

Academic Chair: [Emma Gibbs](#)

Start Date: Semester 1 2026

FULL-TIME PLAN

Year 1 – 2026	*AW5 Units	CP	*DE7 Units	CP
	CSL685 Creative Arts Therapies Clinical Placement and Supervision Group 1	6	CSL686 Creative Arts Therapies Clinical Placement and Supervision Group 2 (prereq: CSL685)	6
	Semester 1 Units	CP	Semester 2 Units	CP
	CSL673 Advanced Principles and Practice of Creative Arts Therapies	3		
	CSL620 Counselling Research Project OR	4.5	CSL620 Counselling Research Project (continued from Sem 1) OR	4.5
	CSL677 Counselling Research Project	3	CSL677 Counselling Research Project (continued from Sem 1)	3
	Elective Option (if taking CSL677 6 credit-point research unit)		Elective Option (if taking CSL677 6 credit-point research unit)	
	CSL581 Experiential Learning in Group Counselling	3	CSL500 Counselling Indigenous, Multicultural and Diverse Populations or CSL502 Mental Health Counselling	3
	Total	12	Total	12

TOTAL CREDIT POINTS
(+ 24 CP from the GDCAT) **24**

PART-TIME PLAN (example only – please see notes below)

Year 1 – 2026	Semester 1 Units	CP	Semester 2 Units	CP
	CSL620 Counselling Research Project OR	4.5	CSL620 Counselling Research Project (continued from Sem 1) Or	4.5
	CSL677 Counselling Research Project	3	CSL677 Counselling Research Project (continued from Sem 1)	3
	CSL673 Advanced Principles of Creative Arts Therapies	3		
	Elective Options (if taking CSL677 6 credit-point research unit)	CP	Elective Options (if taking CSL677 6 credit-point research unit)	CP
	CSL581 Experiential Learning in Group Counselling	3	CSL500 Counselling Indigenous, Multicultural and Diverse Populations or CSL502 Mental Health Counselling	3
Year 2 – 2027	*AW5 Units	CP	*DE7 Units	CP
	CSL685 Creative Arts Therapies Clinical Placement and Supervision Group 1	6	CSL686 Creative Arts Therapies Clinical Placement and Supervision Group 2 (prereq: CSL685)	6

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(+ 24 CP from the GDCAT) **24**

- M1300 Master of Creative Arts Therapies (MCAT) is a two-year course, with the first year of study being the *G1081 Graduate Diploma in Creative Arts Therapies (GDCAT)*.
- The MCAT is a 48-credit point course in total, with 24 credit points of advanced standing coming from completion of the GDCAT.
- Students must chose one elective option in either semester 1 **or** 2 if taking the 6-credit point CSL677 Counselling Research Project unit.
- The part time pathway above for the MCAT year is an example only. The sequence in which to study the units vary from student to student and an individual pathway is designed in consultation with the Academic Chair and Clinic Director at interview for the MCAT year.
- *The Clinical Placement units CSL685 and CSL686 take place in non-standard teaching periods that run over 21 weeks. AW5 runs from end January – end June and DE7 runs start July – end November.

Semester 1 notes	Semester 2 notes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CSL673 Advanced Principles of Creative Arts Therapies is only offered in Semester 1. It is strongly recommended that students undertake CSL673 before or at the same time as CSL685 Creative Arts Therapies Clinical Placement and Supervision Group 1. • CSL581 Experiential Learning in Group Counselling is an elective option and only offered in Sem 1. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CSL500 Counselling Indigenous, Multicultural and Diverse Populations and CSL502 Mental Health Counselling are elective options and are only offered in Sem 2.

Please note: This course plan is a sample only and must be read in conjunction with the full course structure, unit prerequisites and enrolment options as outlined in the [Handbook](#). Students should note that due to unit prerequisites, commencing study in Semester 2 may extend the duration of the course. This information is correct as at 31/10/25.