



Bachelor of Counselling (Domestic students)

Program code	Entry requirements	Prerequisites
1548	67.00	NIL
Available at	ATAR/RANK 2024	Assumed knowledge
Gold Coast Campus, Mt Gravatt Campus	(more)	Any General or Applied English subject (Units 3&4, C)
Duration	Commencing in	
3 years full-time 6 years part-time	Trimester 1, Trimester 2 and Trimester 3	
Credit points		
240		
Indicative fee		
\$12,500.00* per year (more)		
* 2024 indicative annual CSP fee		



About this program

You will gain skills in providing professional counselling to assist others in resolving personal or professional problems. Working in the counselling profession involves guiding and empowering people to develop self-understanding and to make changes in their lives in order to accomplish mental health, wellness, education, and career goals. Counsellors assist people by offering them a structured and focused way of addressing their problems, and work with clients on developing strategies to overcome obstacles and personal challenges that they are facing. You will gain advanced theoretical knowledge and counselling skills by completing courses in counselling skills theory and practice, methods of coaching, group facilitation, career counselling, positive psychology, lifespan development, ethics and case management.

My attendance during the program

Attendance information

The Bachelor of Counselling is offered full-time and part-time on-campus at the Mt Gravatt and Gold Coast campuses. You may choose to study courses at other campuses if or where the program structure allows. As a full-time student you will generally attend 10-15 hours of scheduled classes per week throughout the trimester. Classes may be scheduled during the day and evening throughout the week.

Student Income Support

To be classed as a full-time student, you are required to enrol in a minimum number of credit points each standard study period. The minimum credit points for full-time enrolment in this program is 30 credit points.

Trimester 1 and Trimester 2 are deemed standard study periods. As Trimester 3 is a non-standard study period, continuing students moving from one year to the next will not be required to study during this trimester to be eligible for student income support.

Domestic students who commence in Trimester 3 may be eligible for student income support from the onset of study provided they are enrolled full-time in this study period.

Please refer to the [Australian Government website](#) for more details.

Work-integrated learning

Work-integrated learning activities (professional placements) integrate theoretical learning with its application in the workplace. The inclusion of work-integrated learning activities in the degree program demonstrates Griffith's commitment to preparing its graduates for success in their working life, while meeting accreditation requirements as part of the Australian Counselling Association (ACA) and Psychotherapy and Counselling Federation of Australia (PACFA) Training Standards.

In this program students will spend time in the work/professional environment undertaking placements at various locations throughout Brisbane metropolitan/Gold Coast area. Total work placement (hours): 280.

My career opportunities

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Graduates will be skilled in a range of counselling approaches with their clients and can develop careers in specific areas, including family and relationship counselling, career counselling, and telephone/internet counselling, correctional counselling, addiction counselling, domestic violence counselling, and student advising.

Program accreditation

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The Bachelor of Counselling is accredited by the [Australian Counselling Association \(ACA\)](#) and the [Psychotherapy and Counselling Federation of Australia \(PACFA\)](#)

Professional recognition

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Graduates are eligible for membership with the [Psychotherapy and Counselling Federation of Australia \(PACFA\)](#) and the [Australian Counselling Association \(ACA\)](#). Graduates can also register as a counsellor with the Australian Register of Counsellors and Psychotherapists ([ARCAP](#)).

Placement requirements

Professional Practice requirements

There are placements associated with this program and before undertaking professional experience placements, all students in this program are required to have completed the following by the end of their first trimester of study:

- Vaccinations and Health Tests
- Licenses and Certificates
- Online Training
- Health Placement Requirements

Students should refer to the **checklist of professional practice requirements for their Health discipline** on the [Health Placement Support Hub](#) for full details of the requirements regarding professional placement to ensure that they meet eligibility for placement.

What are the fees?

Commonwealth supported students

- The indicative fee represents the expected average fee for an annual full-time study load (80 credit points). This is based on average study patterns across courses and the Australian Government's broad discipline areas (student contribution bands). A student's actual annual fee may vary in accordance with his or her choice of majors and electives. The Australian Government sets student contribution amounts on an annual basis.
- [Find out more...](#)

Fee-paying undergraduate (domestic) students

These fees are only applicable to domestic students who are not Commonwealth supported including:

- Full-fee paying domestic students who commenced their program prior to 2009.
- International students who have been approved to pay domestic tuition fees after obtaining Australian or New Zealand citizenship or permanent residency or a permanent humanitarian visa and who have not obtained a Commonwealth supported place.

Tuition fees

- A fee-paying undergraduate student pays tuition fees.
- Students are liable for tuition fees for the courses they are enrolled in as at the census date.
- The tuition fee is charged according to the approved program fee for the trimester in which the student is enrolled.
- [Find out more...](#)

FEE-HELP

Eligible undergraduate fee-paying students may defer their tuition fees by taking out a FEE-HELP loan which is part of the Higher Education Loan Program (HELP). Payment of the loan is via the taxation system when income reaches a specified level.

- [Higher Education Loan Program \(HELP\)](#)

Further information

- [Calculating tuition fees](#)
- [Calculating your EFTSL](#)
- [Fees and Charges Procedure](#)
 - 3.2 - Fees for Undergraduate Students (Non-international)
 - [Fees and Charges Schedules](#)
- [Financial help and support](#)

Additional fee information

Throughout your program you may be required to pay for the following items:

first aid certificate; immunisations; National Police check; expenses associated with placements such as travel.