



CHC81015 GRADUATE DIPLOMA OF RELATIONSHIP COUNSELLING (RESPONDING TO FAMILY VIOLENCE)

The CHC81015 Graduate Diploma of Relationship Counselling (Responding to Family Violence) is designed for counsellors, family support workers, family and children's contact workers, or equivalent practitioners, seeking to enhance their skills to work with individuals and families facing relationship issues.

A new and enhanced format provides a diverse, blended learning experience for students, incorporating face-to-face, self-paced online and experiential learning.

Students will have the opportunity to gain an understanding of family violence court process and have access to other family violence organisations.

Graduates can apply for a range of employment opportunities within community service organisations and government departments, working with a range of complex issues affecting relationships, including family violence.

Gain the knowledge to work with therapeutic challenges, through immersion in systemic practice and theory. Develop clinical skills, knowledge and confidence in managing the complexities and intricacies of relationship counselling, including working with more than one client in the room.

Delivery mode

Our new and enhanced format provides the latest research and evidence-led content and practice theories, enabling you to have a professional development pathway and learning experience that suits your needs.

We offer an intensive, 18-month intake, including face-to-face delivery days, supported by self-paced learning and a placement program. Full-day seminars are held mostly on weekends, as well as induction and assessment seminars.

The CHC81015 Graduate Diploma of Relationship Counselling (Responding to Family Violence) is accredited and recognised with the Australian Counselling Association (ACA) for registered members.

The role of a relationship counsellor

Relationship counsellors support individuals and families with a range of complex personal and relational issues affecting individual and family functioning.

A relationship counsellor's role may include family violence service delivery including risk assessment, risk management and multi-disciplinary collaborative practice that is aligned with practice requirements, family violence practice guidelines and legal/statutory obligations.

Applications

Applications for this course can be submitted online via the website listed below. After you have registered your interest in this course, a RAV RTO staff member will contact you with further information about enrolment and to organise an interview prior to acceptance into the course.

Want to know more?

Do you have a burning question you want to ask before applying?

We offer free, 45-minute Learn More webinars, during which our experienced course facilitators provide information about this course, address any questions you may have, and assist you to make a decision. Register at rav.org.au/accredited-training


Entry requirements


To gain entry a candidate must have one 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; or

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- ability to provide documented evidence of previous experience in a family counselling environment in a job role involving:
 - self-directed application of knowledge with substantial depth in some areas
 - exercise of independent judgement and decision-making
 - a range of technical and other skills.

Upon request and where applicable, candidates may request a credit transfer and/or Recognition of Prior Learning process.

All applicants will be interviewed as part of the selection process.

Recognition of Prior Learning

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) enables students to have their existing skills and knowledge acknowledged and status granted where appropriate. This is available for people with extensive and relevant experience in counselling or family and domestic violence.

To apply for RPL, you will need to provide evidence of the competencies needed for this course by completing the RPL Application and Assessment Form, which we can provide on request. Please also refer to the RTO Program Manual on the website for more information.

Fees

\$13,390 (payable by instalment). This cost includes the fully supported work placement.

A deposit of \$1,000 is required on enrolment. The deposit is non-refundable, except under certain conditions. Please refer to the RTO Program Manual: Fees, Charges and Refunds Policy on the website.

Structure

All intake options are split into two semesters.

- The first semester consists of combined self-paced and interactive online learning, together with face-to-face classes and skills workshops.
- The second semester consists of a fully arranged and supported work placement for all students, along with monthly, face-to-face seminars, and some added online learning and field experiences.

As part of the new experiential learning component of this course, we're also pleased to provide instructor-led guest speaker sessions, forums and excursions to relevant organisations working within the family violence sector.

These experiences allow students to engage with community organisations that work in the field of family violence, learn from experts in the field and broaden their knowledge of the sector.

This course also examines perpetrator characteristics, and characteristics of those who have had violence perpetrated against them.

All students will also take part in a self-paced online Core Inclusion Program on how to work with people across diverse cultural groups.

Trainers

The Graduate Diploma 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.

Modules

Semester One

- Module 1: Introduction to Relationship Counselling and Family Violence
- Module 2: Skills for Sustainable Practice
- Module 3: Diversity of Family Structures
- Module 4: Family Violence in Relationship Counselling
- Module 5: Risk Assessment, Management, Safety Planning and MARAM
- Module 6: Trauma-Informed Theory and Practice
- Module 7: Foundations of Counselling Modalities
- Module 8: Cultural Diversity
- Module 9: Lived Experiences of Family Violence
- Module 10: Counselling Practice with Couples
- Module 11: Counselling Practice with Children and Young People
- Module 12: Counselling Practice with Families
- Module 13: Family Violence Screening and Assessment with Couples and Families
- Module 14: Separation and the Family: Parenting Arrangements and Family Law
- Module 15: Mediation

Semester Two


Work placement (50 hours)


- Fully-arranged and supported work placement program allowing students to apply their learnt theories, and frameworks into practice under the supervision of experienced counsellors and practitioners.
- Students have the option of undertaking placements in their workplace or within a Relationships Australia NSW nominated centre.


Visit www.training.gov.au for detailed information on the course units.

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Units of competency

- 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 childfocused approach
- CHCDFV002 Provide support to children affected by domestic and family violence
- CHCFCS001 Facilitate the family counselling process
- CHCFCS002 Provide relationship counselling
- CHCFCS003 Provide counselling to children and young people
- CHCFAM001 Operate in a family law environment
- CHCFAM007 Assist clients to develop parenting arrangements
- CHCPRP007 Work within a clinical supervision framework

Unique Student Identifier

Students undertaking nationally accredited training with RAV (i.e. enrolling into VET courses) will need to set up a Unique Student Identifier (USI) and provide this to RAV's administration team via email.

RAV is required to record and verify a USI for each student.

More information and assistance in applying is available at www.usi.gov.au

About us

Relationships Australia NSW (RANSW) is partnering with Relationships Victoria (RAV) who is the Registered Training Organisation (RTO) to deliver the Graduate Diploma. Relationships Australia is a specialised provider of family and relationship services. RAV is a leading training provider with national and international expertise.

Relationships Australia provides high quality research and evidence led training to further develop your skills

and experience based on over 70 years experience in relationship counselling, conflict management, family relationships, family dispute resolution, couple therapy and relationship education.



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