

Sample Course Plans 2026

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Course: C1111 – Graduate Certificate in Counselling

Credit points: 12

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The **Graduate Certificate in Counselling** is a short course which can be completed within one semester full-time (semester 1 start only) or spaced out across several semesters part-time. This course is suitable for students who wish to learn more about counselling or to supplement their training in other fields (such as psychology, teaching, or community development) with some applied counselling skills. The Graduate Certificate in Counselling comprises half of the units and credit points required to complete the Graduate Diploma in Counselling. Students who successfully complete this course may enrol in the Graduate Diploma of Counselling to progress their training further.

Students enrolled in the Graduate Certificate in Counselling must enrol in these two core units worth 3 credit points each:

- CSL505 Professional Counselling Skills (3cp)
- CSL504 Counselling Theories and Practice (3cp)

In addition, they need to enrol in two other specified electives worth 3 credit points each from the following electives:

- CSL501 Counselling Across the Lifespan (3cp)
- CSL566 Case Conceptualisation and Assessment in Counselling (3cp)
- CSL581 Experiential Learning in Group Counselling (3cp)
- CSL500 Counselling Indigenous, Multicultural and Diverse Populations (3cp)
- CSL502 Mental Health Counselling (3cp)

Semester 1 Intake Example

	Semester 1	Semester 2
Year 1	CSL505 Professional Counselling Skills CSL504 Counselling Theories and Practice CSL566 Case Conceptualisation and Assessment in Counselling CSL581 Experiential Learning in Group Counselling 12 points total	

Semester 2 Mid-Year Intake Example (will take a minimum of 2 semesters to complete)

	Semester 1	Semester 2
Year 1		CSL505 Professional Counselling Skills CSL501 Counselling Across the Lifespan CSL502 Mental Health Counselling 9 points total
Year 2	CSL504 Counselling Theories and Practice 3 points total	

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Semester 1 Part-time Example

	Semester 1		Semester 2	
Year 1	CSL505 Professional Counselling Skills 3 points total	3	CSL501 Counselling Across the Lifespan 3 points total	3
Year 2	CSL504 Counselling Theories and Practice 3 points total	3	CSL502 Mental Health Counselling 3 points total	3

Semester 2 Mid-Year Intake Part-time Example

	Semester 1		Semester 2	
Year 1			CSL505 Professional Counselling Skills 3 points total	3
Year 2	CSL504 Counselling Theories and Practice 3 points total	3	CSL500 Counselling Indigenous, Multicultural and Diverse Populations 3 points total	3
Year 3	CSL566 Case Conceptualisation and Assessment in Counselling 3 points total	3		

The specified electives units can be found in the Handbook <https://handbook.murdoch.edu.au/courses/04/G1101> under the structure.

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