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The Graduate Certificate/Diploma in Christian Counselling

The Graduate Certificate/Diploma of Christian Counselling, within a Biblical framework, was accredited by the Government in late 1998, and successfully re-accredited in late 2003 for a further five-year term. It is one of the many available training options at Morling Theological College. Presently there are over 50 students studying at Morling for this graduate qualification in counselling, and these students come from a variety of career backgrounds, including social work, occupational therapy, nursing, pastoral care, medicine, chaplaincy and private counselling practice. The Graduate Diploma of Christian Counselling provides an articulation pathway into the second year of the Masters of Arts in Christian Counselling for those students who successfully meet the entrance criteria, and wish to further their training for professional counselling practice and employment. For many participants, this program is the first step in their ongoing clinical training and supervision, and represents the culmination of a long-held desire for professional counsellor training from a Christian perspective.

Dr Terry Kohler heads the postgraduate counsellor training team and Mr Neil Harris joins the department as the Deputy Director of Counselling Programmes in 2008. Visiting lecturers and trainers form an integral part of the course, bringing their own unique special knowledge and skills.

Morling's venture into counsellor training was the culmination of a growing awareness of the demand from different organisations and churches for Christian people to be professionally trained and theologically aware in the sensitive area of counselling.

Graduates pursue a variety of career pathways, including working as counsellors in a church ministry team, using their training as part of their ongoing professional development in the caring professions, working in school chaplaincy areas, in community settings, and also in counselling agencies, where their professional training is ongoing.

Counsellor training from a Christian perspective

Course overview

Morling College has a long history of providing training for Christians in a variety of ministries, including pastoral care and counselling. Counselling is increasingly being recognised as a profession in its own right, and currently in Australia is moving towards national standards. The need for graduate training in counselling as part of professional development is a felt need for many Christians involved in community, health care and ministry roles.

Morling College is pleased to offer a Graduate Certificate/Diploma in Christian Counselling accredited by the Department of Education and Training. The Graduate Diploma is deemed a one-year full-time award, to be undertaken part-time, ensuring continuity of on-the-job training. It is designed for those who are seeking training to enhance a profession or ministry role or where counselling is part of their work. It is suited to pastors, teachers, chaplains, counsellors and professionals in the health care sector, providing training in counselling and interpersonal skills, and in both counselling theory and theology.

The Graduate Certificate/Diploma in Christian Counselling is a first post-degree award, and is intended as a basic professional training and subjects are taken in a set sequence. Students can choose to exit after completing the first four modules (Ministry Formation, Pastoral Counselling, Counselling A and Counselling B) with a Graduate Certificate in Christian Counselling.

Entry requirements

Applicants may be admitted to the Graduate Certificate/Diploma of Christian Counselling on the basis of a three-year degree or a graduate diploma acceptable to the Morling College Counselling Department, with interview. Applicants would need to satisfy the admissions panel that while undertaking their training, they will have ample opportunity to upgrade and develop their counselling skills in their workplace, church environment or other appropriate setting. Qualifications in ministry, nursing, teaching or social welfare would satisfy these entry requirements.

Applicants without a degree ***may be considered for entry to the Graduate Certificate or Graduate Diploma if they have relevant experience.*** Evidence of pertinent life and work experience, previous training programs (including in-house training), and professional qualifications is required, with interview. Candidates who have not achieved required academic prerequisites might be admitted with provisional status, which will be converted to normal status on successful completion of four subjects. Because class sizes are restricted and student places are limited, precedence is given to those who have relevant undergraduate qualifications who are currently working in the field.

Recognition of prior learning

It is recognised that students enter this course with existing competencies. For students who believe they have attained competence in one or more of the learning outcomes, provision is made to apply for recognition of prior learning.

Advanced standing for competencies already held by students, whether gained by previous work experience or study, will be granted on substantiation. During the application process, students who consider they already possess the knowledge skills and attributes intended to be developed through the learning outcomes will be granted exemption and credit upon substantiation. However, exemption is limited to two coursework subjects, namely Ministry Formation and Pastoral Counselling.

Students who have previously completed Ministry Formation and Pastoral Counselling (or Pastoral Care B) within the last ten years as part of a theology or ministry degree may apply for exemption from these subjects. Material supporting the application should be submitted with the Application for Exemption Form for a decision from the Directors of Postgraduate Studies and Christian Counselling.

