



CHC51712 Diploma of Counselling

NOTE: This qualification is no longer open for enrolment, any information provided below is only for reference.

Overview

This course will enable you to help people identify, define and work through vocational, educational, relational, social and emotional areas. Successful graduates are employable in positions such as:

- Youth Worker
- Family Support
- Disability Respite
- Pastoral Care
- School Counselling

These roles can be very diverse, working in a variety of areas with diverse clients. This interactive and supportive course offers specialisations that will guide you through a number of strategies when working with clients and practical application will provide you with valuable real life industry experience that will allow you to build upon the skills and knowledge learnt throughout the course.

The diploma also provides transferable skills that will further strengthen work performance for those in the human resources, education and community services. For those who want to specialise in counselling and psychotherapy, this course is an excellent pathway to Higher Education.

You'll learn to:

- Facilitate counselling
- Use effective interview skills
- Develop, facilitate and monitor case management
- Apply counselling theories and therapies
- Support diverse clients
- Recognise and respond to individuals at risk
- Reflect on and improve own counselling skills

See the Subjects tab for the full list of units and available electives.

Accreditation

This qualification is nationally recognised under the Australian Qualification Framework (AQF).

Australis College is also an approved provider of counselling training by the [International Institute for Complementary Therapists](#).

Entry Requirements

To gain entry into CHC51712 Diploma of Counselling it is recommended that candidates have sufficient relevant work experience to indicate likely success at this level of qualification in a job role involving:

- The self-directed application of knowledge with substantial depth in some areas
- The exercise of independent judgement and decision-making
- The application of relevant technical and other skills.

In addition, if you are applying for a VET FEE-HELP loan, there are entry requirements to enter into the loan application. You will need produce a copy of your Australian Year 12 Senior Secondary Certificate of Education prior to enrolment.

If you are unable to produce this certificate, did not complete secondary school to a grade 12 level and gain a certificate, or graduated overseas, you will be required to undertake a Government approved Skills assessment, regardless of your education level and background.

[Click here for more about our student enrollment process.](#)

Duration & Cost

We allow 18 months (full time) and 24 months (part time) to complete this course, although you may be able to complete faster than that depending on how much time you commit to your studies and if you fulfill the requirements of this course. This course has a cost of \$13,500 and the following payment options are available:

- [VET FEE-HELP](#) (eligibility requirements apply)
- [Payment Plans](#)

Subject list for CHC51712 Diploma of Counselling

There are 17 units of competency in the Diploma of Counselling delivered across four stages. Students will be supported throughout the program via one-on-one Trainer support, online eLearning, live and recorded web-tutorials, live chats and forums which are aimed at supporting individual learner needs. Australis College will integrate the activities, bringing together a number of units that reflect real industry outcomes and processes.

In order to obtain this qualification, you must successfully complete the following 17 units of competency.

| | Unit of Competency | Unit of Competency Code |
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| Stage One | Work within a structured counselling framework | CHCCSL501A |
| | Facilitate the counselling relationship | CHCCSL503B |
| | Contribute to WHS processes | HLTWHS300A |
| | Apply specialist interpersonal and counselling interview skills | CHCCSL502A |
| Stage Two | Determine suitability of client for counselling services | CHCCSL512A |
| | Manage legal and ethical compliance | CHCLEG003 |
| | Develop, facilitate and monitor all aspects of case management | CHCCM503C |
| | Support clients in decision-making processes | CHCCSL507B |
| Stage Three | Apply counselling therapies to address a range of client issues | CHCCSL506A |
| | Apply personality and development theories | CHCCSL504A |
| | Apply learning theories in counselling | CHCCSL505A |
| | Apply legal and ethical responsibilities in counselling practice | CHCCSL508B |
| Stage Four | Recognise and respond to individuals at risk | CHCCS514B |
| | Work effectively with culturally diverse clients and co-workers | HLTHIR403C |
| | Facilitate workplace debriefing and support processes | CHCMGT005 |
| | Undertake Case Management in child protection framework | CHCCSM007 |

* Find out more about this qualification at training.gov.au

Tailored Student Support Sessions

In the Community and Counselling faculty we believe that learning should not only be enjoyable but tailored to meet the busy needs and schedules of our students. In the past our students have struggled to either get to a workshop location or have found it was not on at a convenient time. For this reason we are now offering live, synchronous sessions that suit the needs of the student to apply their theoretical knowledge to practical real life situations. This means that the student can schedule a time that is convenient to them any time throughout their diploma with one of our counselling trainers to engage with them face to face online. There is no limit as to how many sessions they can schedule thus enabling the student to gain valuable experience and confidence required to be job ready as a counsellor.

The student will require the use of a computer with camera, internet and a headset. If the student does not have a headset they are available for purchase from places such as office works for as little as \$8.

Update to training package

Recent changes to the CHC51712 Diploma of Counselling qualification package will mean a change to the training provided in this qualification. Students are permitted to enrol into the 2012 Version (CHC51712 Diploma of Counselling), but must be made aware that they will be transitioned to the 2015 version (CHC51015 Diploma of Counselling*) before 8th December 2017, unless they complete the course prior to that date. The effect of this change to their studies will be minimal, and the resulting qualification will meet all requirements for accredited training so the same level of qualification will be achieved. If you have any questions regarding this topic please contact our course consultants for further information. *As the 2015 version of the course has just been released, the application is currently pending for Australis College to offer the CHC51015 Diploma of Counselling. At this stage however it must be noted Australis College currently does not have the CHC51015 Diploma of Counselling on scope and cannot offer the course until it has been approved.