

Graduate Profile of Master of Social Sciences in Counselling Psychology

Qualification Title	Master of Social Sciences in Counselling Psychology 社會科學碩士(輔導心理學)
Qualification Type	Master Degree
QF Level	6
Primary Area of Study / Training	Social Sciences
Programme Objectives	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Alert students to the presence of individual and cultural diversity in clients.2. Equip students with current knowledge in the skills, techniques, and practices of counselling psychology.3. Enrich students' knowledge of and experience in quantitative and qualitative methods in research.4. Enable students to perform assessment and evaluation of clients within the paradigm of counselling psychology at a professionally recognized level.5. Familiarize students with the practice of counselling psychology in areas where most counselling psychologists are employed, including mental health counselling, school psychology and counselling, family counselling and vocational6. Make students aware of lifespan developmental issues for which intervention is indicated.7. Enhance students' awareness of professional and ethical issues in counselling psychology.8. Provide students with ample opportunities to integrate theory and practice, in the forms of clinical practicum, clinical seminars, internships and externships.9. Allow students to fully experience the scientist-practitioner model of counselling psychology in practice.10. Qualify students for admission into professional bodies in counselling psychology.

<p>Programme Intended Learning Outcomes</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Describe and analyze the dominant theories and techniques in counseling psychology. 2. Demonstrate an understanding developed to postgraduate level of the philosophy, theory and practice of at least two specific models of psychotherapy. 3. Apply knowledge of theories of life-span development to the practice of counseling psychology. 4. Show sensitivity to the presence of cultural and individual diversity in the practice of counselling psychology. 5. Demonstrate the ability to discern legal and ethical issues within the clinical practice of counselling psychology. 6. Apply quantitative and qualitative approaches to research in counseling psychology, particularly in the realm of evidence-based research. 7. Competently conduct research in counselling psychology. 8. Distinguish and analyze the merits and demerits of past and current researches in counseling psychology. 9. Demonstrate self-awareness and be alert to the presence of transference and counter-transference in counselling clients. 10. Practise safely and competently in at least two specific models of psychotherapy. 11. Perform assessment and evaluation of clients within the context of counseling psychology. 12. Work competently in at least two of the following areas: mental health counselling, school psychology and counselling, vocational psychology and counselling, and couple and family counselling. 13. Qualify for membership of professional bodies in counselling and counseling psychology.
<p>Education Pathways</p>	<p>The University provides further study opportunities for graduates of the MSSCP programme to pursue PsyD in Counselling Psychology to create leadership for the profession. Furthermore, the University is contemplating the introduction of MPhil and PhD studies for those who are more interested in research than practice.</p> <p>Graduates are also eligible to apply for registration with the Division of Counselling Psychology (DCoP) of the Hong Kong</p>

	Psychological Society (HKPS) as members upon graduation, and as Registered Counselling Psychologists with one year's supervised practice.
Employment Pathways	<p>Graduates are well equipped to be practising counselling psychologists, and an enhancement of their academic qualifications would advance their career opportunities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● As counselling psychologists in the private sector; ● As counselling psychologists in university-operated counselling centres; ● As research assistants in universities; ● As teaching assistants in universities; ● As instructors in psychology in associate degree programmes; ● As clinical supervisors of undergraduate programmes in counselling; or ● As clinical supervisors of counselling centres.
Minimum Admission Requirements	<p>1. General requirements EITHER a first or second honours Bachelor's degree in Psychology from a recognized local or overseas university; OR a first or second honours Bachelor's degree in fields other than Psychology, and completion of a postgraduate conversion programme in Psychology.</p> <p>Applicants are subject to psychological tests, English writing tests and are required to attend individual and group interviews.</p> <p>2. Specific requirement Completion of a foundation course in Theories and Techniques in Counselling. (Those who have not taken this course at the time of application may choose to enrol in the course offered by the University during the Summer Semester.)</p> <p>3. Language requirements Fluency in English and Chinese in both oral and written forms, and EITHER a honours degree from a local or overseas university where the medium of instruction is English; OR IELTS 6.5 or equivalent.</p> <p>4. IT Literacy requirements EITHER completion of courses in IT applications either in undergraduate study or from recognized institutions of learning; OR work experience that can demonstrate IT literacy and competence.</p>
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