Applicants who are applying from a background of chaplaincy training and who have successfully completed Clinical Pastoral Education 1 and Clinical Pastoral Education 2 (400 hours) within the last ten years may apply for exemption from the subject Ministry Formation.

All applicants should be aware that total exemptions allowed are strictly limited to the two subjects above.

FEE HELP

Students simultaneously enrolled in the Graduate Diploma of DIVINITY may do up to three Counselling subjects as part of that Award and use FEE HELP. These subjects will then be credited to the Graduate/Certificate Diploma of Christian Counselling.

The subjects with FEE HELP available are; Ministry Formation, Pastoral Counselling (PC603 Pastoral Skills & Methods), Counselling A (PC605 Foundations of Christian Counselling), MOP61 Theology & Counselling and MOP62 Introduction to Group Processes.

Course structure

The Graduate Diploma of Christian Counselling consists of ten subjects incorporating both theory and skills building, plus a counselling placement in a community, church or agency setting. Students who wish to complete the Graduate Diploma of Christian Counselling in two years are advised to contact Morling College to plan their subject pathway. Students have up to five years to complete the Graduate Diploma award.

Students entering the Graduate Diploma of Christian Counselling should plan ahead carefully concerning subject choice to ensure reaching their completion date.

Two and a half year part-time study plan for students commencing in 2007

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
S1 Ministry Formation	S1 Counselling C: <i>Families, Culture & Relational Systems</i>	S1 Counselling Placement*
Counselling A: <i>Human Life Span Development</i>	Theology and Counselling	Research Project*
S2 Pastoral Counselling	S2 Counselling D: <i>Advanced Therapeutic Approaches</i>	
Counselling B: <i>Therapeutic Approaches to Counselling</i>	Group Processes	

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Year 1	Year 2
S1 Ministry Formation	S1 Counselling C
Counselling A	Theology and Counselling
S2 Pastoral Counselling	S2 Group Processes
Counselling B	Counselling D
	Counselling Placement*
	Research Project*

Admission and enrolment procedures

Before you are able to enrol in the Graduate Certificate/Diploma of Christian Counselling you must apply to Morling College to be admitted and fulfil all selection criteria. It is preferred that applications for entry into the Graduate Certificate/Diploma of Christian Counselling be received no later than December 15th each year for the following year. However, applications received after this date will be processed. For further information contact the Counselling Coordinator, on telephone (02) 98780201, fax (02) 98782175 or email admin@morling.edu.au

Correspondence may be addressed to:

Counselling Department
Morling Theological College
120 Herring Road
MACQUARIE PARK NSW 2113

Candidates should obtain a copy of the Morling College Prospectus for general information about the College, as well as a copy of the *Supplement to the Prospectus* that contains the timetables for Semesters 1 and 2, the College calendar and other important information. The timetable is normally available by early November.

Subject descriptions

CO501 Ministry Formation

Pre-requisites: nil
(4 credit points, 3 hours per week for 1 semester)

Formative factors in development, personhood and role, developmental, contextual and relational growth. An introduction to issues faced by candidates in the process of preparing for Christian ministry. This subject forms the basis for other subjects in pastoral ministry and counselling.

CO603 Pastoral Counselling

Pre-requisites: nil
(4 credit points, 3 hours per week for 1 semester)

Pastoral care and counselling of persons as individuals and as family members in particular situations, and the development of microskills. Referral issues and professional, ethical and legal issues. Special need populations. Working as part of a health care team.

CO605 Counselling A: Foundations of Christian Counselling

Pre-requisites: nil, but if taking CO605 in your first year of study, CO501 Ministry Formation is a co-requisite to be taken in your first semester
(4 credit points, 3 hours per week for 1 semester)

Contemporary perspectives on lifespan development, attachment theory and human growth. Introduction to counselling theory, including the Egan model of microskills training and intensive seven week block of microskills training.

CO606 Counselling B: Therapeutic Approaches to Counselling

Co-requisites: CO501
Pre-requisites: CO605
(4 credit points, 3 hours per week for 1 semester)

Developing perspectives on current models of counselling theory and practice, including person-centred, cognitive behavioural, psychodynamic and systemic approaches. The social sciences and their relationship to counselling from a Christian perspective. Intensive seven week block of microskills training.

