

Guidance and Counselling

Master of **Guidance and Counselling**

The Singapore campus of James Cook University

Established in 2003

The Singapore campus of James Cook University is fully owned by James Cook University Australia, which is ranked in the top 2% of universities in the world¹. James Cook University Australia established its Singapore campus in 2003 as part of its expressed intent of internationalising its activities and offers a suite of university level programs at the Singapore campus covering the areas of Business, Information Technology, Psychology, Guidance and Counselling, Science, Commerce, Accounting, Aquaculture, Environmental Science, Games Design, Tourism and Hospitality.

James Cook University offers Higher Degree by Research programs such as Doctor of Philosophy, Master of Philosophy and pathways to a higher degree.

Additionally, the campus offers courses at the pre-university level, specifically designed to provide pathways for students who are unable to immediately meet university entrance standards.

The Singapore campus of James Cook University is located at Sims Drive. The campus provides students with access to a full range of facilities and services to support their learning. These include lecture and seminar rooms, library and associated study facilities, computer laboratories, aquaculture research and teaching facility, financial lab and access to a variety of sporting facilities.

James Cook University Inter-campus Exchange Program*

James Cook University provides the opportunity for students to study in Singapore and in Australia and yet still remain as Singapore based students paying their fees in Singapore currency. This is a unique program designed to ensure that the students get the best possible outcomes from their years of study with the university, which operates across two countries.

EduTrust Star

James Cook University has the highest level of quality assurance in Singapore for Private Education Institutions. This is known as EduTrust Star and is a symbol of recognition for outstanding achievement. EduTrust Star is awarded to those institutions for attaining a commendable level of performance in managing their institutions and providing an outstanding quality of education and welfare for their students.

James Cook University is the first organisation with EduTrust Star. By obtaining this award for the third time in 2023, James Cook University has displayed its commitment and focus as a student centric educational institution.

SQC STAR

James Cook University has also been awarded the Singapore Quality Class STAR (SQC STAR). The SQC STAR recognises SQC organisations that have made further improvement in their business excellence journey.

Tropical Futures Institute

Given that research is a core component of the university, James Cook University established the Tropical Futures Institute to leverage off the university's research capability and strength and that creates substantive value-add to the research ecosystems of Singapore and the ASEAN region. The Tropical Futures Institute is the first research institute established by an Australian university in Singapore.

James Cook Institute

James Cook Institute is a wholly-owned subsidiary of James Cook University in Singapore that offers short courses and training programs in Industry 4.0 and areas that fit the needs of the workforce and community. This includes a wide range of short courses and training programs in information technology, digital marketing, communication, and more.

James Cook Institute is committed to further diversifying and enhancing its short course offerings, as well as delivering customised training programs for corporate clients to provide more people with the opportunity to upgrade their skills and stay relevant and employable in today's ever-changing world..

¹ 2024 Times Higher Education World University Rankings and 2023 ShanghaiRanking Academic Ranking of World Universities as a percentage of higher education providers in the International Association of Universities (IAU) database

* Terms and conditions apply





The Master of Guidance and Counselling Program is designed to meet academic and vocational needs regarding career development or career transition. It offers an enrichment to current working practices as well as an option to specialize in the field of Counselling.

Note: International students in Singapore on a Student Pass are not permitted to work. For more information please visit www.ica.gov.sg

James Cook University is EduTrust Certified. The EduTrust certification scheme is administered by the Committee for Private Education (CPE), a part of SkillsFuture Singapore (SSG). EduTrust requires all students to be covered under a Fee Protection Scheme. In James Cook University, this is provided through Fee Protection Scheme Group Insurance. All students from James Cook University are covered hospitalization, surgery and treatment costs in accordance to insurance policy term and conditions under the Group Hospitalisation and Surgical insurance scheme. James Cook University will advise in the Standard Student Contract the total amount of insurance payable.

For more details please visit the Committee for Private Education (CPE), a part of SkillsFuture Singapore (SSG) website: www.ssg.gov.sg/cpe/pei.html

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Human, personal, educational, and employment needs are becoming ever more complex in the 21st century context of continuing and rapid change. Counselling professionals provide an invaluable service by helping people grow and thrive in such an environment.

Our Master of Guidance and Counselling (MGC) course provides advanced academic and practical training in the professional discipline of counselling. It is designed to meet the developmental needs of individuals wishing to enter the counselling profession, as well as individuals seeking to develop important human and interpersonal skills in other professions.

