



CHC51015 Diploma of Counselling

This qualification reflects the role of counsellors, who work with clients on personal and psychological issues using established counselling modalities. They use communication, micro-counselling and interviewing skills and draw on varied counselling therapies to assist clients. At this level, the counsellor will be working in defined and supported counselling roles in established agencies rather than in independent practice.

Job Roles

On completion of this course, job roles may include:

- ▶ Counsellor
- ▶ Problem gambling worker/financial counsellor
- ▶ Phone counsellor
- ▶ Family support worker
- ▶ Case worker
- ▶ Community support worker.

Entry Requirements

Enrolment within this course will focus on recruiting students from the following:

- ▶ Completion of a Certificate IV or above (or equivalent), **or**
Completion of a senior secondary certificate of education (or equivalent), **and**
Be 18 years or above at the date of entry
- ▶ LLN score of level 4 across all areas of the assessment
- ▶ Access to a computer and high-speed internet access in order to access the materials on the Organisation's online learning platform (Moodle)
Note: for students in remote locations without consistent access to high-speed Internet, arrangements can be made to submit assessments by email
- ▶ Currently working in industry.

Course Duration

Course has **18 months duration** and consists of **9 blocks**.

- ▶ Recommended course hours 1,250
- ▶ Work placement hours 250.

Course Structure

Total number of units = 17, including:

- ▶ 13 core units
- ▶ 4 elective units.

Core units

- ▶ CHCCCS019 Recognise and respond to crisis situations
- ▶ CHCCSL001 Establish and confirm the counselling relationship
- ▶ CHCCSL002 Apply specialist interpersonal and counselling interview skills
- ▶ CHCCSL003 Facilitate the counselling relationship and process
- ▶ CHCCSL004 Research and apply personality and development theories
- ▶ CHCCSL005 Apply learning theories in counselling
- ▶ CHCCSL006 Select and use counselling therapies
- ▶ CHCCSL007 Support counselling clients in decision-making processes
- ▶ CHCCSM005 Develop, facilitate and review all aspects of case management
- ▶ CHCDIV001 Work with diverse people
- ▶ CHCDIV002 Promote Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander cultural safety
- ▶ CHCLEG001 Work legally and ethically
- ▶ CHCPRP003 Reflect on and improve own professional practice.

Suggested elective units

- ▶ CHCCCS003 Increase the safety of individuals at risk of suicide
- ▶ HLTAHW078 Work within a Narrative approach
- ▶ CHCGRP002 Plan and conduct group activities
- ▶ CHCGRP003 Plan, facilitate and review psycho-educational groups.

Delivery Method

Course will be delivered via blended learning solution as follows:

- ▶ Students will be required to attend a total of **nine**, week-long, blocks of face to face classroom learning at the Little Bay Campus in Sydney
- ▶ The remainder of the course content will be provided via Moodle
- ▶ Work placement completed via current employer.

Assessment Tasks

- ▶ Written questions
- ▶ Written reports
- ▶ Self-assessment on performance criteria with third party (workplace supervisor) sign off
- ▶ Portfolios
- ▶ Practical assessment (observation) in a simulated clinical setting.

Credit Transfers and Recognition of Prior Learning

Applicants are encouraged to apply for:

- ▶ Credit Transfer (where they have already completed a unit(s) in another course of study)
or
- ▶ Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL), which recognises skills and knowledge that already meets the requirements of a unit of competency.

Note: *Credit transfer and RPL reduces the workload in gaining recognition with a formal qualification. Students are encouraged to identify units they may be eligible to gain course credit/RPL and to contact the RTO Training Team Leader for further information.*

Resources

Students will be provided with via the AH&MRC's Moodle online learning platform:

- ▶ Learner guides and other learning resources
- ▶ Assessments for each unit.

Learners will submit completed course work through Moodle. If a learner does not have access to high speed internet arrangements can be made for submission via email. It is the responsibility of the learner to retain a copy of all submitted course work.

Course Fees

- ▶ Full course fee: \$9,960 (This course is subsidised by the NSW government, and eligible NSW students may access fee support through Smart and Skilled Funding)
- ▶ Additional costs may be incurred in obtaining Occupational Health Clearances
- ▶ Travel and Accommodation may be AbStudy subsidised for eligible students.

Award

This is a nationally recognised course from the CHC Community Services Training Package. Students who successfully complete all the assessments will be awarded with

- ▶ CHC51015 Diploma of Counselling.

Students who complete some, but not all units of the qualification, will receive a statement of attainment for those units successfully completed.

Educational Pathways

CHC51015 Diploma of Counselling can be a pathway into further studies such as a CHC81015 Graduate Diploma of Relationship Counselling or other Community Services qualifications.



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Enrolments

To enrol, please submit an expression of interest via www.ahmrc.org.au. Our RTO Administration Team will send you an enrolment pack which you will need to complete and submit with supporting documentation.

Further information can be found on www.ahmrc.org.au/education-training/student-information/

Or you can contact the office:

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Our History

The Aboriginal Health and Medical Research Council (AH&MRC) of NSW RTO is a result of a long-term vision of the AH&MRC to establish and maintain an Aboriginal community-controlled education institution to provide culturally appropriate, nationally recognised courses in the Aboriginal health.

In pursuit of this vision, the AH&MRC Board endorsed the establishment of the college in 2002 and the Registered Training Organisation (RTO) status was achieved in 2004.

We offer qualifications in a range of areas including:

- ▶ Alcohol and Other Drug Work
- ▶ Primary Health Care
- ▶ Counselling.

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