CO607 Counselling C: Families, Culture and Relational Systems

Pre-requisites: CO501, CO603, CO605 and CO606
(4 credit points, 3 hours per week for 1 semester)

Family of origin and impact on relational counselling, introduction to couples and family therapy. Developing frameworks for understanding family therapy. Intensive seven week block of microskills training on relationship counselling. Cross-cultural issues in family and relationship counselling. An introduction to the ethical, legal and professional issues in counselling.

CO608 Counselling D: Advanced Therapeutic Applications

Co-requisites: CO610
Pre-requisites: CO501, CO603, CO605, CO606, CO607
(4 credit points, 3 hours per week for 1 semester)

Continuing training in ethical, legal and professional issues in counselling. Introduction to developing frameworks for domestic violence and child abuse. Intensive seven week block of group supervision and training on diagnosis, intervention and planning of therapeutic interventions.

CO610 Introduction to Group Processes

Pre-requisites: CO501, CO603, CO605, CO606 and CO605
(4 credit points, process group experience 2 hours per week, and residential)

Group theory, and group experiences and processes including therapeutic factors in a group setting and its relationship to counselling.

CO609 Theology and Counselling

Pre-requisites: CO501, CO603, CO605 and CO606
(4 credit points, 3 hours per week for 1 semester or block mode)

Theological exploration of issues related to counselling and society, including the nature of persons, and the relationship of theology and the social sciences.

CO645 Counselling Placement

Co-requisites: CO608 and CO690

Pre-requisites: CO501, CO603, CO605, CO606, CO607, CO609 and CO610

(4 credit points)

Supervised field work of 150 hours in a field placement.

CO690 Research Project

Co-requisites: CO608 and CO645

Pre-requisites: CO501, CO603, CO605, CO606, CO607, CO609 and CO610 (4 credit points, for 1 semester)

The research project is designed to allow the student to pursue a study topic of interest in a

more focused way. Students are encouraged to further investigate an area of counselling practice or theory they may wish to consider as part of a specialised career pathway in further training and study.

If a student enrolls in the Research Project in Semester One, they can take until the end of Semester Two to complete it, and pay no fees for Semester Two.

However, if a student enrolls in the Research Project in Semester Two and does not complete the Project in that Semester, then another Semester's fees must be paid to complete the project in the first Semester of the following year.

Subject availability

A schedule is provided below which indicates the year in which it is planned to offer each Graduate Certificate/Diploma of Christian Counselling subject. As the award is designed to ensure continuity of on-the-job training for those already in a profession or ministry role, most subjects will normally be offered at night and if numbers are sufficient another class may operate during the day. Use the schedule when planning your subjects, and note carefully that the schedule may change from year to year, depending on enrolment demand.

Key to table:

S1 = Taught in Semester 1

S2 = Taught in Semester 2

* = Evening class only

** = Day/evening class

*^R = Evening/residential mode (three days)

Number	Subject name	Year available				
		2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
CO501	Ministry Formation (S1)	2007**	2008**	2009**	2010**	2011**
CO603	Pastoral Counselling (S2)	2007	2008*	2009*	2010*	2011*
CO605	Counselling A (S1)	2007*	2008*	2009*	2010*	2011*
CO606	Counselling B (S2)	2007*	2008*	2009*	2010*	2011*
CO607	Counselling C (S1)	2007*	2008*	2009*	2010*	2011*
CO608	Counselling D (S2)	2007*	2008*	2009*	2010*	2011*
CO609	Theology and Counselling (S1)	2007*	2008*	2009*	2010*	2011*
CO610	Introduction to Group Processes (S2)	2007* ^R	2008* ^R	2009* ^R	2010* ^R	2011* ^R
CO645	Counselling Placement	Available in semester 1 & 2 after prerequisites are met.				
CO690	Counselling Research Project	Available in semester 1 & 2 after prerequisites are met.				

Fees 2008

Tuition fees for each subject is as follows:

CO501	Introduction to Ministry Formation	\$960*
CO603	Pastoral Counselling	\$960*
CO605	Counselling A	\$960*
CO606	Counselling B	\$960
CO607	Counselling C	\$960
CO608	Counselling D	\$960
CO609	Theology and Counselling	\$960*
CO610	Introduction to Group Processes	\$960*
CO645	Counselling Placement	\$960
CO690	Research Project	\$960

NB. Students are expected to pay for their own ongoing supervision with their supervisors.

