

CHC81015 Graduate Diploma of Relationship Counselling 2025

Enhance your counselling skills and work confidently with people experiencing complex relational issues.

This research and evidence-informed course is designed for counsellors, family support workers, family and children's contact workers, or equivalent practitioners. It provides graduates with the practice theories, skills and practical experience to work with a range of complex issues affecting relationships, including family and domestic violence.

Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the course, graduates can apply for:

- roles within community service organisations and government departments
- senior roles involving oversight of family violence service delivery including risk management, multi-disciplinary collaborative practice that is aligned with current practice requirements, family violence practice guidelines and legal/statutory obligations.

Industry recognition

The course is accredited with Family Safety Victoria in meeting the principles for Family Safety Practitioners, and with the Australian Counselling Association.



Structure

This course is delivered over 3 semesters across 18 months. It involves a combination of online, self-paced, and in-person learning, depending on your intake.

Semesters 1 and 2

Interactive and online learning

A combination of interactive, self-paced, online learning and workshops provided online or in-person depending on your intake.

Semester 3

Fully coordinated and supported 50-hour work placement

Apply your learnings, theories and frameworks into practice under the supervision of experienced counsellors and practitioners. Choose to undertake a placement in your workplace or within a Relationships Australia Victoria (RAV) centre.

Monthly placement seminars, and added online learning and field experiences

Students will have the opportunity to observe men's behaviour change program groups during their placement and gain an understanding of family violence court process.

Core Inclusion Program

All students participate in an online, self-paced Core Inclusion Program on working with people across diverse cultural groups.

Discover what sets our course apart



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Fully coordinated & supported placement



Accredited with Family Safety Victoria



Combines interactive & self-paced learning



Facilitated by skilled, practising counsellors

Student feedback



This has been an amazing time of growth.

The readings / learnings have been instrumental in advancing my organisational practice and also in my own reflective capacity – best experience.'

Learn more

Join a free, upcoming 'Learn More' webinar to meet our facilitators, learn about the course and ask questions to help decide if it's right for you.

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Relationships Australia Victoria

We are a specialised provider of family and relationship services, and a leading training provider with national and international experience.

Through our Centre for Learning and Innovation we provide research and evidence-led training, informed by over 75 years' service delivery experience.

Our extensive service suite includes counselling, couple and family therapy, family relationship support, conflict management, family dispute resolution, mediation, mental health services, family violence prevention, support and recovery programs and parenting education.

We deliver training across a broad range of topics related to these and other areas, as well as designing customised training solutions.

Intakes in 2025

Starts 3 July 2025

Online delivery
(Victorian local time).

To register interest or find out more

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Visit rav.org.au/Grad-Dip-RC

Units of competency

- **CHCFCS001** Facilitate the family counselling process
- **CHCFCS002** Provide relationship counselling
- **CHCFCS003** Provide counselling to children and young people
- **CHCDFV008** Manage responses to domestic and family violence in family work
- **CHCDFV013** Manage domestic and family violence screening and risk assessment processes
- **CHCDFV010** Promote accountability and assist users of domestic and family violence to accept responsibility
- **CHCFAM002** Work with a child-focused approach
- **CHCDFV002** Provide support to children affected by domestic and family violence
- **CHCFAM001** Operate in a family law environment
- **CHCFAM007** Assist clients to develop parenting arrangements
- **CHCPRP007** Work within a clinical supervision framework

Detailed course information, policies and procedures are available in our RTO Program Manual on our website.

Fees

\$13,990 (payable by instalment). This cost includes the fully supported work placement.

A \$1000 deposit is required on enrolment. The deposit is non-refundable, except under certain conditions.

Student feedback

☞ [Course] information has been well researched and extremely relevant and layered. Facilitators have been transparent and open to feedback.'

Trainers

This course is delivered by highly experienced and currently practising relationship counsellors who have worked in a range of organisational, private practice and family violence contexts.

Trainers have current training and assessment qualifications and relevant industry experience.

Entry requirements

To enrol in this course, you must have **one or more** of the following:

- an undergraduate degree or higher qualification in counselling, psychology, social work, social science, or equivalent
- a Diploma of Counselling from the CHC Community Services Training Package or equivalent
- evidence of previous family counselling experience in a job role involving:
 - self-directed application of knowledge with substantial depth in some areas
 - independent judgement and decision-making
 - a range of technical and other skills.

Applications

Register your interest for this course on our website.

We will then contact you with information on next steps and to organise an interview prior to being offered a place in the course.



Relationships Australia Victoria acknowledges First Nations peoples as the Traditional Owners and Custodians of the lands and waterways of Australia. We support their right to self-determination and culturally safe services.

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