Alphacrucis University College

COURSE HANDBOOK

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN PROFESSIONAL SUPERVISION

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Overview

Graduate Certificate in Professional Supervision	Program Director	Dr Grant Buchanan
	AQF Level	AQF Level 8 (Postgraduate)
	Qualification	Graduate Certificate
	Units	4
	IELTS	7.5
	Languages of Instruction	English
	CRICOS Code	108383E
	ASCED Code	090513
	Accreditation	Self-accredited *(last reviewed 2026)*
	Course Length	18 months part-time* **This course is currently available for part-time study only.*
	Entry Requirements	*https://www.ac.edu.au/awards/graduate-certificate-professional-supervision/*

COURSE OVERVIEW

The Graduate Certificate in Professional Supervision is designed to produce graduates who embody integrity, professional knowledge and social skills, making a positive contribution to society in the unique discipline of cross-vocational professional supervision.

The course introduces students to a broad range of technical and theoretical concepts that underpin professional reflective and clinical supervision practice. Graduates will be able to demonstrate an ability to apply a body of knowledge related to professional supervision across a range of contexts and will be equipped with the necessary knowledge and skills to register as professional supervisors and practise in diverse settings. Graduates will also develop writing and research skills to prepare them for further study, along with introductory skills in critical thinking, problem-solving, teamwork, and communication at a postgraduate level.

Graduates may find employment in a range of professional and educational contexts, including not-for-profit and mission-focused organisations, community service-oriented positions, and roles that require reflective and critical thinking, and professional (clinical and pastoral) supervision skills.

Course Structure

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

This course structure applies to students enrolled from Semester 1, 2027 onwards.		
The course structure is based on three semesters, (13 weeks duration each), part time. It comprises: • 40 credit points of compulsory core units To qualify for award of Graduate Certificate in Professional Supervision a candidate shall complete at least 40 credit points, including satisfactory completion of the core units noted below.		
Content of the course of study		**Credit points**
Core Units	SSC460 Foundations of Professional Supervision (was SSC461) SSC570 Theory and Practice of Professional Supervision (was SSC562) SSC571 Professional Supervision Placement (was SSC560) SSC572 Group Supervision for Professional Placement (was SSC561)	4 x 10
Protocol / Rules	Course duration is over 3 semesters 1. SSC460 Foundations of Professional Supervision 2. SSC570 Theory and Practice of Professional Supervision 3. SSC571 Professional Supervision Placement and SSC572 Group Supervision for Professional Placement	

Recommended Course Progression

CORE

First Year			
Semester 1		**Semester 2**	
SSC460	Foundations of Professional Supervision	SSC570	Theory and Practice of Professional Supervision
Second Year			
Semester 3			
SC571	Professional Supervision Placement		
SSC572	Group Supervision for Professional Placement		

Course Learning Outcomes

Graduates will be able to demonstrate:
• Integrated understanding of key issues, theoretical concepts and practices within professional supervision;
• Knowledge of various approaches used in professional supervision within the Christian worldview framework.
Graduates will be able to demonstrate the ability to:
• Critically apply knowledge developed for use in professional supervision;
• Use critical, evidence-based and innovative thinking skills to analyse and synthesise ideas and theories from other disciplines related to professional supervision;
• Effectively communicate ideas and proposed solutions to peers and general audiences;
• Identify and critically evaluate new developments and scholarship in professional supervision.
• Articulate appropriate solutions to emerging professional supervision challenges;
• Evaluate broad conceptual frameworks in professional supervision;
• Critically and independently apply the knowledge and skills required as a professional supervisor.

Work Integrated Learning

Work-Integrated Learning must be undertaken by completing the college co-ordinated School Professional Placement. This Unit seeks 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. This work-based training Unit comprises mentoring and academic assessment in a workplace.

To qualify for the award of the Graduate Certificate in Professional Supervision, a candidate will complete 40 supervision hours with clients in SSC571 Professional Supervision Placement. In some cases, a new aspect within a student's current paid employment may be suitable as a work placement.

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-professional-supervision/

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 Units 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/

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

Appendix 1

Graduate Diploma of Counselling Course Tracking

Student Name	Start Date	Date Updated

Unit Code	Pre-Requisite	Unit Name	Notes	Credit Points
SSC460	*Nil*	Foundations of Professional Supervision		

Unit Code	Pre-Requisite	Unit Name	Notes	Credit Points
SSC570	SSC460	Theory and Practice of Professional Supervision		

Final semester *(students must enrol in both Units)*

Unit Code	Pre-Requisite	Unit Name	Notes	Credit Points
SSC571	SSC570	Professional Supervision Placement		
SSC572	SSC570	Professional Supervision for Professional Placement		