

## Bachelor of Counselling: Progression pathway to assist enrolment and re-enrolment

Please find below a progression pathway through the Bachelor of Counselling. This document will be useful for students who are entering the degree and for students who are re-enrolling in the degree. It describes for you when units will be offered and what mode of blended learning will be used. Use this document alongside the University's Unit Management System (UMS) to chart your course progression.

Each unit is taught within an 8 week term. A full-time student will take 2 units per term, and thus complete 4 units in a semester, and 8 units in a year. Given that the degree requires a student to take 24 units, a full-time student will complete in 3 years.

Students begin their degree by completing 1<sup>st</sup> year units. A new student may enrol in the degree at the start of each term. All 1<sup>st</sup> year units are therefore foundational. They have no pre-requisites.

For various reasons a limited number of re-enrolling students may take units across year levels. This, however, is at the discretion of the Counselling Program Director and ultimately the Dean of Academic Programs. If this is something you'd like to explore please email Dr Tom Edwards ([tedwards@divinity.edu.au](mailto:tedwards@divinity.edu.au)).

Further (re-)enrolment resources can be found on the School of Professional Practice website (<https://divinity.edu.au/university/school-of-professional-practice/>) and on the University's website (<https://divinity.edu.au/>), including access to the UMS and key dates (<https://divinity.edu.au/about/key-dates/>).

Issues to keep in mind as you choose which units to study in the coming year:

- All units use blended learning. This permits flexibility for students, assists in creating community across our Melbourne/Sydney/Brisbane cohorts, and maintains excellence in training standards. Three forms of blended learning are used across the degree. A unit may therefore be taught in one of the following ways:
  - a) Across 8 weeks you complete 7 weekly online modules in your own time and attend a 2 day compulsory face-to-face intensive. Easter aside (i.e., term 1), the intention is to hold 1<sup>st</sup> year intensives in Week 5 of the term, 2<sup>nd</sup> year intensives in Week 6, and 3<sup>rd</sup> year intensives in Week 5. For full-time students they will attend 2 intensives in the allocated week. The first on Monday and Tuesday and the second on Thursday and Friday.
  - b) You complete 8 weekly online modules in your own time and attend 8 weekly compulsory online seminars (6pm to 8pm). The 8 weekly online seminars are programmed in the following way:
    - i. 1<sup>st</sup> year = Wednesday evening
    - ii. 2<sup>nd</sup> year = Thursday evening
    - iii. 3<sup>rd</sup> year = Tuesday evening
  - c) For workplace-centred units blended learning can incorporate a variety of strategies such as self-paced learning and clinical supervision.

*N.B. - Times for online seminars are quoted as Melbourne time. Times for face-to-face intensives are quoted as local time (i.e., Melbourne, Sydney, or Brisbane).*

*N.B. – The Counselling Program Director will maintain a weekly consultation time for all students during the semester. This is an excellent opportunity to drop in, ask all sorts of questions, and meet with other students. It is important that we build community together.*

- 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year units have pre-requisites as named in the UMS. This needs to be considered as you re-enrol for the coming year.
- In 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year there are a limited number of electives to choose from. In each semester choose only 1 elective.
- Finally, student cohorts must be of a minimum size for a unit to go ahead. This is especially so for units which have intensives. The University therefore reserves the right to either cancel a unit, or amend the teaching format, so as to maintain educational quality. In the unlikely event that this was to happen the Counselling Program Director will inform affected students personally.

**Unit timetable, mode of learning, and pre-requisites**

Year of BCouns	Semester 1				Semester 2			
	Term 1		Term 2		Term 3		Term 4	
	Unit codes, names, elective status, and type of blended teaching used							
1 <sup>st</sup> year	CO1001Z Expressing Integrity Through Excellence In Academic And Professional Communication  7 weekly online modules + 2 day intensive.	CO1002Z Self, Profession, And Society  7 weekly online modules + 2 day intensive.	CO1003Z Critical Thinking, Problem Solving, And Decision-Making  7 weekly online modules + 2 day intensive.	CO1004Z The Human Condition  8 weekly online modules, and 8 x 2hr weekly evening seminars.	CO1005Z Introduction To Counselling  7 weekly online modules + 2 day intensive.	CO1006Z Engaging Diversity  8 weekly online modules, and 8 x 2hr weekly evening seminars.	CO1007Z Introduction To Psychology  7 weekly online modules + 2 day intensive.	CO1008Z Data Literacy For Clinicians  8 weekly online modules, and 8 x 2hr weekly evening seminars.
2 <sup>nd</sup> year	CO2001Z Human Development, Personality, And Identity  8 weekly online modules, and 8 x 2hr weekly evening seminars.	CO2002Z Working With Children, Adolescents, And Older Adults  7 weekly online modules + 2 day intensive.	CO2003Z Trauma-Informed Counselling In The Context Of Loss and Grief  7 weekly online modules + 2 day intensive.	CO2004Z Working In, And With, Culture (Elective)  7 weekly online modules + 2 day intensive.	CO2006Z What Is Abnormal?: The Individual, Diagnostics, And Society  8 weekly online modules, and 8 x 2hr weekly evening seminars.	CO2007Z Counselling Ethics, The Law, And Best-Practice  7 weekly online modules + 2 day intensive.	CO2008Z Self-Care And The Workplace  A variety of strategies such as self-paced learning and supervision.	CO2009Z Strengths-Based Counselling For Marginalised People (Elective)  7 weekly online modules + 2 day intensive.
				OR				OR
				CO2005Z Working With Couples And Families (Elective)  7 weekly online modules + 2 day intensive.				CO2010Z Counselling Survivors And Perpetrators Of Domestic Violence (Elective)  7 weekly online modules + 2 day intensive.
3 <sup>rd</sup> year	CO3001Z Placement – Part A  A variety of strategies such as self-paced learning and supervision.	CO3002Z Complex Clients: Neurodiversity, Addictions, And Personality Disorders  8 weekly online modules, and 8 x 2hr weekly evening seminars.	CO3003Z Virtues-Based Counselling: Working With Hope, Courage, And Compassion  7 weekly online modules + 2 day intensive.	CO3004Z Intimacy, Sex(ualities), And Gender (Elective)  7 weekly online modules + 2 day intensive.	CO3006Z Placement – Part B  A variety of strategies such as self-paced learning and supervision.	CO3007Z Emerging Technologies, AI, And The Business Of Counselling  8 weekly online modules, and 8 x 2hr weekly evening seminars.	CO3008Z Capstone Project  A variety of strategies such as self-paced learning and supervision.	CO3009Z The Role Of Faith, Religion, And Spirituality In Wellbeing (Elective)  8 weekly online modules, and 8 x 2hr weekly evening seminars.
				OR				OR
				CO3005Z Working With Groups, Teams, And Leaders (Elective)  7 weekly online modules + 2 day intensive.				CO3010Z The Well Community (Elective)  7 weekly online modules + 2 day intensive.