



HONG KONG SHUE YAN UNIVERSITY
Department of Counselling & Psychology

Master of Social Sciences in Counselling Psychology

社會科學碩士（輔導心理學）

Information Seminar

THE UNIQUE PROGRAMME IN HONG KONG

**2 YEAR FULL TIME OR 4 YEARS PART TIME
(preferable FT)**



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Characteristics of the Degree Programme



Master of Social Sciences in Counselling Psychology

A professional degree in applied psychology

Clinical
Psychology

**Counselling
Psychology**

Educational
Psychology

I/O
Psychology

A scientist-practitioner training model

- (1) Knowledge
- (2) Research
- (3) Practice



Master of Social Sciences in Counselling Psychology

Benchmarking local and international associations' requirements for post-graduate degree completion

- 1) Council of Counselling Psychology Training Programs (CCPTP), USA
- 2) American Psychological Association (APA) (Doctoral Level), USA
- 3) Australian Psychological Society (APS), AUS.
- 4) British Psychological Society (BPS), U.K.

- 5) Asian Professional Counselling and Psychology Association (APCPA)
- 6) Hong Kong Professional Counselling Association (HKPCA)
- 7) Hong Kong Psychological Society (HKPS)



Master of Social Sciences in Counselling Psychology

Recognized Qualification by Hong Kong Psychological Society (HKPS)

Eligible to be:

- ✓ Member of Division of Counselling Psychology (DCoP)
- ✓ “Registered Counselling Psychologist”
(after one year of post-qualification experience)

NOTE: To register as Registered Counselling Psychologist in Hong Kong, graduate membership of Hong Kong Psychological Society (HKPS) is required.



The Hong Kong Psychological Society (HKPS)

Graduate Members – To qualify for election as a Graduate member, a candidate shall have satisfied the Council one of the following conditions:

- (i) a bachelor degree from an institution recognized by the Council at a minimum lower 2nd class honours level or a GPA of 3.0 out of 4.0 or equivalent with psychology as the major subject taking no less than 8 courses in different areas of psychology covering at least Research Methods in Psychology and 4 out of the 6 following fundamental areas: Biological / Physiological Psychology, Developmental /Child Psychology, Cognitive Psychology /Perception /Learning /Memory, Personality /Individual Differences, Social Psychology, and History of Psychology/Contemporary Issues in Psychology; or
- (ii) a postgraduate qualification in psychology from an institution recognized by the Council covering the courses and fundamental areas of psychology as specified in (i) above; or
- (iii) such other qualification in psychology as the Council shall approve.

https://www.hkps.org.hk/en/membership/membership_guide/



Completion of core subjects in Counselling Psychology

1) Theory and practice of two major therapeutic approaches

HKSYU Requirements:

CP514 & 515 Psychotherapy I & II

CP500-4 Clinical Practicum (**practice-oriented courses**)

2) Psychological assessment, formulation, planning & implementation

HKSYU Requirements:

CP514-515 Psychotherapy I & II,

CP519 & 520 Assessment & Evaluation in Counselling Psychology I & II

CP524 Internship (**clinical placement-internal**)

CP525-527 Externship I, II, III (**clinical placement-external**)



3) Working with specific problems and populations (2 courses)

HKSYU Requirements:

CP517 Cultural and Individual Diversity

CP505, CP507, CP509 & CP511 Clinical Seminars (**practice-oriented courses**)

CP534 Specific Issues in Developmental Psychology,

4) Research methods and skills

HKSYU requirements:

CP516 Research Methods in Counselling Psychology,

CP518 Research Workshops and Seminars

CP540, 541 & 542 Dissertation I, II & III

5) Ethical and professional issues

HKSYU Requirements:

CP522 Professional Practice & Ethical Issues in Counselling Psychology



Completion of not less than 1000 hours of supervised clinical practice in the programme

HKSYU Requirements

- 2 of 5 Clinical Practicums (CP500, CP501, 502, 503, 504): 90 hours
- 2 of 4 Clinical Seminars (CP505, 507, 509, 511): 90 hours
- Internship** (CP524): 230 hours
- Externship I, II, III** (CP525-527): 690 hours

Total: 1100 hours

**** Students are required to work on 2 full weekdays (i.e., between Monday and Saturday) per week in both Internship and Externships.**



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Programme Structure



Mode of Study

Two Years (Full-Time) and Four Years (Part-Time)
including at least one summer semester

Maximum Intake Per Annum

25 to 27

Total Number of Credits

63

Tuition Fees

HKD163,800
(HKD2,600 per credit)



Structure of the Programme

A three-dimensional scientist-practitioner approach is taken to accumulate a total number of credits of 63.

