

Learning Capital Higher School Of Education

FAQs - Diploma In Counselling Psychology

Q1. What is the difference between Counselling Psychology and Psychology?

Psychology is the study of people: how they think, how they act, react and interact. Psychology is concerned with all aspects of behaviour and the thoughts, feelings and motivation underlying such behaviour. The field of psychology encompasses both research, through which we learn fundamental principles about human and animal behaviour, and practice, where psychologists work directly with adults and children.

Counselling Psychology is a branch of applied Psychology concerned with the integration of psychological principles and therapeutic processes. It adopts a reflective practitioner approach combining understanding both from formal psychological enquiry and from the interpersonal relationship between practitioner and client. Counselling psychologists aim to help people to improve in their sense of well being, alleviate their distress, resolve their crises and increase their ability to solve problems and make decisions for themselves. Counselling psychologists usually have an accredited first degree with further qualifications in counselling, usually a Masters degree, together with a period of supervised practice.

Q2. Can I be a counsellor after completion of the course?

Individuals seeking to be registered with the Singapore Association of Counselors will need to further their education and gain counselling experience.

Q3. What is the academic progression after this Diploma?

- 3 GCE 'O' -- Dip in Cslg Psyche -- Adv Dip in Cslg Psyche -- Master in App Psyche (Counselling)
- Degree/ Diploma -- Dip in Cslg Psyche -- Master in App Psyche (Counselling)

Q4. What is the difference between our course and the course that is offered by the NIE?

NIE's Diploma in School Counselling programme is an intensive programme which trains students to be school counsellors. It also requires its students to have a prior degree and preferably teaching experience.

Learning Capital's Diploma in Counselling Psychology is more diverse. With its lower entry requirement, it reaches out to more people. Graduates can choose to specialise in the area of counselling of their choice at the Master Level (Children & Youth Counselling / Elderly Counselling/ Family Counselling etc).

Q5. Is this Diploma accredited by MOE or any University?

Students holding a prior degree/ diploma may proceed on to do the Master in Applied Psychology (Counselling) by USQ.

Q6. Who are the lecturers teaching this course?

Professionals in field - Psychologist/ Counsellors (see Faculty Members).

Q7. Is it possible for me to take the course at a flexible timing?

Sure, you can. This depends on Learning Capital's scheduling preference.

Q8. Am I able to get any subsidy for the course?

SDF funding is available for this course at \$5 per training hour. We have also submitted our application for VCF (funding for VWO).

Q9. Will I get a job placement after completion of the course?

Placement can be arranged at the Advanced Diploma and Master level - once students have grasped the foundations and are better equipped to apply what was learnt in class. At the Diploma level, students have the option to observe individuals being counselled. Students will be placed based on their suitability with the organization.

Q10. What are the job prospects after completion of this course?

Counsellors are professionals who provide safe, confidential and relevant services to the individuals and groups. Hence, they should have significant post-graduate training in counselling theory and skills OR the equivalent through on-the-job experience (extracted from Singapore Association of Counsellors). Thus, those keen to pursue a career in counselling should further their education in the field and gain as much experience as possible.