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Course: G1055 – Graduate Diploma in Counselling

Credit points: 24

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The **Graduate Diploma in Counselling** is a 24-credit point course which can be completed within a year full-time or part-time across several years. This course is suitable for students who wish to attain entry-level qualifications at the most basic level for membership of the Australian Counselling Association (ACA). Successful completion of the Graduate Diploma in Counselling is required to apply to step up to the Master of Counselling.

Semester 1 Intake Standard Recommended Pathway

	Semester 1		Semester 2	
Year 1	CSL582 Principles of Counselling 1	6	CSL576 Introduction to Creative Arts Therapies in Counselling	3
	CSL581 Experiential Learning in Group Counselling	3	CSL583 Counselling Adults	3
	CSL566 Case Conceptualisation and Assessment in Counselling	3	CSL578 Counselling Children and Adolescents	3
	12 points total		SHP632 Applied Health Research Methods: From Research to Practice (Internal/external)	3
			12 points total	

Mid-Year Intake Example (**not recommended** for students intending to progress to the Master of Counselling)

NOTE: It is recommended that students commence the Master of Counselling in S1 to allow the option for either a year-long solo research project (CSL620) or a year-long group research project (CSL677).

	Semester 1		Semester 2	
Year 1			CSL582 Principles of Counselling 1	6
			CSL583 Counselling Adults	3
			CSL578 Counselling Children and Adolescents	3
			12 points total	
Year 2	CSL566 Case Conceptualisation and Assessment in Counselling	3		
	CSL581 Experiential Learning in Group Counselling	3		
	CSL576 Introduction to Creative Arts Therapies in Counselling	3		
	SHP632 Applied Health Research Methods: From Research to Practice (Internal/external)	3		
	12 points total			

Students should note that if unit prerequisites are required, this may extend the duration of your course.

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Semester 1 Part-time Recommended Pathway

	Semester 1		Semester 2	
Year 1	CSL582 Principles of Counselling 1 6 points total	6	CSL566 Case Conceptualisation and Assessment in Counselling CSL583 Counselling Adults 6 points total	3 3
Year 2	CSL581 Experiential Learning in Group Counselling SHP632 Applied Health Research Methods: From Research to Practice (Internal/external) 6 points total	3 3	CSL578 Counselling Children and Adolescents CSL576 Introduction to Creative Arts Therapies in Counselling 6 points total	3 3

Semester 1 Part-time Optional Pathway

	Semester 1		Semester 2	
Year 1	CSL582 Principles of Counselling 1 6 points total	6	CSL566 Case Conceptualisation and Assessment in Counselling CSL578 Counselling Children and Adolescents 6 points total	3 3
Year 2	CSL581 Experiential Learning in Group Counselling SHP632 Applied Health Research Methods: From Research to Practice (Internal/external) 6 points total	3 3	CSL583 Counselling Adults CSL576 Introduction to Creative Arts Therapies in Counselling 6 points total	3 3

Mid-Year Intake Part-time Example

	Semester 1		Semester 2	
Year 1			CSL582 Principles of Counselling 1 6 points total	6
Year 2	CSL566 Case Conceptualisation and Assessment in Counselling CSL581 Experiential Learning in Group Counselling 6 points total	3 3	CSL578 Counselling Children and Adolescents CSL583 Counselling Adults 6 points total	3 3
Year 3	CSL576 Introduction to Creative Arts Therapies in Counselling SHP632 Applied Health Research Methods: From Research to Practice (Internal/external) 6 points total	3 3		

NOTE: CSL576 has pre-requisites of CSL582 and CSL566. Students may be required to extend their training across further semesters if they are unable to successfully complete pre-requisites.

All units can be found in the [handbook](#), under the structure.

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