--Knowledge Dimension - 21 (approx. 33%)

--Research Dimension - 18 (approx. 29%)

--Practice Dimension - 24 (approx. 38%)



The Knowledge Dimension – 21 credits

Code	Course Title	Credits
CP514-515	Psychotherapy I & II	3+3
CP517	Cultural and Individual Diversity	3
CP519-520	Assessment and Evaluation in Counselling Psychology I & II	3+3
CP522	Professional Practice and Ethical Issues in Counselling Psychology	3
CP534	Specific Issues in Developmental Psychology	3



The Research Dimension – 18 credits

Code	Course Title	Credits
CP516	Research Methods in Counselling Psychology	3
CP518	Research Workshops and Seminars in Counselling Psychology	3
CP540, 541 & 542	Dissertation I, II & III	3+3+6



The Practice Dimension - 24 credits

Clinical Practicum (2 of 5)

Code	Course Title	Credits
CP500	Play Therapy	3
CP501	Solution Focused Brief Therapy	3
CP502	Client-Centered Therapy	3
CP503	Cognitive Behaviour Therapy	3
CP504	Psychodynamic Psychotherapy	3

Clinical Seminars (2 of 4)

Code	Course Title	Credits
CP505	Mental Health Counselling	3
CP507	School Psychology and Counselling	3
CP509	Vocational Psychology and Counselling	3
CP511	Couple and Family Counselling	3



The Practice Dimension – 24 credits

Internship & Externships

Code	Course Title	Credits
CP524	Internship	3
CP525, 526, 527	Externship I, II & III	3+3+3

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Entrance Requirements



Programme Entrance Requirements

(Adhering to HKPS requirements)

Basic Requirements:

Applicants for admission to the Master of Social Sciences in Counselling Psychology programme **MUST** either

1. be in possession of a Bachelor's degree with first or second class honours in Psychology from a recognized local or overseas university

OR

2. be in possession of a Bachelor's degree with first or second class honours in fields other than Psychology, AND have completed a post-graduate conversion programme in Psychology (e.g. Master of Social Sciences in Psychology, etc).



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Specific Requirements:

Successful applicants who meet the general requirements stated above are conditionally admitted into the programme, subject to completion of an **introductory course in Counselling Psychology offered between end of May and early July.**



Language Requirements:

As the primary language of instruction in the programme is English, applicants whose entrance qualification is issued by an institution where the medium of instruction is not English should also fulfil the following minimum English proficiency requirement:

- 1) Overall score ≥ 6.5 in International English Language Testing System (IELTS) (academic); or
- 2) Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) score of 600 (paper-based test) or 100 (internet-based test) or 250 (computer-based test); or
- 3) Other equivalent qualifications that are acceptable to the university, including degrees from a recognised English medium institution in good standing.



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Application Stages (Important Deadlines)



Interviews :

After initial screening , applicants will participate in:

- 1) Individual Interview
 - Interviewing with two of the master's faculty members

- 2) English writing sample



Process Stages

Step	Date	Activity
1	1 March 2025	Application Deadline (Transcripts, 2 Referee Reports, Language Proficiency, Photograph & Autobiography)
2	22 March 2025	Interview Day (English Writing Sample and Individual Interview)
3	Late April to Early May 2025	Decision Announcement



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Introducing the Programme's Core Faculty Members



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Sharing of Current Student and Alumni



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Programme website:

<https://counpsy.hksyu.edu/PostgraduateProgrammes/MasterofSocialSciencesinCounsellingPsychology>

