



Alphacrucis University College

COURSE HANDBOOK

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN TRAUMA COUNSELLING

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Overview

Graduate Certificate in Trauma Counselling	Program Director	Sharon Garro
	AQF Level	AQF Level 8 (Postgraduate)
	Qualification	Graduate Certificate
	Subjects	4
	IELTS	6.5
	Languages of Instruction	English
	CRICOS Code	108382F
	ASCED Code	090513
	Accreditation	Until 2028 (TEQSA)
	Course Length	1 year part time* <i>*This course is only available for part-time study only.</i>
Entry Requirements	https://www.ac.edu.au/awards/graduate-certificate-trauma-counselling/	

COURSE OVERVIEW

The Graduate Certificate in Trauma Counselling has been designed to produce graduates who embody integrity, professional knowledge, and social skills, making a positive contribution to society in the unique discipline of trauma counselling.

The course draws on Alphacrucis University College's (AC) expertise in social science and its record of educating successful community service practitioners across a range of contexts. It introduces students to a broad range of counselling technical and theoretical concepts from a Christian worldview.

Graduates will develop foundational skills in critical thinking, problem-solving, teamwork, and communication at a postgraduate level.

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Course Structure

Note: Contact the Student Support Team for access to previous course version.

This course structure applies from Semester 2, 2023.

The course structure is based on one semester full-time (each semester has a 13 weeks duration, plus an exam week). It comprises:

- 40 credit points of compulsory core subjects

To qualify for award of Graduate Certificate in Trauma Counselling a candidate shall complete at least 40 credit points, including satisfactory completion of the core subjects noted below.

Content of the course of study

Credit points

Core Subjects

SSC447 Trauma Informed Practice I
SSC548 Trauma Informed Practice II
SSC550 Trauma Informed Counselling I
SSC551 Trauma Informed Counselling II

4 x 10

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Recommended Course Progression

Part-time study only

Students can track course progression using the template at the end of this handbook.

CORE

First Year			
Semester 1		Semester 2	
SSC447	Trauma Informed Practice I	SSC548	Trauma Informed Practice II
SSC550	Trauma Informed Counselling I	SSC551	Trauma Informed Counselling II



Course Learning Outcomes

Graduates will be able to demonstrate:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Integrated understanding of key issues, theoretical concepts and practices within trauma counselling;
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Knowledge of various approaches used in trauma counselling within the Christian worldview framework.
Graduates will be able to demonstrate the ability to:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Critically apply knowledge developed for use in trauma counselling;
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use critical, evidence-based and innovative thinking skills to analyse and synthesise ideas and theories from other disciplines related to trauma counselling;
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Effectively communicate ideas and proposed solutions to peers and general audiences;
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identify and critically evaluate new developments and scholarship in trauma counselling.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Articulate appropriate solutions to emerging trauma counselling challenges;
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Evaluate broad conceptual frameworks in trauma counselling;
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Critically and independently apply the knowledge and skills required as a trauma counselling practitioner.



Work Integrated Learning

Work-Integrated Learning must be undertaken the college co-ordinated School Professional Placements. These subjects seek to create a direct linkage between the learning, skills and values engaged in lectures, and the reflection which occurs when these are applied in real-life settings. These work-based training subjects comprise of mentoring and academic assessment in a workplace.

There are no work-integrated learning components in this course.

Other Course Information

For other course information, such as information on Professional Accreditation and available intakes, visit the course web page:

<https://www.ac.edu.au/awards/graduate-certificate-trauma-counselling/>

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Useful Links

AC WEBSITE



<https://www.ac.edu.au/>

ACADEMIC CALENDAR



<https://www.ac.edu.au/key-dates/>

HOW TO ENROL



Please see the [Timetable](#) for available subjects and contact [Student Support Team](#) for tailored academic advice before completing the enrolment form.

AC POLICIES



<https://ww1.ac.edu.au/ppm/>

LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM



Enrolled students will have access to AC's [LMS](#)

FEES



<https://www.ac.edu.au/fees-financing/>

STUDENT FORMS



<https://www.ac.edu.au/forms/>

GRADUATE ATTRIBUTES



<https://ww1.ac.edu.au/ppm/graduate-attributes-policy/>

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Student Support

The Student Support team are available if you need assistance. Email the team via: studentsupport@ac.edu.au or book a phone or video call via: [Bookings](#)

Phone: (02) 8893 9005

<https://www.ac.edu.au/student-services/>

For disability support please contact dso@ac.edu.au

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Course Progression Tracking Template

Graduate Certificate in Trauma Counselling

Student:	
Student ID number:	
Year of commencement:	

- 4 compulsory core subjects
- For detailed subject information please refer to the [website](#)

Subject Code	Pre-Requisite	Subject Name	Completed
SSC447	<i>Nil</i>	Trauma Informed Practice I	
SSC550	<i>Co-enrol with SSC447</i>	Trauma Informed Counselling I	
SSC548	<i>SSC447</i>	Trauma Informed Practice II	
SSC551	<i>SSC550</i>	Trauma Informed Counselling II	