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Group	Course	Offerings
<b>Graduate Coursework Degrees and Professional Doctorates</b>		
Counselling	Master of Counselling (MCounsel)	• Murdoch campus (internal)

## COUNSELLING

### MASTER OF COUNSELLING (MCOUNSEL)

Course Codes: M1143

#### Admission Requirements (Onshore):

For direct entry into the Masters of Counselling, applicants should have a three-year degree (AQF Level 7) from a recognised university in an area related to counselling such as psychology, social work, occupational therapy, nursing, education or human services. Preference will be given to applicants who also have experience, either paid or volunteer, in a counselling role. Applicants not selected for the Masters may be admitted to either the Graduate Certificate or Graduate Diploma course and then apply for entry to the Masters level upon successful completion. Applicants are encouraged to apply early. The admission process includes both application and interview.

The Master of Counselling supports students in developing professional competence and personal readiness for a career in counselling. The course is committed to experiential learning, with an emphasis on the counselling relationship, the key feature of effective counselling practice. All students engage in the critical appraisal of selected counselling literature/research. In the second year students can complete a substantial research project addressing an issue in counselling theory or practice, or complete their award through course work and a smaller research project. Two supervised placements provide students with the opportunity to develop an integrated and professional counselling practice. This course requires students to undertake work-based training through a compulsory work-based placement as part of their studies.

Duration: 2 years full-time or part-time equivalent

#### Nested Awards:

Students can opt out of the Master of Counselling and exit with either the Graduate Certificate or Graduate Diploma subject to satisfying the relevant course requirements.

Master of Counselling (MCounsel)

#### Employment Prospects:

On completion of the course graduates will be eligible to be employed in government and non-government counselling organisations working with adults, children, families and couples. They will be ready for employment in settings requiring individual and group therapy competence.

#### Advanced Standing:

Up to 24 credit points is available of advanced standing to students who have a Level 8 Graduate Diploma in Counselling or who have successfully completed a minimum of Level 8 units with learning outcomes equivalent to one or more units comprising the Master of Counselling.

#### Availability:

- Murdoch campus (internal)

Restriction: All graduate courses are subject to restriction.

Psychology

#### Special Requirements:

Students undertaking clinical placements in CSL 679 and CSL 621 must obtain a current police clearance, working with children check, and be up to date on certain immunisations per Murdoch University's immunisation policy. (See [http://www.murdoch.edu.au/Medical/\\_document/Forms/Murdoch-University-Immunisation-Policy.pdf](http://www.murdoch.edu.au/Medical/_document/Forms/Murdoch-University-Immunisation-Policy.pdf)).

### Course Structure - 48 credit points

#### Core Units - 48 credit points

CSL582 Principles of Counselling 1 - 6 points

MURDOCH: S1-internal

MANDURAH: S2-internal

CSL684 Principles of Counselling 2 - 3 points

MURDOCH: S2-internal

CSL578 Counselling Children and Adolescents - 3 points

MURDOCH: S2-internal

CSL583 Counselling Adults - 3 points

MURDOCH: 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>

CSL679 Counselling Placement and Supervision Group 1 - 6 points

<span data-type="offering" data-unit="CSL679">MURDOCH: AW5-placement (quota of 12 places), DE7-placement (quota of 12 places)</span>

CSL566 Case Conceptualisation and Assessment in Counselling - 3 points

MURDOCH: S1-internal

MANDURAH: S2-internal

CSL621 Counselling Placement and Supervision Group 2 - 6 points

<span data-type="offering" data-unit="CSL621">MURDOCH: DE7-placement (quota of 12 places), UA7-placement (quota of 12 places)</span>

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>

Either:

CSL620 Counselling Research Project - 9 points

MURDOCH: H-internal, S1-internal, S2-internal, SUM-internal, Y-internal

OR

CSL677 Counselling Research Project - 6 points

MURDOCH: Y-internal

and

CSL674 Trauma Counselling - 3 points

MURDOCH: S1-internal

## 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.

***Counselling Placement and Supervision Group 1 (CSL679)***

Completion of all units comprising Graduate Diploma and enrolment in Master of Counselling or by permission of the Counselling Academic Chair.  
Students are required to provide a current Police Clearance as well as Working with Children Check prior to enrolling in this clinical placement unit.

***Counselling Placement and Supervision Group 2 (CSL621)***

Enrolled in the Master of Counselling and have completed CSL679 Counselling Practicum I and all units comprising the Graduate Diploma of Counselling; or by permission of the Counselling Academic Chair.  
Students are required to provide a current Police Clearance as well as Working with Children Check prior to enrolling in this clinical placement unit.

***Counselling Research Project (CSL620)***

Enrolment in Master of Counselling. Completion of all the units in the Graduate Diploma in Counselling, including completion of SHP632 Applied Health Research Methods: From Research to Practice.

***Counselling Research Project (CSL677)***

Enrolment in Master of Counselling. Completion of all the units in the Graduate Diploma in Counselling, including completion of SHP632 Applied Health Research Methods: From Research to Practice.

***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.

***Principles of Counselling 2 (CSL684)***

Enrolment in the Master of Counselling and completion CSL679 Counselling: Placement and Supervision Group 1, or permission of the Counselling Academic Chair.

***Trauma Counselling (CSL674)***

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