

Entrance Requirement

Applicants are required to have a Bachelor's degree or the equivalent and preferably a minimum of two years of post-qualification working experience.

Tuition Fee

The tuition fee is \$231,840 (HK\$115,920/year) for 2-year part-time study.

Recognitions

Over the years, some of our graduates from the present programme have become members of the Hong Kong Professional Counselling Association.

The MSocSc(Counselling) completed at HKU has been evaluated and recognised by the World Education Services as equivalent to a Master's degree in the United States.

Depending on individual circumstance (e.g., major in psychology, clinical experience), graduates are able to obtain professional registration or membership in several overseas countries such as the United Kingdom and Australia.

Scholarships, Awards and Prizes

Erik Kvan Memorial Book Prize

The prize is established to honour students with outstanding academic performance in the MSocSc(Counselling) programme.

Madam Lo Ng Kiu Ying Anita Memorial Prize

The prize is established to honour students with outstanding performance in the practicum.

Scholarship for School Teachers (Pursuit of Master's Degree Programmes)

The scholarship is an initiative under "T-applause" which is one of the focus areas covered under T-excel@hk. It aims to celebrate achievements of high-performing school teachers and to encourage teachers' pursuit of higher qualifications as well as to enhance their professionalism.



Important Dates

Event (Round I)	Date
Information Session	31 October 2025
Deadline of Online Application	26 November 2025
Admission Test and Interview	5 and 8 December 2025
Announcement of Results (Provisional Offer)	Early to mid January 2026

Event (Round II)	Date
Information Session	7 January 2026
Deadline of Online Application	30 March 2026
Admission Test and Interview	Mid-April 2026
Announcement of Results (Provisional Offer)	Early to mid-May 2026

Information Session

Session I

31 October 2025 • 7:30pm – 9:00pm
Venue: CPD-3.28
Registration: <https://shorturl.at/9flft>



Session II

7 January 2026 • 7:00pm – 9:00pm
Venue: CPD-3.28
Registration: <https://shorturl.at/Q1pl7>



Online Application

To apply, please visit:

<https://portal.hku.hk/tpg-admissions>



Deadline of Application

Round 1: 12:00 noon, 26 November 2025
Round 2: 12:00 noon, 30 March 2026

Enquiry

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<https://web.socialwork.hku.hk/programme-admission/msocsc-counselling/>



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The Science and Art of Fostering Authentic Human Connections



Master of Social Sciences in the field of Counselling

Two-year part-time study
Admission 2026-27

While people seek counselling for advice to deal with their life challenges, counselling also aims at facilitating people to nurture the love for self and others (COMPASSION慈愛), to have more precious moments to share with others (CONNECTION關係), and be genuinely (HAPPY開心) and remain hopeful even when lives are full of surprises. Our teaching team wishes students and graduates from our programme will be equipped with the cutting-edged knowledge and skills to enable people's growth through adversity and with the right attitude and wisdom to facilitate people to pursuit their happiness. If you are interested to be part of the counselling community, you may consider our programme.

Programme Objectives

To equip students for acting as the first line of help, both at work and in their personal lives, for people in need of support before they develop more severe mental health problems.

To add to the resources of practitioners in human services who find themselves in need of further training in the counselling process.

Programme Curriculum

Students are required to complete 10 courses, including 5 compulsory, and 3 elective courses or 1 elective course with a dissertation, a skills training laboratory and a practicum that includes a practice-based project report.

Details can be viewed at
<https://web.socialwork.hku.hk/msocsc-counselling/>



Programme Features

Practicum Training (compulsory)

Our practicum training is an integral part of counsellor education with an emphasis on "learning by doing". During the second (or third) year of study, all of the MSocSc counselling students will perform their practicum with an assigned practicum supervisor. Through working with clients, students will learn to reflect on their strengths and weaknesses and to develop their style of practice. Most of our graduates find the practicum as a remarkable challenge.

Experiential Learning with Live Demonstration Sessions (optional)

These sessions allow students to explore theoretical approaches, increase self-awareness and learn clinical skills in settings that involve authentic clients, specialist practitioners and counselling trainees.

Teaching and Learning Facility

The Counselling Unit consists of regular counselling rooms and play-therapy room at the Centennial Campus provides current students with additional opportunity to put theory into practice through working with clients from diverse socio-cultural background.

Life Long Professional Development

We are committed to supporting the professional development of our graduates by running workshops and seminars from time to time. Another example is: Our alumni have served as voluntary counsellors offering three free-of-charge counselling sessions since 2015 in a joint project with Tung Wah Group of Hospitals Radio-i-Care titled (心靈嚮導) for people affected by stress and mood problems. We serve and we learn.



Students'Voices

Personal Growth

"Emotional Focused Therapy, Hypnotherapy and Family Therapy are my elective courses in studying the Master of Social Sciences Counselling Programme. I found them very useful in understanding how empathetic attachment, emotion schemes, hypnotic trance state, and family systems may affect individuals, couples and families. Not only does this knowledge increase my self-awareness, but helps others understand problems within the field of study."

"I'm profoundly thankful for meeting such inspiring, humble individuals - my teachers, supervisors and my clients. Working with juveniles and criminal populations was something I never envisioned myself doing, but turned out they were the ones to teach me resilience and the true meaning of life. I feel incredibly fortunate to have chosen this Master's as a fresh graduate, and I'm grateful for the opportunity to continue growing both personally and professionally."

Learning

"Embarking on the Master of Social Sciences (Counselling) journey has been profoundly transformative. The programme has not only broadened my knowledge of diverse counselling approaches but has deepened my understanding of the essential human need for connection and the therapeutic power of attunement.

Through rigorous coursework and practical experiences, I discovered my capacity to rise to challenges, cultivating resilience and new found confidence in my ability to balance multiple roles in my personal and professional life...The combination of practical experience and insightful supervision sharpened my reflective practice, allowing me to develop as a more agile, self-aware practitioner. This reflective approach has been invaluable in fostering meaningful relationships with clients and guiding them on their wellness journeys."

Being a Reflective Practitioner

"Additionally, I've become a critical consumer of research, equipped with the skills to integrate evidence-based practices into my work.

The programme's supportive supervision and collaborative learning environment were pivotal in shaping my professional identity, and I am deeply committed to continuous growth as a reflective practitioner.

I highly recommend this programme to those seeking both rigorous academic training and the opportunity to engage in meaningful, in-person interactions that foster learning through diverse perspectives and experiences."

