



Postgraduate studies



Graduate Certificate in
Community Mental Health

Graduate Diploma in
Community Mental Health

Graduate Diploma in
Couples and Family Therapy

Master of Counselling

Master of Social Work
(Qualifying)

Master of Psychology
(Clinical)

Why choose USC?

It's the best of both worlds. Students choose USC for its industry focused degrees, experienced academics, student support and relaxed campus atmosphere.



Graduate Certificate in Community Mental Health

- Develop knowledge and psychosocial intervention skills
- Learn through theoretical and practical studies
- Adapt knowledge and skills directly to your work environment

Develop your skills to support people with mental health problems.

The Graduate Certificate in Community Mental Health and the Graduate Diploma in Community Mental Health offer you the opportunity to learn to work effectively within a community context and effectively support the individual recovery journey while working collaboratively to provide assessment and intervention. Courses include key frameworks such as the recovery approach, evidence-based practice, assessment and intervention, family, couples and systems approaches, and engagement and the therapeutic alliance.

The Graduate Certificate consists of four courses and you can choose to continue on to complete the 8-course Graduate Diploma in Community Mental Health or the Graduate Diploma in Couples and Family Therapy.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The Graduate Certificate in Community Mental Health will provide graduates with a balance of theory and practice appropriate for government and non-government community mental health services. Increases in funding by the Australian State and Federal governments in these settings will translate into expanded employment opportunities in community health in the near future.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Candidates for this award are normally required to hold a Bachelor degree or equivalent (AQF Level 7) in a related area such as counselling, social work, nursing, psychology, education, or behavioural or social science.

The program is open to those who are employed in community-based, human services settings in either a government or non-government enterprise. This employment preference reflects the need for students to complete case studies and other practice-based activities related to working with individuals and families. However, while preferred, it is not mandatory, as placement options will be identified for applicants who are not employed in the industry.

FEES

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Graduate Certificate in Community Mental Health

Duration: 1 year part-time. Program only available part-time.

Commence: Semester 1*

Study mode: Online plus compulsory on campus (intensive)

Total courses: 4

CRICOS code: Not available to international students on a Student visa.

* Subject to enrolment numbers.

Comprehensive program information: www.usc.edu.au/AR520

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Graduate Diploma in Community Mental Health

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If you enrol in the Graduate Diploma, you may choose to exit after completing the first four courses with the Graduate Certificate in Community Mental Health and achieve a recognised qualification.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The Graduate Diploma in Community Mental Health will provide graduates with a balance of theory and practice appropriate for government and non-government positions in community mental health service settings.

This program opens a number of employment and career opportunities. According to the Australian Government Job Outlook statistics:

- Employment for Counsellors to 2016-17 is expected to grow; with a 17.9% employment growth expected over the next 10 years.
- Employment for Health and Welfare Services Managers to 2016-17 is expected to grow very

strongly. Employment in this medium sized occupation (18,400 in November 2011) rose very strongly in the past five years and in the long-term (ten years).

- Employment for Social Workers to 2016-17 is expected to grow very strongly. Employment in this large occupation (22,200 in November 2011) rose very strongly in the past five years and in the long-term (ten years).
- Employment for Welfare Support Workers to 2016-17 is expected to grow very strongly.
- Employment in this very large occupation (56,200 in November 2011) rose strongly in the past five years and rose very strongly in the long-term (ten years).

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Candidates for this award are normally required to hold a Bachelor degree or equivalent (AQF Level 7) in a related area such as counselling, social work, nursing, psychology, education, or behavioural or social science.

The program is open to those who are employed in community-based, human services settings in either a government or non-government enterprise. This employment preference reflects the need for students to complete case studies and other practice-based activities related to working with individuals and families. However, while preferred it is not mandatory as placement options will be identified for such applicants who are not employed in the industry.

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Graduate Diploma in Community Mental Health

Duration: 2 years part-time. Program only available part-time.

Commence: Semester 1*

Study mode: Online plus compulsory on campus intensive

Total courses: 8

CRICOS code: Not available to international students on a Student visa.

* Subject to enrolment numbers.

Comprehensive program information: www.usc.edu.au/AR620

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Graduate Diploma in Couples and Family Therapy

- Combined delivery; face-to-face and online
- Learn through theoretical and practical studies
- Adapt knowledge and skills directly to your work environment

Gain skills and knowledge to work as a family and couples therapist.

Learn necessary values, knowledge and skills, in order to work effectively as a couples and family therapist in Family and Relationship Services across Australia. Courses include studies in recovery approach, evidence-based practice, assessment and intervention, family, couples and systems approaches, engagement and the therapeutic alliance; theory and models of couples and family therapy, couples and family therapy simulated practice and clinical practice and special topics in couple and family therapy.

