



## The Australian Institute of Professional Counsellors Pty Ltd

### ADMISSIONS INFORMATION-2026

#### 1. About: The Australian Institute of Professional Counsellors Pty Ltd

The Australian Institute of Professional Counsellors Pty Ltd (“the Institute”) is a private, non-university tertiary provider of higher education committed to offering high quality tertiary education to students.

- The Institute’s main higher education teaching premises are located at:
  - Level 2, 252 St Pauls Terrace, Fortitude Valley QLD 4006  
Phone: 1800 570 511

Additional higher education campuses are located at:

- Level 5, 31 - 39 Macquarie Street, Parramatta NSW 2150  
Phone: 1800 677 697 or 02 9687 9688
  - Level 2, 368 Elizabeth Street, Melbourne VIC 3000  
Phone: 1800 622 489 or 03 9614 7472
  - 170 Wellington Street, East Perth WA 6004  
Phone: 1800 246381 or 07 9277 3972
- Students and potential students are able to visit the above campuses Monday – Friday, 9am – 5pm. Contact with campuses can also be made by calling 1800 570 511 or email [support@aipc.net.au](mailto:support@aipc.net.au).
  - AIPC currently offers fifteen higher education courses:
    - Bachelor of Counselling
    - Master of Counselling
    - Diploma of Counselling Practice
    - Bachelor of Social Work (in partnership with Acknowledge Education)
    - Graduate Certificate in Coaching and Leadership
    - Graduate Certificate in Counselling Practice
    - Graduate Certificate in Child and Youth Counselling
    - Graduate Certificate in Family Counselling
    - Graduate Certificate in Relationship Counselling
    - Graduate Certificate in Mental Health Counselling
    - Graduate Certificate in Business
    - Diploma of Allied Health
    - Graduate Diploma in Neuroaffirming Practice
    - Graduate Diploma in Rehabilitation Counselling
    - Master of Business Administration
  - All higher education qualifications can be studied either full or part time, allowing students to progress at a speed that suits them. Courses are offered through distance education. Students learn externally online working through the course material at home, and counselling courses require attendance at regular residential schools.

The Institute website contains a Student Learning Portal where students can access many study support and e-learning functions. Students can:

- Contact Lecturer for study assistance;
- Communicate with other students
- Log onto the Institute's Online Library to access the online journal databases.
- Download study materials and other important information.

## 2. Admission Criteria

### A. Applicants with higher education study

**Bachelor Course Entry** - Students who have completed a degree or partial degree studies in any field of study can apply for entry into the Bachelor programs. Students seeking entry through partial completion of other tertiary studies, are eligible for entry if their GPA is equal to or higher than 4.0 (on a 7.0-point scale).

**Master Course Entry** – Students are required to have completed a Bachelor degree in any field. *The Graduate Certificate in Business and Master of Business Administration also require the completion of relevant management experience.*

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) and Credit Transfer arrangements are in place for all programs. Students who have completed similar units to those included in the prospective course are welcome to apply for RPL/Credit Transfer. Students who have completed or partially completed another counselling/business course are particularly encouraged to apply for RPL/Credit Transfer.

Credit will not normally be granted for formal study completed more than 10 years prior to application unless there is evidence of continued relevance of this study for the course towards which credit is sought. Credit is granted where there is substantial overlap with the content and/or learning outcomes of the subject for which credit is being applied.

When assessing credit based on prior study, consideration is given to the objectives of the course, methods of delivery and assessment, admission requirements, course durations, the breadth and depth of the course material, practical training requirements, and experience requirements.

\*\*Students can only obtain credit for a total maximum of 8 subjects inclusive of whether this credit has been obtained via RPL or credit transfer.

The RPL/Credit Transfer Application Form can be obtained by calling AIPC on 1800 657 667 or emailing [support@aipc.net.au](mailto:support@aipc.net.au).

*Please note that as per the Australian Social Work Education and Accreditation Standards (ASWEAS) [Standards & Guidelines](#), RPL is not permitted towards the core units of the Bachelor of Social Work, but may be sought towards the elective units.*

The following documentation will need to be submitted:

1. For applications based on previous study, a copy of the student's Academic Transcript will need to be submitted along with subject/unit documentation that includes the aims and objectives of the subject/unit, syllabus outline, contact hours, texts and assessment information.
2. For applications based on previous experience, letters of support from current/previous employers will need to be included. Letters should include duties performed, length of tenure, position and contact details of the writer.

Applications that do not include all supporting documentation will be returned for

resubmission.

Complete the Application Form, collate supporting documentation and send to:  
RPL/Credit Transfer Applications  
AIPC  
he.rpl@aipc.net.au

Applications are assessed by the Head of Teaching and Learning within 21 working days and students will be notified in writing of the outcome of the application. Reasoning is provided where credit is not granted.

