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MASTER OF SCIENCE COUNSELLING

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BACKGROUND

The Master of Science (Counselling) programme is a 52 credit hour programme designed for people who want to work as licensed professionals in the counseling field. As such applicants for the programme should pass an interview and/or psychology test before being granted candidature.

THE AIM AND EXPECTED OUTCOMES

At the end of this programme, the students are expected to be able to:

- demonstrate the ability to function as a professional counsellor.
- provide detailed descriptions of counselling theories, as well as other relevant theories in assessment, human development, human diversity, ethics and research
- provide detailed descriptions of the major approaches to counselling applications
- evaluate individual strengths and weaknesses as a counsellor
- display the commitment to counsellor identity and the ethical and legal standards of the profession
- display appropriate interpersonal and professional behavior that includes effective communication and feedback, emotional maturity, flexibility, sensitivity, commitment to personal growth, group membership and professional orientation
- construct and implement appropriate interventions
- develop and display an appropriate style of counseling practice with supervision and guidance from practicing professionals.

ENTRY REQUIREMENT

Applicants for Master's Programme must possess:

a) University Requirement

1. A Bachelor's degree with Honours from Universiti Utara Malaysia or any other

institution of higher learning recognized by the University Senate with a CGPA of at least 2.75; or

2. A Bachelor's degree from Universiti Utara Malaysia or any other institution of higher learning recognized by the University Senate with a CGPA of less than 2.75 and with working experience in a related field; or
3. A Bachelor's degree with Honours in Pure Science and Technology or any other Professional field from Universiti Utara Malaysia or any other institution of higher learning recognized by the University Senate with a CGPA of at least 2.50 ; OR
4. A Bachelor's degree in Pure Science and Technology or any other Professional field from Universiti Utara Malaysia or any other institution of higher learning recognized by the University Senate with a CGPA of less than 2.50 and working experience in a related field; or
5. A Diploma with ten (10) years' working experience and minimum age of 35 years and passed APEL assessment (Level 7); or
6. Any other equivalent qualification recognized by the University Senate;

b) Additional Admission Requirement

1. Application for Master of Social Work programme must pass an interview and/or a psychology test.

b) English Language Requirement

International applicants should meet any one of the following English Language requirements before they are accepted for admission into the programmes.

1. Obtain a minimum score in the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL):
 - 550 in the TOEFL Paper Based Test; or
 - 80 in the TOEFL Internet Based Test; or
2. Obtain a minimum score of 6.0 in the International English Language Testing System (IELTS); or
3. Possess a degree from any countries with

- English Language Education System; OR
4. Possess a degree from any Public University in Malaysia with English as a language of instruction; or
5. Possess a degree from any Private Uni-

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

The Master of Science (Counselling) programme is a 52 credit hour programme designed for individuals with some academic or practice background in counselling and psychology.

a) COURSEWORK MODE

The 52 credit hours that students have to undergo throughout this course are divided into three (3) components. The components and their corresponding courses are as follows:

▸ Research Methods and Applied Statistics (7 credit hours)

- Applied Statistics & Computer Application
- Research Methodology

▸ Theory of Counseling, Psychotherapy, Personality and Career (30 credit hours)

- Theory & Practice of Individual Counseling
- Theory & Practice of Group Counseling
- Theory and Practice of Family & Marriage Counseling
- Applied Career Counseling
- Contemporary Career Seminar
- Counseling Ethics & Counselor Act 1998 (Act 580)
- Adolescence & Adult Psychology
- Psychological Testing & Assessment
- Theories of Personality & Psychotherapy
- Applied Social Psychology

▸ Practicum and Internship (9 credit hours)

- SSKX5983 Counseling Practicum
- SSKX5996 Internship

versity or College University in Malaysia that are listed in Malaysian Qualifications Register (MQR).

▸ Project Paper (6 credit hours)

- Project Paper

▸ Credit value:

- 52 credit hours

▸ Mode and Duration of study:

- Full-time: 3 semesters (minimum), 10 semesters (maximum)
- Part-time: 4 semesters (minimum), 15 semesters (maximum)

b) RESEARCH MODE

In the research mode, students will be involved in a fully supervised research project. In the process students are required to fulfill the following activities:

- Present and defend proposed research to a committee
- Present progress reports of research work at colloquium arranged by the Graduate School or College
- Attend a viva session to defend the thesis.
- Submit a final thesis.

Students without sufficient research skills and knowledge are required to attend and pass the following courses with at least a B grade before being allowed to defend their proposal (i.e., within the first two semesters of their enrollment):

- SZRZ6014 Research Methodology
- SCLE6014 Academic Writing, and/or
- any other course as determined by the supervisor or Academic Committee

▸ Fees:

- Full-time (UUM Sintok): per credit hour RM150.00
- Part-time (Offshore): per credit hour RM300.00