

Sample Course Plans 2027

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Course: M1412 - Master of Counselling

Credit points: 24

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The **Master of Counselling** is a 24-credit point course which can be completed within 1 year of full-time study or part-time across 3-4 years. This course is suitable for students who wish to attain qualifications for entry to the profession of counselling recognised by both the Australian Counselling Association (ACA) and PACFA.

Entry to the Master of Counselling requires a Graduate Diploma in Counselling accredited with Australian Counselling Association or Psychotherapy and Counselling Federation of Australia plus an Interview; OR Completion of G1101 and a grade of 70 or higher in CSL503 Integrative Counselling; OR Cognate AQF8 or higher program approved by the Academic Chair plus interview.

Our recommended course plan comprises all units from the Graduate Diploma in Counselling in Year 1.

Semester 1 Intake - Standard Recommended Course Plan

	Semester 1		Semester 2	
Year 1	CSL679 Counselling Placement & Supervision Group 1	6	CSL621 Counselling Placement & Supervision Group 2	6
	CSL674 Trauma Counselling	3	CSL601 Professional Practice Issues	3
	SHP632 Applied Health Research Methods: From Research to Practice	3	CSL576 Introduction to Creative Arts Therapies in Counselling	3
	12 points total		OR	
			CSL600 Counselling Addictions and Substance Abuse	
			12 points total	

NOTE: Students must successfully complete all units for the GD in Counselling before they can commence units at the Master of Counselling level (displayed Year 2 in table above).

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	Semester 1		Semester 2	
Year 1			CSL679 Counselling Placement and Supervision Group 1	6
			CSL601 Professional Practice Issues	3
			CSL576 Introduction to Creative Arts Therapies in Counselling	3
			OR	
			CSL600 Counselling Addictions and Substance Abuse	
			12 points total	

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

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Year 2	CSL621 Counselling placement & supervision Group 2	6	
	CSL674 Trauma Counselling	3	
	SHP632 Applied Health Research Methods: From Research to Practice	3	
	12 points total		

Semester 1 Intake – Part Time Option

	Semester 1		Semester 2	
Year 1	CSL674 Trauma Counselling	3	CSL601 Professional Practice Issues	3
	SHP632 Applied Health Research Methods: From Research to Practice	3	CSL576 Introduction to Creative Arts Therapies in Counselling	3
	6 points total		OR CSL600 Counselling Addictions and Substance Abuse	6 points total
Year 2	CSL679 Counselling Placement & Supervision Group 1	6	CSL621 Counselling placement & supervision Group 2	6
	6 points total		6 points total	

Semester 2 Intake – Part Time Option

	Semester 1		Semester 2	
Year 1			CSL601 Professional Practice Issues	3
			CSL576 Introduction to Creative Arts Therapies in Counselling	3
			OR CSL600 Counselling Addictions and Substance Abuse	6 points total
Year 2	CSL674 Trauma Counselling	3	CSL679 Counselling Placement & Supervision Group 1	6
	SHP632 Applied Health Research Methods: From Research to Practice	3	6 points total	
Year 3	CSL621 Counselling placement & supervision Group 2	6		
	6 points total			

Other variations to the above course plans are possible.

All units can be found in the handbook, <https://www.murdoch.edu.au/course/postgraduate/m1412>

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