



### Develop your professional counselling skills with UWS

The Graduate Diploma in Counselling and the Graduate Certificate in Counselling are designed for professionals within a recognised helping profession, and already working in counselling, who wish to upgrade their skills in this critical area.

In counselling, clients learn and change within a dedicated helping relationship, helped by a professional exercising high level skills, sensitivity, self-knowledge and ethical conduct.

Counselling is a relatively new area of university study. Unlike some of the longer-established helping professions, counselling, as taught at UWS, emphasises the creation of a therapeutic environment rather than specific techniques or particular theoretical models.

As a student, you will learn the fundamental skills common to all recognised counselling and psychotherapy approaches while developing your self-awareness and ability to work ethically and responsibly with your clients.

Our academic staff of experienced counsellors and therapists represents a range of professional backgrounds and orientations. You will learn from people whose clinical experience directly informs their teaching.

### Career opportunities

Successful graduates work with a wide range of client groups presenting problems across

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POSTGRADUATE  
COUNSELLING

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the spectrum: from addictions to family support; from relationship counselling to sexual assault; from problem gambling to women's health.

Our students are mature age adults with life experience and are sought by potential employers.

### Professional accreditation

There is no single national system of recognition or accreditation for counsellors at this time. However, our course meets the training standards recommended by the Psychotherapy and Counselling Federation of Australia, a peak body representing a large number of professional organisations in the sector.

### COURSE SUMMARY

UAC CODE AUTUMN	COURSE NAME	STUDY MODE	CAMPUS
952814	Graduate Diploma in Counselling	2P	Penrith
952815	Graduate Certificate in Counselling	1P	Penrith

STUDY UNDER  
EXPERIENCED  
COUNSELLORS  
AND THERAPISTS.



## Simone Wright

Solution Designer for Corporate Workshops, Resource Management and Logistics, Price Waterhouse Coopers.

Suitability to current needs was the deciding factor for Simone Wright in choosing her postgraduate degree at the University of Western Sydney.

'I chose to study at UWS because it offered the course I wanted in the format I needed, that is part-time,' she says.

'I enjoyed the course design and content. The teachers were excellent, some of the best in Australia.

'The course has provided me with the confidence to work with clients and the academic work that augments with my current full-time position.'

### Further information

Contact the Course Information Centre on 1300 897 669 or email [postgraduatestudy@uws.edu.au](mailto:postgraduatestudy@uws.edu.au)

International students call +612 9852 5499 or email [internationalstudy@uws.edu.au](mailto:internationalstudy@uws.edu.au)

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## STUDY SEQUENCE – PART-TIME

Counselling	Graduate Diploma	Graduate Certificate
<b>YEAR 1 - SESSION 1</b>		
Counselling 1	•	•
<b>YEAR 1 - SESSION 2</b>		
Counselling 2	•	•
<b>YEAR 2 - SESSION 1</b>		
Clinical Studies	•	
<b>YEAR 2 - SESSION 2</b>		
Further Clinical Studies	•	

### Entry requirements for Graduate Diploma

Applicants must have successfully completed an undergraduate degree in any discipline AND

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

Prior to the interview, applicants will be required to submit a detailed CV to [socialsciences@uws.edu.au](mailto:socialsciences@uws.edu.au) and an accompanying letter of application addressing the following:

- reason for wishing to pursue a counselling qualification
- relevant life experience
- relevant work or volunteer experience.

### Recognition of prior learning

Because of the strongly integrated nature of the curriculum, and the incorporation of significant personal development components throughout the year, we do not normally grant recognition of prior learning or advanced standing for individual units.

This practice has been validated by many experienced counsellors who, after their applications for advanced standing were declined, reported being glad that they had completed the whole program, which they often found more challenging than expected.

### Pathways

You may opt to graduate with a Graduate Certificate in Counselling after completing Counselling 1 and Counselling 2.

Students with a strong interest in the creative arts may wish to transfer after the first year to the Master of Art Therapy program, for which Counselling 1 and Counselling 2 are foundation units.

### How to apply

Applications for the course must be made online through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) at [www.uac.edu.au](http://www.uac.edu.au)

Further information on postgraduate courses and the application procedure is available at [myfuture.uws.edu.au](http://myfuture.uws.edu.au)

### For international students

As this course is offered part-time it is not available to international students due to Australian student visa regulations.