



Master of Counselling (SCM401.1)

Please note these are the 2023 details for this course

Domestic students

Selection rank	PG
English language requirements	<p>There are non-standard English language requirements for this course. To be eligible you must have an overall IELTS Academic score (or equivalent) of 7.0, with no band score below 7.0. For alternate/equivalent ways of meeting the English requirements for this course please view the English Proficiency Requirements document on the university website.</p> <p>View IELTS equivalences</p>
Duration	2.0 years
UAC code	
Faculty	Faculty of Health
Discipline	Discipline of Counselling
Location	UC - Canberra, Online
Fees	<p>2022: \$24,800 per year</p> <p>Disclaimer:</p> <p>Annual fee rates</p> <p>The fees shown are the annual fee rates for the course. The annual rate is the fee that applies to standard full-time enrolment, which is 24 credit points. The final fee charged is based on the proportion of 24 credit points in which a student enrolls. Students enrolled in a Commonwealth Support Place (CSP) are required to make a contribution towards the cost of their education, which is set by the Commonwealth Government. Information on Commonwealth Supported Places, HECS-HELP and how fees are calculated can be found here.</p>

International students

Academic entry requirements	<p>To study at UC, you'll need to meet our academic entry requirements and any admission requirements specific to your course. Please read your course admission requirements below. To find out whether you meet UC's academic entry requirements, visit our academic entry requirements page.</p> <p>View UC's academic entry requirements</p>
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About this course

The Master of Counselling provides advanced training in counselling, as well as a pathway to registration with the Australian Counselling Association - the nation's professional accreditation body for counsellors and psychotherapists. The course places an emphasis on skills development, interactive teaching, experiential learning and self awareness, supporting the student to: - develop skills in critical thinking, communication, problem solving and advanced approaches to working with clients - access experiential, collaborative and holistic approaches to learning, enabling the development of in-depth practical knowledge and skills, self-awareness and reflexivity - work with diverse range of clients, respecting the importance of social and cultural contexts - access the most recent and relevant academic conventions and materials to complete a research project. Students will undertake counselling placements within an appropriate agency, while being guided by qualified clinical supervisors and learning from peers. By the end of the course, students will be competent in a range of counselling skills, including collaborative goal setting, empathy, reflective listening, assessment, change and clinical interventions and graduate as a professional counsellor, ready for employment across community agencies, government departments, public health settings or as a private practitioner.

Professional accreditation

This course is designed as a professional qualification in counselling and is designed to meet the Australian Counselling Association's (ACA) Professional Training Standards. The University is presently in the process of seeking accreditation with ACA and anticipates students will likely be eligible to apply for membership with ACA once the accreditation process is complete.

Admission requirements

Admission to this course is competitive. Applications will be assessed on the basis of academic merit, work experience and the number of available places.

Applicants must:

1. have an undergraduate or postgraduate degree in any discipline; and
2. provide a one page summary of their work experience (paid/unpaid).

No Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) will be offered for any units included in this course.

Students progressing to this course from the Graduate Certificate in Counselling (SCC401) must complete the four Graduate Certificate units to be eligible for admission.

Additional admission requirements

Students are required to undergo a National Police check and relevant state-based checks (i.e. Working with Vulnerable People Check, Working With Children Check) as required by each placement agency in order to be accepted for each unit that includes a placement.

Assumed knowledge

None.

Periods course is open for new admissions

Year	Location	Teaching period	Teaching start date	Domestic	International
2023	UC - Canberra, Online	Study Block 1	09 January 2023	✓	
2023	UC - Canberra, Online	Study Block 2	06 March 2023	✓	
2023	UC - Canberra, Online	Study Block 3	08 May 2023	✓	
2023	UC - Canberra, Online	Study Block 4	03 July 2023	✓	
2023	UC - Canberra, Online	Study Block 5	28 August 2023	✓	
2023	UC - Canberra, Online	Study Block 6	23 October 2023	✓	
2024	UC - Canberra, Online	Study Block 1	08 January 2024	✓	
2024	UC - Canberra, Online	Study Block 2	04 March 2024	✓	
2024	UC - Canberra, Online	Study Block 3	06 May 2024	✓	
2024	UC - Canberra, Online	Study Block 4	01 July 2024	✓	
2024	UC - Canberra, Online	Study Block 5	26 August 2024	✓	
2024	UC - Canberra, Online	Study Block 6	21 October 2024	✓	

Credit arrangements

There are currently no formal credit transfer arrangements for entry to this course. Any previous study or work experience will only be considered as part of the application process in accordance with current [course rules](#) and [university policy](#). Credit is not permitted towards completion of a graduate certificate.

