

## **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-psychosocial 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

### **Early Bird Discount**

An early bird discount of \$500 will be extended to applicants making a full fee payment before 1 Feb 2016.

### **Singapore Association of Social Workers (SASW) Members**

SASW members will be given a discount of \$500.

Applicants can enjoy only one of these two discounts.

## **Course Details**

### **Title:**

Specialist Diploma in Gerontological Counselling

### **Dates and Schedule**

To be confirmed for 2017

### **Schedule:**

Wednesdays (9.00 am to 5.30pm)

### **Venue:**

Tsao Foundation  
298 Tiong Bahru Road #15-01  
Central Plaza Singapore 168730

### **Course Fees:**

Fee for the full 11-month Specialist Diploma in Gerontological Counselling Course is \$7,500 (subject to GST)

### **Funding Support:**

VWOs-Charities Capability Fund (VCF) Training Grant provides up to \$4,500 for this course.

All subsidies are subject to terms and conditions from NCSS.

WDA funding support of \$3,750 is available for Singapore Citizens.

Applicants can enjoy only one of these two funding.

### **Registration:**

Further information & registration, please contact:

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