The student's Academic Transcript received at the end of the Trimester will show the credit that has been awarded to date during your studies.

There is no fee for applying for RPL or credit. Students are not required to pay the subject fee for each subject in which credit is granted.

#### Master of Counselling:

Graduates of the Institute's Bachelor of Counselling receive credit for the following subjects in the Master of Counselling:

- MC01 Introduction to Counselling
- MC02 Counselling Process
- MC03 Counselling Skills
- MC05 Counselling & Human Development

Graduates and students of other Bachelor courses in Counselling are able to apply for credit of subjects in the Master of Counselling and are eligible to receive credit equivalent to up to one Trimester of subjects (ie, four x 6 credit point subjects, or 2 x 6 credit point subjects and 1 x 12 credit point subject).

Students who have completed one of specialty streams within AIPC's Graduate Diploma of Counselling will receive credit for the following subjects:

#### Family Therapy Stream

- MC12 Counselling for Families and Couples

#### Addictions

- MC14 Counselling for Alcohol and Other Drugs

#### Loss and Grief

- MC15 Counselling for Loss and Grief

#### Graduate Diploma of Neuro-Affirming Practice:

Graduates of the Institute's Master of Counselling receive credit for the following subjects in the Graduate Diploma of Neuro-Affirming Practice:

- GCCORE01 Counselling Foundations: Skills and Practice
- GCCORE02 Counselling Foundations: Law and Ethics
- GCCP01 Intergrated Approaches to Counselling
- GCCP02 Contemporary Counselling Contexts

Graduates and students of other Master courses in Counselling are able to apply for credit of subjects in the Graduate Diploma and are eligible to receive credit equivalent to up to four (4) subjects

## **B. Applicants with vocational education and training (VET) study**

Bachelor Course Entry - Students who have completed a Diploma level qualification in any field of study can apply for entry into the Bachelor programs.

Prospective students are to supply a certified copy of the qualification with their Course Application Form.

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) and Credit Transfer arrangements are in place for the Bachelor program. Students who have completed similar units to those included in the prospective course are welcome to apply for RPL/Credit Transfer. Students who have completed or partially completed another counselling/business course are particularly encouraged to apply for RPL/Credit Transfer.

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2. For applications based on previous experience, letters of support from current/previous employers will need to be included. Letters should include duties performed, length of tenure, position and contact details of the writer.

Applications that do not include all supporting documentation will be returned for resubmission. Supplied documentation that is photocopied will need to be certified as a copy of the original by an acceptable certifier (Justice of the Peace, Commissioner of Declaration).

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The student's Academic Transcript received at the end of the Trimester will show the credit that has been awarded to date during your studies.

There is no fee for applying for RPL or credit. Students are not required to pay the subject fee for each subject in which credit is granted.

### **Bachelor of Counselling**

Graduates of the AIPC's Diploma of Counselling (CHC51015) receive credit for the following subjects in the Bachelor of Counselling:

- CORE102 Communication Skills
- COU101 Introduction to Counselling
- COU102 Theoretical Foundations of Counselling
- COU103 The Counselling Process
- COU104 Micro Counselling Skills
- PSY201 Developmental Psychology I
- COU202 Counselling and Diversity
- COU203 Counselling Therapies 1

Prospective students with the Diploma of Counselling qualification (CHC51015) issued by a Registered Training Organisation will satisfy the educational entry requirements for entry into the Institute's Bachelor of Counselling and will receive credit for the following subjects:

- CORE102 Communication Skills
- COU101 Introduction to Counselling
- COU102 Theoretical Foundations of Counselling
- COU103 The Counselling Process
- COU104 Micro Counselling Skills
- PSY201 Developmental Psychology I
- COU202 Counselling and Diversity
- COU203 Counselling Therapies 1

#### **Master of Business Administration**

Students progressing into the Master of Business Administration from the Institute's Graduate Certificate in Business will receive automatic credit for the following subjects:

- MB01 Management and Leadership
- MB02 Accounting and Business Analysis
- MB03 Managing People
- MB04 Marketing Management

Graduates of the Institute's Graduate Certificate in Business, along with relevant management/supervisory experience, satisfy the educational entry requirements for entry into post-graduate qualifications in business.

#### **C. Applicants with recent secondary education (within the past two years)**

*Australian Year 12 students*

Students are required to have:

- Completed Year 12 with at least a Sound Achievement (or Australian state/territory equivalent) in English (Counselling and Human Services applicants).
- Completed Year 12 with at least a Sound Achievement (or Australian state/territory equivalent) in English and one Mathematics subject (Business applicants).

Students are also required to provide information confirming at least 2 years of work history since leaving school.

