



COURSE OUTLINE

PSY700

Advanced and Transcultural Counselling

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ON CAMPUS

Most of your course is on campus but you may be able to do some components of this course online.

Please go to the USC website for up to date information on the teaching sessions and campuses where this course is usually offered.

1. What is this course about?

1.1. Description

The USC postgraduate psychology programs are committed to maintaining the primacy of public safety in the delivery of the program within the education and placement environments. This subject employs a skills-training approach to extend your previous learning in counselling psychology, with an emphasis on strengthening effective psychotherapy skills, and a focus on the development of an effective working alliance with patients. You are also introduced to the importance of cultural factors within a biopsychosocial model, the need to develop cultural sensitivity and awareness and skills for delivering effective transcultural therapy, with a special focus on working with indigenous Australians and refugees. Ethical issues will be addressed as they arise.

1.2. How will this course be delivered?

ACTIVITY	HOURS	BEGINNING WEEK	FREQUENCY
ON CAMPUS			
Tutorial/Workshop 1 – On campus tutorial/workshop - 3 hours	3hrs	Week 1	12 times

1.3. Course Topics

- Advanced theories and treatment of cognitive behavioural therapy and metacognitive therapy.
- Working therapeutically with diverse cultural groups.
- Developing an understanding of working therapeutically with clients who identify as ATSI.
- Treatment of PTSD and Generalised Anxiety Disorder.

2. What level is this course?

700 Level (Specialised)

Demonstrating a specialised body of knowledge and set of skills for professional practice or further learning. Advanced application of knowledge and skills in unfamiliar contexts.

3. What is the unit value of this course?

12 units

4. How does this course contribute to my learning?

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES		GRADUATE QUALITIES
On successful completion of this course, you should be able to...		Completing these tasks successfully will contribute to you becoming...
1	Demonstrate knowledge and use of advanced counselling skills.	Knowledgeable Empowered
2	Show knowledge and understanding of the key role of the working alliance in effective psychological consultations of all types and skills for developing an effective working alliance.	Knowledgeable Ethical Engaged
3	Show knowledge and understanding of the difficulties inherent in psychological consultations involving attention to cultural issues, and skills for delivering effective transcultural psychological interventions, particularly with indigenous Australians and refugees.	Knowledgeable Ethical Engaged Sustainability-focussed
4	Show awareness of potential ethical issues involved in counselling psychology and understanding of how to use the APS Code of Ethics and its accompanying Guidelines to resolve ethical questions, particularly in transcultural consultations.	Creative and critical thinker Ethical

5. Am I eligible to enrol in this course?

Refer to the [USC Glossary of terms](#) for definitions of “pre-requisites, co-requisites and anti-requisites”.

5.1. Pre-requisites

Enrolled in Program AR507, AR702 or AR703

5.2. Co-requisites

Not applicable

5.3. Anti-requisites

Not applicable

5.4. Specific assumed prior knowledge and skills (where applicable)

Ability to write in APA format

6. How am I going to be assessed?

6.1. Grading Scale

Limited Grading (PNP)

Pass (PU), Fail (UF). All assessment tasks are required to be passed for successful completion of the course.

6.2. Details of early feedback on progress

At the beginning of week 4, a 10-item quiz will be held in class using an online format to assess the students’ understanding of the course content to date.

6.3. Assessment tasks

DELIVERY MODE	TASK NO.	ASSESSMENT PRODUCT	INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP	WHAT IS THE DURATION / LENGTH?	WHEN SHOULD I SUBMIT?	WHERE SHOULD I SUBMIT IT?
All	1	Oral and Written Piece	Group	60 minutes	Refer to Format	In Class
All	2	Examination	Individual	90 minutes	Week 13	In Class

All - Assessment Task 1: Seminar Presentation

GOAL:	In a group of two, prepare and give PowerPoint that demonstrates understanding of working therapeutically with a specific cultural population.	
PRODUCT:	Oral and Written Piece	
FORMAT:	Submit: Weeks 6-12. Prepare and present a 60 minute presentation on working therapeutically with a culturally diverse population, based on relevant research and evidence-based therapy. Possible cultures or diverse populations to present on will be discussed in the first lecture. Presentations occur from Weeks 6 - 12. Presentation roles need to be evenly shared (i.e., all group members to contribute to the preparation and to present).	
CRITERIA:	No.	Learning Outcome assessed
	1	Knowledge about the culture, diverse population, or Indigenous peoples you are presenting on, including specific psychological issues relevant to them. 2
	2	Familiarisation with the psychological, social and cultural issues confronting these clients. 2
	3	Understanding of factors that shape these clients' personal, social and cultural identity. 3
	4	Knowledge of appropriate psychological assessment techniques, including their application with these clients. 1
	5	Consideration of how their cultural identity may influence assessment and treatment. 4
	6	Evidence-based treatment approaches. 1 4
	7	Consideration of ethical issues relevant to the topic area. 4

All - Assessment Task 2: Exam

GOAL:	Demonstrate learning of course content.	
PRODUCT:	Examination	
FORMAT:	During class in week 13, you will participate in a 90 minute exam. The aim of this exam is to assess your knowledge of issues relevant to advanced and transcultural counselling. The exam will be based on material covered during lectures, student seminar presentations, and from the prescribed textbooks; including the APS Code of Ethics/Ethical Guidelines. The exam will be a combination of short answer and multiple choice questions.	
CRITERIA:	No.	Learning Outcome assessed
	1	Demonstrates an understanding of relevant treatment planning and implementation across a range of psychological disorders and cultures 1 3

7. Directed study hours

A 12-unit course will have total of 150 learning hours which will include directed study hours (including online if required), self-directed learning and completion of assessable tasks. Directed study hours may vary by location. Student workload is calculated at 12.5 learning hours per one unit.

