

WELF 6001 ETHICS AND DIVERSITY IN COUNSELLING

Credit Points 10

Legacy Code 102909

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Description This subject is designed to prepare students to work in a diverse society as counsellors and advocates. Students will study the emergence of research in the counselling professions and explore connections and tensions between personal, professional and research ethics. Students will have the opportunity to examine their own cultural identity development, their own relationship with power and privilege and how these may impact their counselling practice. The subject will critically examine the evolution of the multicultural movement in the counselling profession and will consider issues and concerns of several non-dominant populations, including intersectionality in working with diverse ethnicities, genders, sexualities, religions, age and ability status.

School Social Sciences

Discipline Counselling

Student Contribution Band HECS Band 4 10cp

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Level Postgraduate Coursework Level 6 subject

Equivalent Subjects WELF 7008 - Ethics and Diversity in Research and Therapy HUMN 7036 - Research in the Social Sciences

Restrictions

Students must be enrolled in 1817 - Master of Psychotherapy and Counselling.

Assumed Knowledge

Concurrent or previous study of any foundational subject in counselling.

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this subject, students should be able to:

1. Evaluate theories, evolution and contemporary issues in the counselling profession and in multicultural counselling.
2. Analyse diversity, ethical issues and considerations in multicultural counselling.
3. Collaborate with individuals from intersecting and diverse backgrounds to contribute to the solution for ethical issues in multicultural counselling.
4. Reflect on own values and awareness to enhance personal and professional development in multicultural counselling.

Subject Content

1. Theories and evolution of ethical principles in counselling and psychotherapy.
2. Diversity issues in counselling practices.
3. Ethical issues in multicultural counselling.
4. Key ethical principles and frameworks in counselling and psychotherapy.

5. Personal and professional awareness and development in counselling and psychotherapy.

Assessment

The following table summarises the standard assessment tasks for this subject. Please note this is a guide only. Assessment tasks are regularly updated, where there is a difference your Learning Guide takes precedence.

Type	Length	Percent	Threshold	Individual/ Group Task	Mandatory
Annotated Bibliography	750 words	15	N	Individual	N
Case Study	1,000 words	40	N	Individual	Y
Essay	1,250 words	45	N	Individual	Y

Prescribed Texts

- Finlay, L. (2019). *Practical ethics in counselling and psychotherapy: A relational approach*. SAGE Publications, Limited.

Teaching Periods

Autumn (2025)

Parramatta - Victoria Rd

On-site

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