**(If applying for FEE-HELP different subject codes & different costs apply, please see office. Please note that a maximum of 5 out of the 10 subjects can be taken as FEE HELP subjects toward the Counselling course.)*

Payment Options

The College offers the following payment plans for students for tuition fees;

Up Front Payment Plan

Students are encouraged to pay the complete tuition fees due by the end of the first week of each semester to minimise their costs.

Instalment Plan

Alternatively students are permitted to pay by an instalment plan where payment can be received in three instalments. An additional 3% is levied on the amount left owing after each instalment date. Furthermore, should tuition fees not be paid by the end of the Third Instalment period a penalty fee of \$30 per week shall be levied until the end of the Semester.

Instalment	Semester 1	Semester 2
First	15 February 2008	25 July 2008
Second	20 March 2008	29 August 2008
Third	11 April 2008	26 September 2008

FEE-HELP

Technically the Graduate Diploma of Christian Counselling is not a course registered to receive FEE-HELP. However there is the possibility of FEE-HELP for up to five of the Counselling subjects that are also part of the ACT (Australian College of Theology) accredited courses. If Counselling students want to apply to receive FEE-HELP for any of their subjects please contact the Morling Office for further information, as you will need to complete both an ACT Application form and a 'Request for FEE-HELP assistance' form.

(If applying for FEE-HELP, please note that different subject codes & different costs apply; please see office).

See Morling *Supplement* for further details.

Subject withdrawal & Refund of fees

When students withdraw from subjects a refund of fees may apply as set out in the Supplement to the Prospectus. **Withdrawals must be notified in writing on a variation form (from the main office).**

From 2008 the new ACT Policy for Variations and Withdrawals will apply to Counselling students irrespective of whether or not they are using FEE-HELP or paying up-front.

This is how it works:

- **Subject selection may be varied or subjects dropped free of all penalties up to Administration Date (22 Feb. 2008).**
- **After Administration Date no subjects may be added or substituted and Withdrawal fees will be subtracted from the refund for any dropped subject.**
- **After Census Date no refund is given for a dropped subject but no Withdrawal fees apply and there is no academic penalty.**
- **After Withdrawal Date any withdrawal receives the grade "FW" and there is no refund.**

Continuation and graduation are dependent on payment of fees. If a student repeats a subject he/she must pay full fees again.

If Counselling students have enrolled in any subject by Distance Education and withdraw, the same withdrawal policy applies as for all distance ed students.

Application to enrol in the Graduate Certificate/Diploma of Christian Counselling

**Your application will not be processed until all sections of this form are received by the
Counselling Coordinator at Morling College, 120 Herring Road, MACQUARIE PARK 2113**

Section One: Personal details

Title (please circle): Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Dr/Rev/Other:

Gender: Male Female

Surname: Given names:

Name (please print):

Address:

..... Postcode:

Telephone(home): Email:.....

Telephone(work): Mobile:

Church attended: Occupation:.....

Church address:

..... Postcode:

Married: Yes No Spouse name:

Section Two: Employment details

If you are currently employed, please provide the name of your
employer:

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Is this a full time or part time position? Full Part

Section Three: Citizenship and residency

All applicants are required to provide proof of citizenship. Applicants should forward a certified copy of the identification page of a current passport. Australian citizens who do not hold a current passport may provide a certified copy of a birth certificate instead.

What is your nationality?

Are you an Australian citizen? Yes No

If NO, do you hold a permanent residency visa for Australia? Yes No

If you are neither an Australian citizen nor a permanent resident, which type of visa are you applying for?

- Student Other (please specify)

Section Four: Course details

Course chosen: Graduate Certificate Graduate Diploma

Section Five: Educational details

Please supply transcripts for any tertiary study indicated below. Please supply a Confirmation of Enrolment (or similar) from your institution for courses in which you are currently enrolled.

Tertiary education							
Years of attendance		Institution	State/ Country	Course	Completed		
From	To				Yes	No	Current
Supplementary counselling qualifications							
Details of Biblical/theological studies							

Section Six: Personal statements

Please attach separate sheets with your answers.

- 1 Please give a summary of your Christian experience including your conversion, subsequent commitments, significant spiritual events and formative influences in your life.
- 2 What has led to your interest in applying to do this course?
- 3 Are there areas of counselling or pastoral care you are presently involved in or have been in the past, and what has this experience been like for you?
- 4 What do you think you would have to offer as a counsellor?
- 5 What do you think might be the most challenging aspect for you in doing a counsellor training course?
- 6 What would you hope to gain from doing the course?
- 7 How would you relate your faith to your interest in counsellor training?
- 8 Is there anything else you would like us to know about you that may help our selection process?

