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GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN COUNSELLING

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Group	Course	Offerings
<b>Graduate Coursework Degrees and Professional Doctorates</b>		
Counselling	Graduate Diploma in Counselling (GradDipCounsel)	• Murdoch campus (internal)

## COUNSELLING

### GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN COUNSELLING (GRADDIPCOUNSEL)

Restriction: All graduate courses are subject to restriction.

#### Availability:

- Murdoch campus (internal)

#### Further Study:

Students who successfully complete the Graduate Diploma may apply for admission to the Master of Counselling.

#### Employment Prospects:

The Graduate Diploma provides the opportunity for people to add core counselling knowledge and skills to existing professional roles in health, education, social services or business. Alternatively people with an existing practice in mental health fields can enrol in a Graduate Diploma to further develop their skills. Graduates may be employed in government and non-government counselling organisations working with adults, children, families and couples.

Psychology

#### Advanced Standing:

Up to 12 credit points is available (0.5 years) of advanced standing to students who have a Level 8 Graduate Certificate in Counselling or who have successfully completed a minimum of Level 8 units with learning outcomes equivalent to one or more units comprising the Graduate Diploma in Counselling.

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*This course supports students in developing professional competence and personal readiness for a career in counselling. It is committed to experiential learning, with an emphasis on the counselling relationship, the key feature of effective counselling practice. The critical appraisal of counselling literature combined with applied learning across most units provides students with the opportunity to develop a good foundation of theoretical knowledge and elementary hands-on counselling skills.*

*Students who complete the Graduate Diploma may apply for admission to the Master of Counselling and will be exempt from the units already completed which are common to both degrees.*

Duration: 1 year full-time or part-time equivalent

Graduate Diploma in Counselling (GradDipCounsel)

#### Admission Requirements (Onshore):

Completion of a bachelor degree (AQF Level 7) or equivalent in any discipline. Applications based on previous study or professional experience will be considered on a case-by-case basis. The admission process includes both application and interview. Applicants will need to supply their CV and a personal statement that details their past accomplishments, future plans, and interests in the counselling program for which they have applied as part of the admission process. Interviews will be offered to suitable candidates.

### Course Structure - 24 credit points

#### Core Units - 24 credit points

CSL582 Principles of Counselling 1 - 6 points

MURDOCH: S1-internal

MANDURAH: S2-internal

CSL581 Experiential Learning in Group Counselling - 3 points

MURDOCH: S1-internal

<span data-type="offering" data-unit="CSL581">MANDURAH: S1-internal (quota of 16 places)</span>

CSL566 Case Conceptualisation and Assessment in Counselling - 3 points

MURDOCH: S1-internal

MANDURAH: S2-internal

CSL583 Counselling Adults - 3 points

MURDOCH: S2-internal

CSL578 Counselling Children and Adolescents - 3 points

MURDOCH: S2-internal

SHP632 Applied Health Research Methods: From Research to Practice - 3 points

MURDOCH: S1-internal, S1-external, S2-internal, S2-external

MANDURAH: S1-external, S2-external

CSL576 Introduction to Creative Arts Therapies in Counselling - 3 points

MURDOCH: S2-internal

<span data-type="offering" data-unit="CSL576">MANDURAH: S1-internal (quota of 20 places)</span>

## PREREQUISITES

#### Applied Health Research Methods: From Research to Practice (SHP632)

Enrolment in a Graduate course.

#### Case Conceptualisation and Assessment in Counselling (CSL566)

Enrolment in the Graduate Certificate of Counselling, Graduate Diploma of Counselling or Master of Counselling. Completion of, or current enrolment in CSL582 Principles of Counselling 1 or by permission of the Counselling Academic Chair.

#### Counselling Adults (CSL583)

Must be enrolled in the Graduate Certificate or Graduate Diploma of Counselling or Master of Counselling. Other students wanting to study this unit can be interviewed by the Counselling Academic Chair.

#### Counselling Children and Adolescents (CSL578)

Enrolment in the Graduate Certificate of Counselling, Graduate Diploma of Counselling or Master of Counselling. Other students wanting to study this unit can be interviewed by the Unit Coordinator for consideration by the Counselling Academic Chair.

#### Experiential Learning in Group Counselling (CSL581)

Enrolment in the Graduate Certificate of Counselling, Graduate Diploma of Counselling or Master of Counselling. Completion of, or concurrent enrolment in, CSL582 Principles of Counselling 1. Other students wanting to study this unit can be interviewed by the Counselling Academic Chair.

#### Introduction to Creative Arts Therapies in Counselling (CSL576)

Enrolment in the Graduate Diploma of Creative Arts Therapies or the Graduate Diploma of Counselling or Master of Counselling. Other students wanting to study this unit can be interviewed by the Academic Chair of the Graduate Diploma of Creative Arts Therapies

#### Principles of Counselling 1 (CSL582)

Enrolment in the Graduate Certificate or Graduate Diploma of Counselling or Master of Counselling or permission of the Counselling Academic Chair.