



**DO PEOPLE
COME TO YOU
FOR
SUPPORT?**

STUDY THE BACHELOR OF COUNSELLING

Become a professional counsellor with the Bachelor of Counselling at Vision College.

This degree programme is designed to train ethical, professional counsellors, competent and knowledgeable within the Person-Centred counselling approach. Our graduates are well-developed in self-awareness with the capacity to engage in, and maintain therapeutic relationships.

The programme is underpinned by the core values and philosophy of the Person-Centred approach to counselling which requires a high level of personal development.

Additionally, cultural sensitivity and an inclusive Christian worldview are embedded within the programme.

Graduates of the Bachelor of Counselling have met the requirements to become provisional members of the New Zealand Association of Counsellors (NZAC) and the New Zealand Christian Counsellors Association (NZCCA).

ABOUT VISION COLLEGE

Vision College is a division of ATC New Zealand (est. 1984), a Christian training provider that is now one of the largest private tertiary institutions in New Zealand.

Vision College has been providing counsellor education since 1994, and was accredited by NZQA to deliver the Bachelor of Counselling in 2012.

Graduates outwork their professional qualification in a wide range of people-helping industries. A high percentage of graduates work in professional counselling practices in Government, community agencies, churches and private practice. Others outwork their qualification in leadership, management, education and pastoral roles.







YEAR 1

The first year of the degree helps students develop a strong understanding of theory, including counselling process, self-awareness, human development, personal and professional boundaries and principles of psychology. The Person-Centred approach to counselling is practiced and developed within the class environment, in preparation for agency placement in Years 2 and 3.

Students attend regular classes on campus.

PAPERS

- Person-Centred Counselling 1
- Counselling Approaches
- Introduction to Psychology and Assessment
- Introduction to Theology
- Personal and Professional Formation
- Aotearoa New Zealand Society
- Lifespan Human Development

A maximum of 2 years can be taken to achieve this year of study.

QUALIFICATION

Students who exit the qualification after Year 1 can achieve the **Certificate in Interpersonal Skills (Level 5)**.

YEAR 2

The second year shifts to a supervised practicum focus. Placement within an approved counselling setting combines with on-campus classes, deepening theoretical development. Students complete a minimum of 100 hours of face-to-face supervised counselling practice (At least 80 hours must be focussed on working with adults).

PAPERS

- Person-Centred Counselling 2
- Personal and Professional Integration 1
- Supervised Professional Practice 1
- Working with Contextual Issues
- Cultural Competency for Counselling in Aotearoa NZ
- Family, Relationship and Group Systems

A maximum of 4 years can be taken to achieve Year 1 and 2 of study.

QUALIFICATION:

Students who exit the qualification after Year 2 can achieve the **Diploma of Counselling (Level 6)**.







GRADUATE OPPORTUNITIES

The Bachelor of Counselling Level 7 will prepare you for:

FURTHER STUDY

A one-year teacher training course at a School of Education, A Masters Degree in Counselling
Other Post Graduate study

EMPLOYMENT

Counselling Agencies | School Counselling
Youth Work | Support aid | Community agencies | Pastoral Work

YEAR 3

The third year extends the supervised practicum, with students completing a further 100 hours of face-to-face counselling practice. On-campus classes enhance the theoretical depth of students' knowledge and awareness, underpinning the practical counselling experience. Students also choose two elective papers in this year, enabling exploration of more specialised topics.

PAPERS

Core Papers

- Integrative Counselling
- Supervised Professional Practice 2
- Mental Health and Disorders
- Working with Contemporary Issues

Elective papers

Students choose 2 elective papers:

- Introduction to Research
- Creative Therapies
- Counselling Children and Young People
- Grief and Loss Counselling
- Alcohol, Drugs and Addictions
- Abuse and Trauma Counselling
- Working with Couple Relationships

Availability of subjects listed may vary.

A maximum of 6 years can be taken to achieve the Bachelor of Counselling.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

All applicants must:

- Be at least 24 years of age when the programme begins.
- Complete a NZ Police Vetting Service Request and Consent Form.**
- Provide evidence of good character and personal attributes via referee reports.
- Provide evidence of ability to succeed at undergraduate study level. The application process requires applicants to submit written work which will be evaluated for literacy and comprehension levels.
- Attend an interactive group selection day and an individual interview as part of the application process.
- Provide evidence of an appropriate level of computer literacy. This will be evaluated during the selection process.
- International students for whom English is a second language must have an IELTS score of 7 with no individual band lower than 6.5, or a recognised equivalent test.
- Domestic applicants whose first language is not English will be interviewed to assess their level of English competency and may be required to complete a placement indicator test.

Provisional Entry

Provisional Entry may be granted to domestic applicants who do not meet the criteria above, but present evidence of ability to succeed and are able to show they are well prepared to study the programme.

** International students are required to obtain a police certificate from their country of origin.

ENROL NOW

Enrolment forms can be downloaded from the website: vision.ac.nz
Or phone us to have forms posted to you

**FREEPHONE 0800 834 834 or
txt COUNSELLOR to 027 557 8839 today**

COURSE SNAPSHOT

QUALIFICATIONS

YEAR 1 Certificate in Interpersonal Skills (Level 5)

YEAR 2 Diploma of Counselling (Level 6)

YEAR 3 Bachelor of Counselling (Level 7)

STUDY OPTIONS Fulltime or Part-time

DEGREE LENGTH 3 years fulltime, maximum 6 years part-time

START DATES February

AVAILABLE IN Christchurch

FEES Year 1 & 2 \$6150 per year

Year 3 \$5,940.00 per year (Domestic Students)*

STUDENT LOANS AND ALLOWANCES AVAILABLE

StudyLink conditions apply

**Fees listed are indicative only and may vary with course selection. Exact fees can be confirmed when you enquire or apply. See website for International Fees.*

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