

# GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN COUNSELLING (1647)

**Approved Abbreviation:** GradDipCouns  
**Western Sydney University Program Code:** 1647  
**AQF Level:** 8

Commencement Year 2011 to 2015 - 1647.4 Graduate Diploma in Counselling (<http://handbook.uws.edu.au/hbook/course.aspx?course=1647.4>)

Commencement Year 2010 - 1647.3 Graduate Diploma in Counselling (<http://handbook.uws.edu.au/hbook/course.aspx?course=1647.3>)

Commencement Year 2009 - 1647.2 Graduate Diploma in Counselling (<http://handbook.uws.edu.au/hbook/course.aspx?course=1647.2>)

Commencement Year 2008 - 1647.1 Graduate Diploma in Counselling (<http://handbook.uws.edu.au/hbook/course.aspx?course=1647.1>)

Counselling is a cross-disciplinary pathway into a career in helping human beings in distress. In counselling, clients learn self-knowledge and become able to change through a dedicated helping relationship, in which high levels of skill, sensitivity, self-knowledge and ethical conduct are required of the helper. In contrast to some of the longer-established helping professions, counselling, as taught in this program, places greater emphasis on the creation of a therapeutic environment for the client than on specific techniques or the application of particular theoretical models. This program is aimed specifically at graduates in any discipline who can demonstrate the personal qualities required for this demanding profession.

## Early Exit

Students may exit this program on completion of 40 credit points with a 1648 Graduate Certificate in Counselling (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2022-2023/programs/graduate-certificate-counselling/>)

## Study Mode

Two years part-time.

## Program Advice

Penelope Gardner (<https://directory.westernsydney.edu.au/search/email/p.gardner@westernsydney.edu.au>)

Prospective students should visit the following websites for general enquiries about this program.

Enquire about this program (<https://enquiry.westernsydney.edu.au/courseenquiry/>) | Local Admission (<https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/future/>) | International Admission (<https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/international/home/apply/admissions/>) |

## Location

Campus	Attendance	Mode	Advice
Parramatta Campus - Victoria Road	Part Time	Internal	Penny Gardner ( <a href="https://directory.westernsydney.edu.au/search/profile/12329/">https://directory.westernsydney.edu.au/search/profile/12329/</a> )

## Accreditation

This program is accredited with the Psychotherapy and Counselling Federation of Australia (PACFA) and the Australian Counselling Association (ACA).

## Inherent Requirements

There are inherent requirements for this program that you must meet in order to complete your program and graduate. Make sure you read and understand the requirements for this program online.

Inherent Requirements ([https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/ir/inherent\\_requirements/inherent\\_requirements\\_for\\_graduate\\_diploma\\_in\\_counselling/](https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/ir/inherent_requirements/inherent_requirements_for_graduate_diploma_in_counselling/))

## Admission

Applicants must have successfully completed an undergraduate degree or higher in any discipline.

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Participate in a group interview on campus to demonstrate their suitability for the program.

Invitations to the interview process will be selective, based on CV and letter, and interviewees will be ranked, as numbers admitted to the program are limited.

Information for applicants about the Interview

Applicants are required to upload a detailed CV and an accompanying letter to their application addressing the following:

- Reason for wishing to pursue a counselling qualification
- Relevant life experience
- Relevant work or volunteer experience

**Applications and supporting documentation must be submitted by the final UAC closing date of 31 January.**

Special Requirements Prerequisites

NSW Health Compliance, National Police Check and Working with Children Check are required for subjects WELF 7002 Clinical Studies in Psychotherapy and Counselling and WELF 7012 Further Clinical Studies in Psychotherapy and Counselling and successful applicants need to complete these checks on or soon after enrolment in the program.

## Program Structure

Qualification for this award requires the successful completion of 80 credit points including the subjects listed below.

## Recommended Sequence

### Part-time start-year intake

Course	Title	Credit Points
<b>Year 1</b>		
<b>Autumn session</b>		
WELF 7009	Foundations of Psychotherapy and Counselling 1	20
		<b>Credit Points</b>
		<b>20</b>
<b>Spring session</b>		
WELF 7010	Foundations of Psychotherapy and Counselling 2	10
WELF 7006	Counselling and Psychotherapy Practice	10
		<b>Credit Points</b>
		<b>20</b>

**Year 2**

**1H session**

WELF 7002	Clinical Studies in Psychotherapy and Counselling	20
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**Credit Points** **20**

**2H session**

WELF 7012	Further Clinical Studies in Psychotherapy and Counselling	20
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**Credit Points** **20**

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**Total Credit Points** **80**