EDU5335</a> if <a href="#">EDU3335</a> has been previously completed.







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## **Advanced Practice specialisation recommended enrolment pattern**

Students should consult the Program Director via [usq.support@usq.edu.au](mailto:usq.support@usq.edu.au).