Section Seven: Fee payment

Please note that fees are payable in advance in Week One of each semester, unless a written request for deferred payment has been approved by the College Council. See the Administrative Dean for details.

Section Eight: Declaration and signature

Note that your application will not be processed until all sections are completed and the Counselling Coordinator has received all supporting documentation.

Have you attached the following documents?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pastoral reference | <input type="checkbox"/> Proof of citizenship (all applicants) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Current resume | <input type="checkbox"/> English competency records (if needed) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Academic records | <input type="checkbox"/> Two passport sized photos |

Declaration of understanding:

I declare that I have read the Morling Prospectus and the rules and regulations expressed therein. I understand the purpose of Morling College as a Christian College and have noted the expectations regarding personal conduct, and noted the expectations regarding chapel attendance for full time students. Submitting this application indicates my willingness to uphold the regulations, general standards, and the academic and spiritual integrity of the College. I further declare that the information provided by me in this application is complete and correct. I authorise Morling College to obtain/verify results from any educational institution attended by me. I understand that Morling College reserves the right to vary or reverse any Offer of Admission made on the basis of incomplete or incorrect information.

Applicant's signature:.....

Date:

Referee report (Your Pastor)

Candidates should complete Section One and forward the report to their chosen referee to complete Section Two

Referees are requested to post this form back separately

Section One: to be completed by the applicant

Applicant's name:

Address:

..... Postcode:.....

Contact telephone:..... Fax:

Referee's name:

Title and position:.....

Address:

..... Postcode:.....

Contact telephone:..... Fax:

Section Two: to be completed by the referee

To the Referee: You have been asked to give your own opinion of the personal, professional and academic qualities of the above-named applicant. Please scale the applicant realistically on the following qualities, and report any other characteristics, both positive and negative, which reflect their present capacity to undertake advanced study and work in counselling. (Please note that a carefully prepared discriminatory report is liable to receive more weight than a uniformly positive one.)

1 Please indicate the basis on which you have formed these opinions of the applicant (including type of interactions and time period).

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2 Please circle the appropriate number. If you do not know enough about their capacity in a particular area, please circle NK. There is an opportunity to qualify any answers below.

	Excellent	Above average	Average	Below Average	Poor	Not known
Complexity and clarity of thought	5	4	3	2	1	NK
Ability to express complex ideas in clear, written English	5	4	3	2	1	NK
Fluency and clarity of spoken English	5	4	3	2	1	NK
Demonstrated openness to other's ideas	5	4	3	2	1	NK
Ability to take personal responsibility for good quality relationships	5	4	3	2	1	NK
Demonstrated commitment to good counselling practice	5	4	3	2	1	NK
Personal maturity	5	4	3	2	1	NK
Ability to manage high stress	5	4	3	2	1	NK
Ability to negotiate conflict	5	4	3	2	1	NK
Ability to deal positively with criticism	5	4	3	2	1	NK
Realistic self awareness	5	4	3	2	1	NK
Ability to show genuine empathy	5	4	3	2	1	NK
Powers of critical analysis	5	4	3	2	1	NK
Demonstrated initiative and self direction	5	4	3	2	1	NK
Ability to work harmoniously in a team	5	4	3	2	1	NK
Ethical professional practices	5	4	3	2	1	NK

3 Please comment on the candidate's personal suitability for counselling and for undertaking this course. (This might include an expression of answers above and other strengths and weaknesses.) Use a separate page if necessary.

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Signature: Date:

Thank you for your time and assistance

Please mail this report to:

Christian Counselling Course Adviser
 Morling College
 120 Herring Road
 MACQUARIE PARK NSW 2113

Email enquiries may be directed to terryk@morling.edu.au

2nd Referee report (Your choice of referee)

Candidates should complete Section One and forward the report to their chosen referee to complete Section Two

Referees are requested to post this form back separately

Section One: to be completed by the applicant

Applicant's name:

Address:

..... Postcode:.....

Contact telephone:..... Fax:

Referee's name:

Title and position:.....

Address:

..... Postcode:.....

Contact telephone:..... Fax:

Section Two: to be completed by the referee

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Signature: Date:

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