The course has the advantage of being formally recognised as an initial counsellor training course by the Singapore Association for Counselling (SAC) as well as the Australian Counselling Association (ACA). Dual recognition of counsellor training enables graduates to practice in both countries as well as internationally.

Duration:

24 months part-time (Commencing in Trimester)

Intakes:

Trimester: January*, May, September

Course Structure:

take 1-2 subjects per Trimester

Total Tuition Fees (2024): S\$41,529 (Domestic)**

**In 2024, the intake will commence in February*

***Fees apply to all Singapore residents (Singapore Citizens, Permanent Residents and all pass holders excluding those holding a Student Pass).*

Note:

- All course fees include the corresponding Singapore Goods and Services Tax (GST), which is 9% in 2024.
- The details of the instalment breakdown will be provided in your Student Contract. Please contact us for further details.

Applicants must hold a relevant residential permit in Singapore. Contact us for further information.

Career Prospects:

The Master of Guidance and Counselling (MGC) degree equips graduates with the requisite skills, knowledge, understanding and personal awareness to become professionally equipped counsellors in a variety of locations and settings.

Equally, for those not wishing to pursue the professional counselling route, the MGC Course will advance graduates professionally via enrichment of their people skills, knowledge, understanding and self-awareness to become more empowered personally and professionally within their contexts of choice.



Study Program

Students are required to complete 12 subjects (36 credit points) based on availability and scheduling.

8 core subjects (24 credit points):

Foundations of Counselling Theory
Foundations of Counselling Practice
Advanced Counselling
Assessment in Counselling
Atypical Development
Career and Leisure Guidance and Counselling
Reflective Practice Research in Guidance and Counselling
Practicum in Guidance and Counselling



4 subjects (12 credit points)

Introduction to Educational Research
Educational Leadership
Community Development
Working with Children and Families

Advanced Standing

- Students may be granted advanced standing if, in addition to meeting the entry requirements, they can provide evidence of relevant work experience.
- Students may apply for a credit transfer for previous tertiary study or informal and non-formal learning in accordance with the Credit Transfer Procedure. Credit will be granted only for studies completed in the 10 years prior to the commencement of this course.

Course Requirements

- Each 3 credit point subject requires a minimum of 130 hours of study time per trimester.
- Practicum consists of 130 hours of practice (100 hours minimum face-to-face counselling) over a period of two trimesters.
- Students are supported in sourcing and making arrangements for practicum placements. The University meets the cost of 10 hours of professional Supervisory support in keeping with ethical codes and requirements.
- This 100 hours of direct Counselling needs to be ethically supported by a minimum of 10 hours of individual Supervision provided by a SAC Registered Counsellor or a practitioner of equivalent standing. Along with this, there is a further 20 hours requirement representing Counselling 'related' activity such as Practicum report writing or involvement in formal team or training meetings etc.

Entry Requirements

- Completion of an AQF level 7 bachelor degree in a cognate discipline. Cognate disciplines include education, psychology, social work, law, health or career development.
- In exceptional cases, applicants may be admitted to the course if they submit other evidence of academic and/or professional attainments relevant to the field of Counselling - and their candidature is approved.

English Requirements

- Applicants of non-English speaking backgrounds must meet the English language proficiency requirements of IELTS 6.5 (no component lower than 6.0) / TOEFL (Internet Based) 86 (no component less than 21) / Pearson PTE Academic 58 (no component less than 54); or
- Satisfactory completion of James Cook University Singapore English Language Preparatory Program (ELPP); or
- Successful completion of other qualifications completed in English Language deemed comparable to Australian standards on a case-by-case basis in accordance to JCU admissions guidelines



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"I choose the Singapore campus of James Cook University (JCU) as it offers a comprehensive MGC program that builds up a solid knowledge base for counselling with a flexible course arrangement for working people.

In JCU, I get to learn multiple counselling approaches and skills, understand the overall status of counseling industry in Singapore, and be exposed to clients with various psychological difficulties from different age groups. As a result, I have gained not only a solid knowledge base to work as a counsellor but also valuable support from a group of people who shared my passion.

Moreover, my lecturers went the extra mile to negotiate with my practicum site for a customized solution, ensuring a quality practicum experience that could benefit my future career. It is definitely a rewarding experience, enabling the growth and preparing me for my future career."



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