

REGULATION 85**ADVANCED DIPLOMA IN COUNSELLING**

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**85.1 Admission and Enrolment**

85.1.1 A person may apply to the Academic Board to enrol as a candidate for the Advanced Diploma in Counselling if the person has:

- a) satisfactorily completed either a Diploma in Counselling, or an Advanced 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.

85.1.2 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.

85.1.3 An applicant who meets the requirements of the Academic Board may be admitted as a candidate for the Advanced Diploma in Counselling in a College of the University.

85.1.4 Every candidate for the Advanced Diploma in 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.

85.1.5 The Academic Board may discontinue the candidature of any person whom it deems to have made unsatisfactory progress.

85.2 Course Structure

85.2.1 The standard full-time duration of the Advanced Diploma in Counselling is one year. The Advanced Diploma in Counselling must be completed in not less than 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.

85.2.2 Every course of study for the Advanced Diploma in Counselling must consist of 144 points.

85.2.3 The Academic Board must establish course outcomes for the Advanced Diploma in Counselling.

85.2.4 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 Advanced Diploma in Counselling.

85.2.5 No candidate for the Advanced Diploma in Counselling may enrol in more than 72 points in any one semester, unless the Academic Board decides otherwise.

85.3 Credit

85.3.1 The Academic Board may grant credit of up to 72 points towards the Advanced Diploma in Counselling. The Academic Board may establish specific credit arrangements for the Advanced Diploma in Counselling. Where credit is granted, the minimum term for completion of the Advanced Diploma in Counselling is reduced accordingly.

85.4 Award

85.4.1 When a candidate has completed the requirements for the Advanced Diploma in 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 'AdvDipCouns' as a suffix to their name.

85.5 Temporary Regulation

85.5.1 Candidates enrolled under Regulation 85 before 22 November 2022 may choose to complete their courses under Regulation 85 as in effect at 22 November 2022.

85.5.2 Regulation 85 ceases to have effect after 31 December 2024. If there are no eligible candidates, Council may take action to repeal the temporary Regulation with immediate effect.

SCHEDULE TO REGULATION 85
ADVANCED DIPLOMA IN COUNSELLING



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85.1 Course Structure

85.1.2 Statement of Rationale and Course Outcomes

The Advanced Diploma in Counselling prepares students to work in a multi-disciplinary environment and significantly enhances their counselling, professional and spiritual foundations. Students form a vision of the counsellor that reflects both individual and relational work, supportive and intensive therapies, psychological competence and theological congruence. The course requires a consistent commitment to supervision and personal and professional integration.

Graduates of the Advanced Diploma in Counselling

1. have well developed counselling skills to work with clients of low to moderate needs.
2. have a deep understanding of themselves as counsellors.
3. apply client spirituality into the counselling experience from an ethical perspective with a critical understanding of Christian worldviews.
4. apply theological and professional reflection into practice.
5. apply professional practice in counselling with diverse people in a range of contexts.

85.1.3 Course of Study

The Advanced Diploma in Counselling consists of 144 points comprised of:

- a) DZ2860S Theories of Ethical Counselling Integration
- b) DZ2075S Counselling Integration Practicum
- c) DP1930S Academic Research and Writing
- d) DZ2010S Introduction to Psychology
- e) 36 points in the discipline of Professional Counselling
- f) 18 points in a discipline or disciplines in Field B or Field C
- g) A further 18 points.

85.2 Credit

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