If you enrol in the Graduate Diploma in Couples and Family Therapy, you may choose to exit after completing the first four courses with the Graduate Certificate in Community Mental Health and achieve a recognised qualification.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The Graduate Diploma in Couples and Family Therapy will provide graduates with a balance of theory and practice appropriate for government and non-government positions in community mental health service settings. In the case of non-government community mental health services, increases in funding by the Australian State and Federal governments in these settings will translate into expanded employment opportunities in community health in the near future.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Candidates for this award are normally required to hold a Bachelor degree or equivalent (AQF Level 7) in a related area such as counselling, social work, nursing, psychology, education, or behavioural or social science.

The program is open to those who are employed in community-based, human services settings in either a government or non-government enterprise. This employment preference reflects the need for students to complete case studies and other practice-based activities related to working with individuals and families. However, while preferred it is not mandatory as placement options will be identified for applicants who are not employed in the industry.

FEES

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■ Graduate Diploma in Couples and Family Therapy

Duration: 2 years part-time. Program only available part-time.

Commence: Semester 1*

Study mode: Online plus compulsory on campus intensive
Total courses: 8

CRICOS code: Not available to international students on a Student visa.

* Subject to enrolment numbers.

Comprehensive program information: www.usc.edu.au/AR630

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Master of Counselling

- Obtain a professional counselling degree
- Work towards professional registration
- Pursue a career as a counsellor in a variety of settings

Advance your career and earn a professional counselling degree.

The Master of Counselling offers preparation for a position in counselling for practitioners from a variety of backgrounds. It provides career opportunities in private practice, education, health and human service settings. It will interest professionals seeking a career change, or those wishing to fine-tune qualifications by adding vocational emphasis or gain an academic qualification to formalise years of work experience. It may also be of particular relevance to those working in education, nursing, health or human services.

This program provides practical training that leads to the acquisition of knowledge, skills, and experience in professional counselling, family therapy, and ethical practice competencies in both class and a live clinical context. A feature of the program is the experiential clinical component that takes place in Internships in Relationships Australia, Centacare and the Community Counselling Clinic at the University. This enables you to integrate counselling theory with practice in a structured and safe learning environment.

Students will acquire the relevant counselling knowledge and skills by satisfactorily completing at least 200 hours of counselling and additional supervision within the Internship.

Student will also undertake a Research project related to counselling practice and document this in a 10,000-12,000 word dissertation, comprising a literature review, methodology, findings and implications for further study.

The Master of Counselling will be offered to students with an approved three year degree in Counselling (via Pathway B) or a related area such as teaching, nursing, or other human services/ health related area, or a Bachelor Degree in other areas approved by the University (via Pathway A). The program specialises in advanced counselling practice skills as well as specialised areas such as counselling addictions, counselling children and adolescents, counselling in mental health and expressive therapies.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

There are two pathways to enter this program. Candidates for this award are required to hold either:

- an approved three-year degree in Counselling (AQF Level 7) (Pathway B); or
- a Bachelor Degree (AQF Level 7) in other areas approved by the University (Pathway A)

The entry pathway followed for admission to this program will determine the courses required to be studied in order to meet program requirements.

REQUIREMENTS FOR PLACEMENTS

You must hold a current Blue Card[#] before starting your first supervised counselling experience. Blue Card applications should be submitted with your application to USC. If you do not submit an application, or apply but are ineligible, you will not be able to undertake the professional experience components of the program. Many agencies also require a Police check in addition to the Blue Card.

[#] Blue Cards are issued by the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian. More information on Blue Cards and how to apply available via the website: <http://www.cccypcg.qld.gov.au/bluecard/about.html>.

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

All graduates will be eligible to apply for registration with the following professional bodies according to the guidelines set down for membership by the professional body:

- Australian Counselling Association (ACA)
- Associations accredited by the Psychotherapy and Counselling Federation of Australia (PACFA)
- Queensland Counsellors Association

ACCREDITATION

This program is fully accredited with the Psychotherapy and Counselling Federation of Australia and the Australian Counselling Association.

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■ Master of Counselling

Duration: 2 years full-time or equivalent part-time

Commence: Semester 1

Study mode: on campus

Total courses: 16

CRICOS code: Not available to international students on a Student visa.

Comprehensive program information: www.usc.edu.au/AR708

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Master of Social Work (Qualifying)

- Advance your career with a portable, professional qualification
- Gain entry to the Australian Association of Social Workers
- Placements offer extensive field education and experience

Become an accredited practitioner and create a more socially just world.