#### **D. Applicants with work and life experience (includes those who left secondary education more than 2 years ago)**

Bachelor Course Entry - Applicants who left school more than 2 years **are required to have:**

- Completed Year 12 with at least a Sound Achievement (or Australian state/territory equivalent) in English (Counselling and Human Services applicants).

- Completed Year 12 with at least a Sound Achievement (or Australian state/territory equivalent) in English and one Mathematics subject (Business applicants).

Bachelor Course Entry – Special Entry Requirements - All other applicants:

For students who do not meet the standard admission requirements, the following special entry requirements will apply:

- Completion of a year-long tertiary studies preparation program (eg TAFE Certificate IV in Adult Tertiary Preparation), **or**
- Completion of at least 12 months of tertiary studies with a GPA of at least 4.0 (on a 7.0-point scale), **or**
- Consideration of results from the Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT) – the prospective student must have achieved a STAT overall score of 160 or better, or 155 or better in the verbal subscore. (Please note that STAT results are not acceptable for current Year 12 students).
- Consideration of work history in positions of responsibility and accountability, and/or particular specialist knowledge.

### 3. Additional information

#### **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people**

- To contribute to the assessment of their application, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people can also submit a letter confirming Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander status under the common seal of an incorporated community organisation, in addition to the Bachelor Course Entry – Special Entry Requirements - All other applicants outlined above.

#### **Domestic applicants with overseas qualifications**

Applications that contain qualifications from overseas are required to supply confirmation from the National Office of Overseas Skills Recognition, or an equivalent state-based authority, that the qualification is equivalent to the respective Australian qualification. Student Support Staff follow this up with the applicant if it is not included with their application.

#### **English language proficiency**

All prospective students whom identify that English is a second language on their application form are required to supply evidence of a level of achievement in a recognised English Language Testing System with their application.

The levels of achievement required are:

- IELTS: achievement of an Overall Band Score of 6.5 (with a minimum score of 6.0 in each band) in the IELTS (International English Language Testing System).
- TOEFL (paper-based): 570 with a minimum Test of Written English Score of 5.
- TOEFL (electronic): 230 with an essay rating of at least 5.
- TOEFL (internet): 90 or better with a minimum of 20 in each band.

### 4. How to apply

AIPC has four enrolment intakes per year in March, May, July and November for the Bachelor and Master of Counselling and Bachelor of Social Work. AIPCs Diploma of Counselling Practice, Graduate Certificates, Graduate Diplomas and Master of Business Administration have four enrolment intakes per year in February, April, July and October.

All applications are assessed on a first in, first served basis and student numbers are limited so a low lecture:student ratio is maintained.

To enrol into a higher education course, students are required to either:

- Apply online and then email in support documentation required for entry to the course to Admissions/Student Support Staff

Course application forms can be obtained from:

- Trimester Courses - AIPC website: <https://www.aipc.net.au/courses/bachelor-of-counselling> or <https://www.aipc.net.au/courses/master-of-counselling> or <https://aipc.net.au/courses/bachelor-of-social-work>
- Specialist Graduate Certificates and Graduate Diplomas – AIPC website: <https://www.aipc.net.au/aipcprofessional>
- Diploma of Counselling Practice – <https://www.aipc.net.au/courses/diploma-of-counselling-practice>

Course application forms and associated application documentation are received prior to the commencement of the Trimester/Term and processed by Student Support Staff.

Degrees – Additional Requirements:

All course application forms are to be accompanied by an essay addressing why the prospective student is interested in studying their course and what they are aiming to achieve once qualified.

- Essays for the Bachelor degrees are 300 words in length and can be typed or handwritten neatly.
- Essays for the Master of Counselling are to be 300 words in length with applicants to cover attributes they will require to study counselling at the Masters level, attributes they have which may adversely affect their study of Counselling, and demonstrate personal reflection on their attributes.

All applicants seeking entry via special admission procedures are encouraged to also supply any of the following additional documents in support of their application:

- CV or resume (mandatory if seeking consideration based on work history)
- Letters confirming employment positions, responsibilities and accountabilities including durations from employers/workplace supervisors
- For applicants identifying as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander peoples, letter confirming Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander status under the common seal of an incorporated community organisation.
- A statement (up to 600 words) from the prospective student outlining their abilities and skills that will enable them to study at the tertiary level (mandatory if seeking consideration based on work history)
- Details of any training or development courses completed
- Proof of membership or affiliation with professional organisations, associations or community engagement.
- Referee reports (personal or professional) outlining the applicant's ability to adequately manage the demands of tertiary study

Graduate Certificates and Graduate Diplomas – Additional Requirements:

All course application forms are to be accompanied by an essay addressing why the prospective student is interested in studying the course and what they are aiming to achieve once qualified, in addition to the below requirements:

- Essays are to be 300 words in length
- A Curriculum vitae including work history, management/supervisory/technical/professional experience, duties and responsibilities for each role, and start and end dates of employment, is also required if seeking entry

through relevant pathway.

