



COUNSELLING AND CARE CENTRE

Graduate Diploma In Counselling  
Practice

**GDIP**

**1 July 2024 to 26 May 2025**

The course will be funded under the non-preapproved route for VWOs.

## COURSE DETAILS

### Introduction

The Graduate Diploma in Counselling Practice course aims to equip social service professionals with the knowledge and skills essential to competent counselling. Its distinctive feature is that more than 50% of course time is devoted to clinical practice under supervision thereby giving social service professionals the opportunity to hone their clinical skills. It also promotes professional development and personal growth of the participants.

This course is fully recognised by the Singapore Association for Counselling (SAC) as a course that prepares individuals to be registered counsellors in Singapore.

### Learning Outcomes

This course enables participants to:

1. Grasp the concepts and theories of counselling.
2. Describe, discriminate and demonstrate core counselling skills.
3. Utilise the Problem-Solving Approach as a practice model.
4. Understand how to work with specific client groups and issues.
5. Enhance competency in counselling practice through live supervision and consultation of their clinical work.

### Duration

300 hours (part-time), 11 months.

### Structure

Classes are held on Mondays. The course is full day, initially from 9am to 5.30pm for the first 10 weeks, and gradually progressively adjusted such that the classes will be from 10:30am to 8:30pm by the beginning of the second semester. The course comprises of the two main components of theory and supervised clinical practice, covered in the following modules.

COURSE MODULES	TRAINERS
1. Counselling Concepts and Theories	Andrew Chong, Cheryl Lim, Elysia Tan, Goh Xin Ying, Lim Li Zhen, Terence Tan, Tremandy Ng
2. Working with Specific Client Groups & Issues	Andrew Chong, Charlotte Chen, Dr. Ang Xinying, Dr. Chua Wei Bin, Foo Soo Jen, Lim Li Zhen, Tremandy Ng, Tony Ong
3. Counselling Skills and Supervised Practice	Andrew Chong, Elysia Tan, Goh Xin Ying, Lim Li Zhen, Steven Soh, Tremandy Ng

Minimum Class Size: 15

Average Teacher-Student Ratio: 1:6

## Teaching and Learning Strategies

Group supervision will be conducted in small groups in our premises as well. Each group will be assigned with a supervisor for interactive and experiential learning such as group discussions, reflective exercises, audio/video-taped demonstration of clinical work and supervised practice of clinical work.

## ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

Applicants should:

1. Be at least 23 years old and be proficient in English
2. Possess a degree in Counselling, Psychology or Social Work and/or post graduate diploma in Social Work or Counselling
3. Have acquired at least 2 years working experience involving formal counselling work

## ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE

Written examination is held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of January, which is the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester.

Clinical Viva is held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of May, which is the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester.

Submission of project paper by the course end date.

## REQUIREMENTS FOR COMPLETION

### Methods of Assessment

Written assignments, project paper, written examination, clinical viva, clinical supervisor's assessment.

Trainees should:

1. Attain attendance of at least 80% of total 300 course hours.
2. Obtain a pass grade (scoring 50% and above) for each of the three components, namely, the written examination, clinical evaluation and project paper.
3. Submit 100-hour log of counselling work at agency of practice.
4. Fulfil required number of sessions for individual supervision and personal tape reviews.
5. Submit all written coursework.

## APPLICATION

### 2024/2025 Intake

2024/2025 Intake: July 2024

Date of commencement: 1 July 2024

Date of completion: 26 May 2025

## Documents for Application

Submission of the following supportive documents is required for processing of the application:

1. CV
2. Educational qualifications and highest English language proficiency (with grades attained, if applicable)
3. Letter of reference from the home agency/ Employer
4. Personal statement - A letter of introduction not exceeding 500 words on your reasons and/or experiences that have shaped your desire to apply for this course of study

## Shortlisted Applicants

- Applicants will be notified via email within 7 days from the closing date of application if they have been shortlisted for an interview.
- The interview dates are 16 April to 26 April 2024. Applicants will be notified via email within 14 working days after the end of interview period if they are accepted to the course.

## How to Apply

Applications are **now** open. Please submit the Training Application Form using the following link:

<https://counsel.org.sg/graduate-diploma-in-counselling-practice-gdip/>

Kindly refer to our website for updates of the closing date.

## Course Fee

Course Fee: \$14,420.70

FPS Premium: \$144.21

Total Course Fee: \$14,564.91

No. of Instalments: 1

Application Fee: \$163.50

All fees quoted are inclusive of GST.

\*FPS is Fee Protection Scheme. FPS premium amounting to 1.0% of the Course Fees (subject to a minimum premium of S\$25.46) will be paid by the trainee. Application fee, FPS premium, and GST are non-refundable.

For more information about fee payment structure, please refer to the following link in our website.

<https://counsel.org.sg/fee-payment-structure>

## Contact Us

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