The Master of Social Work (Qualifying)[†] prepares professionals to work with individuals, families, groups and communities across the domains of policy, practice, theory and research. It creates a new pathway for entry into the social work profession and provides opportunities for you to advance in your career and move between different forms of employment.

The program follows the accreditation requirements of the Australian Association of Social Workers (AASW) and delivers requisite knowledge, values and skills for the social work profession. You complete ten 12-unit courses plus two 36-unit (500-hour) field education placements.

In the coursework component you gain a critical understanding of society and how it has developed and is organised; knowledge of social welfare arrangements, their history and organisation, and related law in Australia; and knowledge of the individual, including human behaviour and development, personality development, life cycle stages, family and social networks, physical health and ill-health, mental health, disability, vulnerability and resilience.

Your field education placements (1,000 hours) provide extensive field education and experience, and enable you to integrate social work theory and practice-based learning in a structured, safe and supported learning environment. You must complete the field education placements to graduate. You may be required to undertake a criminal history check and apply for a Blue Card*. You must have your own means of transport.

As a graduate you will be well prepared to work in government organisations, community agencies and private practice in both local and international contexts. As a practitioner you will be proficient in critically analysing and formulating creative responses to social, political, cultural, historical or gendered disadvantage faced by vulnerable citizens through various modes of practice, such as case management, counselling, policy analysis and development, organisational management, social action, advocacy, community development, education and research.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible for admissions applicants must hold a relevant three-year Bachelor degree (AQF Level 7) that includes the equivalent of at least one year of full-time studies in social sciences (studies of the individual and society).

Applicants may also be required to attend an interview and undertake additional foundational study, if their prior degree has not specifically addressed social work, sociology and psychology, as determined by the Faculty of Arts and Business.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

This program provides advanced social work skills that are relevant in diverse settings including mental health, disability, policy development, child protection, community development, advocacy, Indigenous and multicultural agencies, women's organisations, youth work and counselling.

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

Graduates will be eligible for membership to the AASW and to practice as professional social workers. Membership to the AASW enables you to apply to become a mental health accredited practitioner, which attracts a Medicare rebate for private practitioners.

[†] Provisionally accredited by the Australian Association of Social Workers (AASW).

Blue Cards are issued by the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian. More information on Blue Cards and how to apply available via the website: <http://www.ccyvpcg.qld.gov.au/bluecard/about.html>.

FEES

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■ Master of Social Work (Qualifying)

Duration: 2 years full-time, 4 years part-time

Commence: Semester 1 and Semester 2

Study mode: on campus

Total courses: 16

CRICOS code: 073869J. Only a full-time option is available to international students on a Student visa.

Comprehensive program information: www.usc.edu.au/AR707

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Master of Psychology (Clinical)

- Gain Associate Membership of the Australian Psychological Society's College of Clinical Psychologists
- Undertake supervised practicum placements in a range of settings
- Extend your knowledge and research a topic of interest

Gain registration to practice as a psychologist.

The Master of Psychology (Clinical) trains psychology graduates in clinical psychology to meet the requirements for registration to practise as psychologists.

The program has three major components—coursework in professional and clinical psychology, supervised practicum placements, and a research project and thesis.

Coursework delivery is via a combination of lectures, seminars, practical exercises, written assignments, and skills demonstration and practice.

Practicum placements involve you working as a provisional psychologist, under appropriate supervision, in a range of settings beginning in the University's Psychology Clinic. Your work is assessed through written reports, case presentations, professional portfolios and observation by supervisors and the course coordinator.

The research project involves a review of relevant literature leading to a research question, design and conduct of an appropriate study, data collection and analysis, and preparation of a thesis consisting of the literature review and a report of the research study. The thesis is assessed by independent examination.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Graduates of this program meet the requirements to gain registration to practice as a psychologist. Advanced skills in psychology can be applied in diverse settings including health and education services, community work, training and development, human resource management, exercise science and research.

ACCREDITATION

Accredited by The Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC) and approved by The Australian Psychological Society (APS) College of Clinical Psychologists as a fifth and sixth year program in Psychology, graduates of the Master of Psychology (Clinical) are eligible to apply to the Psychology Board of Australia (PBA) for general registration.

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

Graduates are eligible for associate membership of the Australian Psychological Society's College of Clinical Psychologists.

FEES

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■ Master of Psychology (Clinical)

Duration: 2 years full-time, 4 years part-time

Commence: Semester 1 only

Study mode: on campus

Total courses: 16

CRICOS code: 070701B. Only a full-time option is available to international students on a Student visa.

Comprehensive program information: www.usc.edu.au/AR703

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