- Written references/statements of service from employers and/or line managers/supervisors confirming roles held, responsibilities and duties, and dates and length of employment is also required if seeking entry through relevant pathway.

Graduate Certificate in Business and Master of Business Administration – Additional Requirements:

All course application forms are to be accompanied by an essay addressing the prospective students' relevant experience, in addition to the below requirements:

- Essays are to be 300 words in length
- A Curriculum vitae including work history, management/supervisory/technical/professional experience, duties and responsibilities for each role, and start and end dates of employment, is also required.
- Written references/statements of service from employers and/or line managers/supervisors confirming roles held, responsibilities and duties, and dates and length of employment.
- Personal competency essay (300 words) which addresses the applicant's experience in general management skills including: Planning, Team Management or Supervision, Implementation, and Monitoring, Review and Improvement.

For all applications: Upon receipt, the prospective student's application and documentation is assessed, and then a place in the course is offered (subject to student numbers and availability of places). Upon acceptance of the place in the course and confirmation of subjects, the necessary materials for the student to commence their first Trimester/term of studies is provided to the student via the HELP portal prior to the commencement of the Trimester/Term.

Applicants are advised, prior to the Trimester/Term commencing, of the outcome of their application.

Late applications during the first 2 weeks of the Trimester may still be accepted depending on subject availability and student numbers.

## 5. Enrolment

For students accepted into the course, a confirmation is sent to the student along with a course enrolment information. The course enrolment information includes the student handbook, Trimester enrolment form, textbook list and library practices document.

New students are required to notify AIPC in writing of their acceptance of the placement in the course by submitting their 'Acceptance of Offer and Student Agreement'. If confirmation is not received within 14 days, the offer AIPC will follow up with the student. If no response, the place is offered to another applicant.

Students accepted into the course are welcome to apply for credit transfer/recognition of prior learning. The RPL/Credit Transfer Application Form can be obtained by calling AIPC on 1800 570 511 or emailing [enrolments@aipc.net.au](mailto:enrolments@aipc.net.au)

Students can apply for a deferral of their studies for a maximum number of five (5) Trimesters throughout the duration of their course. Students are to submit their request to defer their studies in writing, with suitable reasoning, to Student Support Staff at [enrolments@aipc.net.au](mailto:enrolments@aipc.net.au)

To enable flexibility and the opportunity to meet a variety of financial needs of students, students can pay for their course fees Trimester-by-Trimester or term-by-term via their own funds or through FEE HELP. Students can choose any combination of the two payment options.



Fees and charges for each course can be found here: [www.aipc.net.au/fees-dates-policies](http://www.aipc.net.au/fees-dates-policies)

## 6. Student profile

The table below gives an indication of the likely peer cohort for new students at the institution. It provides data on students that commenced undergraduate study and passed the census date in the most relevant recent intake period for which data are available, including those admitted through all offer rounds, across all Australian campuses, and international students studying in Australia.

Applicant background	Full year intake [2024]	
	Number of students	Percentage of all students
<b>(A) Past higher education study</b> (includes a bridging or enabling course)	394	49.43 %
<b>(B) Past vocational education and training (VET) study</b>	171	21.47 %
<b>(C) Recent secondary education:</b>		
• Admitted solely on the basis of ATAR (regardless of whether this includes the impact of adjustment factors such as equity or subject bonus points)	1	0.14 %
• Admitted where both ATAR and additional criteria were considered (e.g. portfolio, audition, extra test, early offer conditional on minimum ATAR)	3	0.37 %
• Admitted on the basis of other criteria only and ATAR was <b><i>not</i></b> a factor (e.g. special consideration, audition alone, schools recommendation scheme with no minimum ATAR requirement)	7	0.87%
<b>(D) Work and life experience</b>		
Applicants who completed Year 12 more than 2 years ago	33	4.14 %
Admitted on the basis of special entry requirements	0	0 %
<b>International students</b>	188	23.58%
<b>All students</b>	<b>797</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Notes: L/N - Low numbers: the number of students is less than 5.  
N/A - Data not available for this item.  
N/P – Not published: the number is hidden to prevent calculation of numbers in cells with less than 5 students.

## 7. Where to get further information

- [www.aipc.net.au](http://www.aipc.net.au)
- TEQSA national register: <http://www.teqsa.gov.au/national-register/provider/prv12083>
- QILT website: <https://www.qilt.edu.au/institutions/list/institution/australian-institute-of-professional-counsellors>
- Information on appeals and grievance processes: <https://www.aipc.net.au/fees-dates-policies>