

**REGULATION 78****MASTER OF COUNSELLING**

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Transitional note: The information covered in this regulation can now be found in Regulation 11 Awards, Courses and Units, and on the [Master of Counselling](#) page of the University website

**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 the person has:

- a) satisfactorily completed either a Graduate Diploma in Counselling, or a Graduate Diploma (or higher qualification) in a field closely related to Counselling such as nursing or social work, from the University of Divinity or from a tertiary education provider that is recognised by the Academic Board and by a relevant professional body, and
- b) is a self-insured, non-student member of a relevant professional counselling body, and
- c) satisfactorily completes an interview with a Course Advisor.

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 decide.

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 decides 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 establish course outcomes for the Master of Counselling.
- 78.2.4 The Academic Board must decide 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 decides 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 establish 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.

## **SCHEDULE TO REGULATION 78**

### **MASTER OF COUNSELLING**



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## **78.1 Course Structure**

### **78.1.1 Statement of Rationale and Course Outcomes**

The Master of Counselling provides counsellors with advanced professional counselling skills utilising a range of supportive and intensive therapies. It supports the development of professional identity for personal and relational counsellors. Participants in the course are required to engage in professional supervision during their studies. Individual programs are developed to assist each participant to achieve their professional learning needs.

#### **Professional Accreditation**

The Master of Counselling is accredited by:

- a) the Australian Counselling Association (ACA) (valid until 24 July 2024)

#### **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.

### **78.1.2 The Master of Counselling consists of 144 points comprised of:**

- a) 72 points of Postgraduate units in the discipline of Professional Counselling, or relevant units in the discipline of Pastoral Theology and Ministry Studies approved by the Head of Counselling at Stirling College
- b) 24 points of Postgraduate Elective units in the discipline of Professional Counselling or the discipline of Pastoral Theology and Ministry Studies, or a Postgraduate research methodology unit
- c) either the Capstone units XZ9076S Supervised Counselling Practice Integration (Practicum) and XZ9078S Advanced Counselling Theories, Processes and Strategies, to be taken concurrently, or RQ9748M Minor Thesis

**78.2 Credit**

78.2.1 Credit may be granted in accordance with the Credit Policy of the Academic Board.

78.2.2 A candidate may not receive credit for units taken towards a Graduate Diploma.

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