Course requirements

Master of Counselling (SCM401) | 36 credit points

Required - Must pass 36 credit points as follows

Counselling Theory and Approaches G (11739) | 3 credit points – Level G

Core Counselling Skills G (11740) | 3 credit points – Level G

Principles of Ethical Conduct in Counselling G (11741) | 3 credit points – Level G

Diversity Inclusion Respect G (11742) | 3 credit points – Level G

Introduction to Placement and Supervision PG (11743) | 3 credit points – Level P

Counselling Skills in Practice PG (11744) | 3 credit points – Level P

Loss, Grief and Trauma in Counselling PG (11745) | 3 credit points – Level P

Placement A - Putting it all into Practice PG (11746) | 3 credit points – Level P

Placement B - Masters Practicum PG (11747) | 3 credit points – Level P

Understanding Mental Health PG (11748) | 3 credit points – Level P

Next Level Counselling Skills PG (11749) | 3 credit points – Level P

Creative Practices in Counselling PG (11750) | 3 credit points – Level P

In addition to course requirements, in order to successfully complete your course you may need to meet the inherent requirements. Please refer to the [inherent requirements statement](#) applicable to your course

Typical study pattern

Course information

Course duration

The standard duration for this course is two years (12 Study Blocks). The maximum duration is five years.

Learning outcomes

Learning outcomes	Related graduate attributes
Demonstrate ethical awareness and professional conduct in the context of the counselling profession and its obligations to diversity, communities and society.	<p>UC graduates are professional: Employ up-to-date and relevant knowledge and skills; communicate effectively; use creativity, critical thinking, analysis and research skills to solve theoretical and real-world problems; work collaboratively as part of a team, negotiate, and resolve conflict; display initiative and drive, and use their organisational skills to plan and manage their workload; and take pride in their professional and personal integrity.</p> <p>UC graduates are global citizens: Think globally about issues in their profession; adopt an informed and balanced approach across professional and international boundaries; understand issues in their profession from the perspective of other cultures; communicate effectively in diverse cultural and social settings; make creative use of technology in their learning and</p>

professional lives; and behave ethically and sustainably in their professional and personal lives.

UC graduates are lifelong learners: Reflect on their own practice, updating and adapting their knowledge and skills for continual professional and academic development; be self-aware; and adapt to complexity, ambiguity and change by being flexible and keen to engage with new ideas.

UC graduates are able to demonstrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander ways of knowing, being and doing: Use local Indigenous histories and traditional ecological knowledge to develop and augment understanding of their discipline; communicate and engage with Indigenous Australians in ethical and culturally respectful ways; and apply their knowledge to working with Indigenous Australians in socially just ways.

Demonstrate and incorporate reflective practice in personal and professional development.

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Synthesise literature in and across relevant fields to inform professional practice and support pathways to further learning.

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Demonstrate and justify the selection of integrated and advanced discipline specific theoretical knowledge and skill-based practice.

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Demonstrate advanced collaborative and leadership skills.

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<p>Build on integrated technology literacies and capacities in professional practice.</p>	<p>UC graduates are professional: Use creativity, critical thinking, analysis and research skills to solve theoretical and real-world problems.</p> <p>UC graduates are global citizens: Think globally about issues in their profession; communicate effectively in diverse cultural and social settings; and make creative use of technology in their learning and professional lives.</p> <p>UC graduates are lifelong learners: Adapt to complexity, ambiguity and change by being flexible and keen to engage with new ideas; and evaluate and adopt new technology.</p>
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Placements requirements

This course includes a compulsory placement of 200 hours. Students will be expected to travel up to 1.5 hours to attend a placement, or in the case of regional and remote students, may need to travel further or potentially relocate for the duration of the placement if one cannot be secured in their area. In addition to the placement requirements, students will be required to attend a 5-day intensive workshop in person. The location of this is to be determined, with an on-campus site being certain.

Awards

Award	Official abbreviation
Master of Counselling	M Couns

Alternative exits

SCC401 Graduate Certificate in Counselling and SCG401 Graduate Diploma in Counselling. For details see the individual course entries.

Enquiries

Student category	Contact details
Prospective Students	Email: study@canberra.edu.au or Phone: 1800 UNI CAN (1800 864 226)
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UC acknowledges the Ngunnawal people, traditional custodians of the lands where Bruce campus is situated. We wish to acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the life of Canberra and the region. We also acknowledge all other First Nations Peoples on whose lands we gather.