

Specialist Diploma in Gerontological Counselling

We are pleased to introduce Singapore's first certificate course in gerontological counselling for counsellors and social workers to acquire the essential psycho-therapeutic knowledge, skills and attitudes for helping older persons in a community setting.

The Specialist Diploma in Gerontological Counselling uses a practice-based, holistic, bio-psycho-social and person-centred methodology that is designed for the counsellor or social worker as an adult learner and professional who employs a multitude of learning tools and resources in the implementation of their clinical work.

This diploma course draws on the expertise of the Hua Mei Centre for Successful Ageing, a specialist in integrated psycho-social and medical eldercare to enable ageing in place. Its distinguished advisors include Prof Bob G. Knight, Ph.D, Board Certified in Geropsychology, American Board of Professional Psychology (ABPP); Editor, Journal of Gerontology: Psychological Sciences; and Professor, School of Psychology & Counselling, University of Southern Queensland, Australia.

Course Objectives

The 11 course modules conducted over 11 months focus on three key areas:

- Development of a therapeutic worldview necessary for the counsellor/social worker to deliver a person-directed, strength-based, goal-focused systemic psychological intervention
- The client-counsellor interactive counselling process from client engagement, assessment to goal setting, implementation and evaluation
- Specialist areas particular to working with elders e.g. grief and loss

Admission Criteria

Application for enrolment in the Specialist Diploma in Gerontological Counselling is open to social workers, medical social workers, counsellors, psychologists, and case managers with the following minimum qualifications:

- A degree in social work or psychology or counselling
- Minimum 2 years related working experience
- OR successful interview for candidates who do not meet the above criteria

Course Details

Title:

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Dates and Schedule

April 2018

Schedule:

Wednesdays (9.00 am to 5.30pm)

Venue:

To be confirmed

Course Fees:

Fee for the full 11-month Specialist Diploma in Gerontological Counselling Course is \$8,500 (subject to GST)

Funding Support:

To be confirmed

Registration:

Further information & registration, please contact:

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