8. What resources do I need to undertake this course?

Please note: Course information, including specific information of recommended readings, learning activities, resources, weekly readings, etc. are available on the course Blackboard site– Please log in as soon as possible.

8.1. Prescribed text(s) or course reader

There are no required/recommended resources for this course.

8.2. Specific requirements

You are expected to attend all lectures. For any lectures that are missed you will need to demonstrate to your course co-ordinator that you have covered the required material. This will usually take the form of a detailed summary and reflection of the Directed Study Activities for the missed lecture.

Information regarding prescribed texts or other associated resources will be made available on the BlackBoard site prior to commencement of study.

9. How are risks managed in this course?

Health and safety risks for this course have been assessed as low. It is your responsibility to review course material, search online, discuss with lecturers and peers and understand the health and safety risks associated with your specific course of study and to familiarise yourself with the University's general health and safety principles by reviewing the [online induction training for students](#), and following the instructions of the University staff.

10. What administrative information is relevant to this course?

10.1. Assessment: Academic Integrity

Academic integrity is the ethical standard of university participation. It ensures that students graduate as a result of proving they are competent in their discipline. This is integral in maintaining the value of academic qualifications. Each industry has expectations and standards of the skills and knowledge within that discipline and these are reflected in assessment.

Academic integrity means that you do not engage in any activity that is considered to be academic fraud; including plagiarism, collusion or outsourcing any part of any assessment item to any other person. You are expected to be honest and ethical by completing all work yourself and indicating in your work which ideas and information were developed by you and which were taken from others. You cannot provide your assessment work to others. You are also expected to provide evidence of wide and critical reading, usually by using appropriate academic references.

In order to minimise incidents of academic fraud, this course may require that some of its assessment tasks, when submitted to Blackboard, are electronically checked through SafeAssign. This software allows for text comparisons to be made between your submitted assessment item and all other work that SafeAssign has access to.

10.2. Assessment: Additional Requirements

Limited Graded Course:

This course will be graded as Pass in a Limited Grade Course (PU) or Fail in a Limited Grade Course (UF) as per clause 4.1.3 and 4.1.4 of the Grades and Grade Point Average (GPA) - Institutional Operating Policy of the USC.

In a course eligible to use Limited Grades, all assessment items in that course are marked on a Pass/Fail basis and all assessment tasks are required to be passed for a student to successfully complete the course. Supplementary assessment is not available in courses using Limited Grades.

10.3. Assessment: Submission penalties

You must contact your Course Coordinator and provide the required documentation if you require an extension or alternate assessment.

10.4. Study help

For help with course-specific advice, for example what information to include in your assessment, you should first contact your tutor, then your course coordinator, if needed.

If you require additional assistance, the Learning Advisers are trained professionals who are ready to help you develop a wide range of academic skills. Visit the [Learning Advisers](#) web page for more information, or contact Student Central for further assistance: +61 7 5430 2890 or studentcentral@usc.edu.au.

10.5. Wellbeing Services

Student Wellbeing provide free and confidential counselling on a wide range of personal, academic, social and psychological matters, to foster positive mental health and wellbeing for your academic success.

To book a confidential appointment go to [Student Hub](#), email studentwellbeing@usc.edu.au or call 07 5430 1226.

10.6. AccessAbility Services

Ability Advisers ensure equal access to all aspects of university life. If your studies are affected by a disability, learning disorder mental health issue, , injury or illness, or you are a primary carer for someone with a disability or who is considered frail and aged, [AccessAbility Services](#) can provide access to appropriate reasonable adjustments and practical advice about the support and facilities available to you throughout the University.

To book a confidential appointment go to [Student Hub](#), email AccessAbility@usc.edu.au or call 07 5430 2890.

10.7. Links to relevant University policy and procedures

For more information on Academic Learning & Teaching categories including:

- Assessment: Courses and Coursework Programs
- Review of Assessment and Final Grades
- Supplementary Assessment
- Administration of Central Examinations
- Deferred Examinations
- Student Academic Misconduct
- Students with a Disability

Visit the USC website: <http://www.usc.edu.au/explore/policies-and-procedures#academic-learning-and-teaching>

10.8. General Enquiries

In person:

- **USC Sunshine Coast** - Student Central, Ground Floor, Building C, 90 Sippy Downs Drive, Sippy Downs
- **USC Moreton Bay** - Service Centre, Ground Floor, Foundation Building, Gympie Road, Petrie
- **USC SouthBank** - Student Central, Building A4 (SW1), 52 Merivale Street, South Brisbane
- **USC Gympie** - Student Central, 71 Cartwright Road, Gympie
- **USC Fraser Coast** - Student Central, Student Central, Building A, 161 Old Maryborough Rd, Hervey Bay
- **USC Caboolture** - Student Central, Level 1 Building J, Cnr Manley and Tallon Street, Caboolture

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