

This document covers the admission requirements for the Postgraduate Diploma in Counselling

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To be eligible for admission, you must meet two admission requirements:

- General admission requirements
- English language requirements

General Admission

To be admitted to this programme, applicants must meet the following requirements:

Applicants must give their consent to undergo a process of Safety Checking as set out in the Vulnerable Children (Requirements for Safety Checks of Children's Workers) Regulations 2015 ("the Regulations"). This checking process will include:

- Providing 2 forms of identification, and evidence of any name changes (if any);
- Consent to Unitec undertaking a Police Vet check, or a Criminal Record Check (as required), and advise Unitec of any current charges or pending court matters;
- Providing a chronological summary of his or her work history, if any, for the preceding 5 years and the name of any professional organisations and/or licensing authorities and/or registration authorities that the student is a member of or been licensed by and that is relevant to the proposed placement (if required);
- Providing the names of 2 referees who may be contacted by Unitec or your placement provider (if required);
- Attending a face to face interview (if required) for the purposes of a risk assessment as required by section 8 of the Act.

Applicants are also required to consent to the above information gathered as part of the Safety Check to be shared with a host institution for the purposes of a practicum placement.

All applicants must fulfil the following requirements in addition to the General Admission requirements:

- Have completed a Unitec Bachelor of Social Practice or equivalent qualification in a field of social practice.
- Have experience in working in a field of social practice.

English Language Requirements

General English Language requirements

Applicants must have achieved a minimum standard of English as demonstrated by a minimum of 8 credits at NCEA Level 2 in English (4 in Reading, 4 in Writing).

English language entry requirements for international students for whom English is not their first language:

Applicants must have at least ONE of the following:

- a) Gained NCEA level 3 and met New Zealand university entrance requirements;
- b) Clear evidence that they satisfy one of the following criteria for existing English proficiency:
 1. Previous primary and secondary study in English as evidenced by completion of one of the following at schools with English as the language of instruction in countries with a student visa approval rate of at least 80 per cent:
 - i. Completion of all primary education and at least three years of secondary education (that is, the equivalent of New Zealand Forms 3 to 7 or years 9 to 13), or
 - ii. Completion of at least five years of secondary education (that is, the equivalent of New Zealand Forms 3 to 7 or years 9 to 13)at schools using English as the language of instruction are eligible for enrolment at all levels of the NZQF
 2. Previous tertiary study in English: International students are eligible for enrolment at all levels of the NZQF when they can provide clear evidence of completion of a Bachelor Degree, Graduate Certificate, Graduate Diploma, Bachelor Honours Degree, Postgraduate Certificate, Postgraduate Diploma, Master's Degree or Doctoral Degree with English as the language of instruction, from tertiary education providers from New Zealand, Australia, Canada, the Republic of Ireland, South Africa, the United Kingdom or the United States.
 3. Achievement of the Certificate in English Language Teaching to Adults (CELTA)
- c) Achieved, within the preceding two years, at least one of the English proficiency outcomes listed below:
 1. NZ Certificate in English Language (NZCEL) (Academic) (Level 5)
 2. An overall IELTS band score (Academic Format) of 6.5 with no band score lower than 6. The IELTS scores used must be taken from a single IELTS Test Report Form.
 3. An overall TOEFL Paper-based test (pBT) score of 590 (essay 5.5 TWE) OR an overall TOEFL Internet-based test (iBT) Score of 79 (writing 21)
 4. University of Cambridge English Examinations: CAE or CPE with a score of 176. No less than 169 in each skill

5. Pearson Test of English PToE (Academic) with a score of 58 with no score lower than 50