

Sample Course Plans 2026

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Course: G1101 – 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.

Students enrolled in the Graduate Diploma in Counselling must enrol in all eight core units worth 3 credit points each:

- CSL505 Professional Counselling Skills (3cp)
- CSL504 Counselling Theories and Practice (3cp)
- CSL566 Case Conceptualisation and Assessment in Counselling (3cp)
- CSL581 Experiential Learning in Group Counselling (3cp)
- CSL501 Counselling Across the Lifespan (3cp)
- CSL500 Counselling Indigenous, Multicultural and Diverse Populations (3cp)
- CSL502 Mental Health Counselling (3cp)
- CSL503 Integrative Counselling Practice (3cp)

Semester 1 Intake Standard Recommended Pathway

	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	3 3 3 3	CSL501 Counselling Across the Lifespan CSL502 Mental Health Counselling CSL500 Counselling Indigenous, Multicultural and Diverse Populations CSL503 Integrative Counselling Practice 12 points total	3 3 3 3

Semester 2 Mid-Year Intake Example

	Semester 1	Semester 2	
Year 1		CSL505 Professional Counselling Skills CSL501 Counselling Across the Lifespan CSL502 Mental Health Counselling CSL500 Counselling Indigenous, Multicultural and Diverse Populations 12 points total	3 3 3 3
Year 2	CSL504 Counselling Theories and Practice CSL566 Case Conceptualisation and Assessment in Counselling CSL581 Experiential Learning in Group Counselling CSL503 Integrative Counselling Practice 12 points total	3 3 3 3	

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	CSL505 Professional Counselling Skills CSL504 Counselling Theories and Practice 6 points total	3 3	CSL501 Counselling Across the Lifespan CSL502 Mental Health Counselling 6 points total
Year 2	CSL566 Case Conceptualisation and Assessment in Counselling CSL581 Experiential Learning in Group Counselling 6 points total	3 3	CSL500 Counselling Indigenous, Multicultural and Diverse Populations CSL503 Integrative Counselling Practice 6 points total

Semester 2 Mid-Year Intake Part-time Example

	Semester 1	Semester 2	
Year 1		CSL505 Professional Counselling Skills CSL501 Counselling Across the Lifespan 6 points total	3 3
Year 2	CSL504 Counselling Theories and Practice CSL566 Case Conceptualisation and Assessment in Counselling 6 points total	3 3	CSL502 Mental Health Counselling CSL500 Counselling Indigenous, Multicultural and Diverse Populations 6 points total
Year 3	CSL581 Experiential Learning in Group Counselling CSL503 Integrative Counselling Practice 6 points total	3 3	

NOTE: 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 <https://handbook.murdoch.edu.au/courses/04/G1101>, under the structure.

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