



REGULATION 78 MASTER OF COUNSELLING

Approved by Council: 26 April 2017

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78.1 Admission and Enrolment

- 78.1.1 A person may apply to the Academic Board to enrol as a candidate for the Master of Counselling if he or she has obtained a Graduate Diploma in Counselling and Integrated Psychotherapy (Spiritual) from the Australian Institute of Family Counselling.
- 78.1.2 Notwithstanding any other provision in this Regulation, the Academic Board may require an applicant to demonstrate fitness for admission by carrying out such work and sitting for such examinations or meeting such other standards as the Academic Board may determine.
- 78.1.3 An applicant who meets the requirements of the Academic Board may be admitted as a candidate for the Master of Counselling in a College of the University.
- 78.1.4 Every candidate for the Master of Counselling must be enrolled during the period of candidature at a College of the University, and must comply with the requirements of that College and of the University. Candidates may study units offered at other Colleges of the University.
- 78.1.5 The Academic Board may discontinue the candidature of any person whom it deems to have made unsatisfactory progress.

78.2 Course Structure

- 78.2.1 The standard full-time duration of the Master of Counselling is one year. The Master of Counselling must be completed in not less one year and not more than three years from the date on which the course is commenced, not including any approved periods of leave of absence, unless the Academic Board determines otherwise.
- 78.2.2 Every course of study for the Master of Counselling must consist of 144 points.
- 78.2.3 The Academic Board must determine course outcomes for the Master of Counselling.
- 78.2.4 The Academic Board must determine the number and type of units required to complete the course of study and to meet the course outcomes for the Master of Counselling.
- 78.2.5 No candidate for the Master of Counselling may enrol in more than 72 points in any one semester, unless the Academic Board determines otherwise.

78.3 Credit

78.3.1 The Academic Board may grant credit of up to 72 points towards the Master of Counselling. The Academic Board may determine specific credit arrangements for the Master of Counselling. Where credit is granted, the minimum term for completion of the Master of Counselling is reduced accordingly.

78.4 Award

78.4.1 When a candidate has completed the requirements for the Master of Counselling, the Academic Board may recommend that the award be made to the candidate. A candidate to whom such an award has been made is entitled to use the letters 'MCouns' as a suffix to his or her name.

DETERMINATIONS MADE BY ACADEMIC BOARD RELATING TO REGULATION 78

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78.1 Admission and Enrolment

78.1.2 An applicant may only be admitted to the course of study for the Master of Counselling if the applicant has completed an interview with a designated Coursework Coordinator and the Coursework Coordinator subsequently certifies that the applicant has sufficient self-awareness, relational capacity, ethical practice, and mature life experience to undertake the award.

78.2 Course Structure

78.2.3 Statement of Rationale and Course Outcomes

The Master of Counselling provides students with advanced professional skills for counselling ministry and for pastoral and spiritual formation. It nurtures the formation of a professional identity and vision suitable for individual and relational counselling. The course equips graduates to engage in supportive and intensive therapies with psychological competence and theological congruence.

Committed engagement in supervision for personal and professional integration is essential to successful completion of the course.

Students seeking professional accreditation may choose combinations of units that on successful completion of the award allow them to apply for advanced accreditation with professional industry bodies.

Professional Accreditation

The Master of Counselling is accredited by:

- a) the Psychotherapy and Counselling Federation of Australia (PACFA) (valid until 9 October 2022)
- b) the Australian Counselling Association (ACA) (valid until 26 July 2020)

Graduates of the Master of Counselling

1. have expert counselling skills
2. have knowledge and experience of supervisory leadership and management structures
3. apply skills to initiate and plan counselling interventions
4. apply critical self-evaluation and theological reflection to their practice of counselling
5. apply professional practice in counselling with diverse people in a wide range of contexts including multi-disciplinary and multi-cultural environments.

78.2.4 The Master of Counselling consists of 144 points comprised of one of the following programs:

78.2.4.1 Counselling Accreditation Program

- a) DP9730S The Art of Reconciliation
- b) DP9778S Human Development
- c) DP9779S Critical Incident Counselling, Trauma and Suicide
- d) CT8702S Interpreting Christological Presence within the Vicissitudes of Life
- e) XP9076S Supervised Counselling Practice Integration (Practicum), to be taken concurrently with XP9077S
- f) XP9077S Advanced Counselling Theories, Processes and Strategies, to be taken concurrently with XP9076S

78.2.4.2 Professional Development Program

- a) 48 points of Elective units in the discipline of Pastoral Theology and Ministry Studies
- b) CT8702S Interpreting Christological Presence within the Vicissitudes of Life
- c) XP9076S Supervised Counselling Practice Integration (Practicum), to be taken concurrently with XP9077S
- d) XP9077S Advanced Counselling Theories, Processes and Strategies, to be taken concurrently with XP9076S
- e) A further 24 points of Foundational, Elective, Praxis or Capstone units.

78.2.4.3 Research Formation Program

- a) 48 points of Elective units in the discipline of Pastoral Theology and Ministry Studies
- b) CT8702S Interpreting Christological Presence within the Vicissitudes of Life
- c) RQ9029C Research Methodologies
- d) A Research Essay on a topic that contributes to the course outcomes and is approved by the Coursework Coordinator

78.3 Credit

78.3.1 General provisions relating to credit are determined by the Academic Board in accordance with Regulation 2.

78.3.2 A candidate may not receive credit for units taken towards the Graduate Diploma in Counselling and Integrate Psychotherapy (Spiritual) from the Australian Institute of Family Counselling.

78.3.4 A candidate who has completed 24 points of Systematic Theology in an award at AQF level 7 or higher may be exempted from the unit CT8702S Interpreting Christological Presence within the Vicissitudes of Life and may substitute any Foundational or Elective unit in either the discipline of Biblical Studies or the discipline of Systematic Theology.