The Degree of Master of Counselling (MCouns - 240 points)
These regulations must be read in conjunction with the General Regulations for the University.

1. Version
(a) These Regulations came into force on 1 January 2018.
(b) This degree was first offered in 2013.

2. Variations
In exceptional circumstances the Dean of Education and Health Sciences may approve a personal programme of study which does not conform to these Regulations.

3. The structure of the qualification
To qualify for the Degree of Master of Counselling a student must:
(a) be credited with a minimum of 240 points towards the qualification; and
(b) be credited with a minimum of 135 points from Schedule A to these Regulations; and
(c) be credited with a minimum of 15 points from Schedule B to these Regulations; and
(d) be credited with a minimum of 90 points from Schedule C to these Regulations.

4. Admission to the qualification
To be admitted to the Master of Counselling a student must have:
(a) satisfied the Admission Regulations for admission to the University; and
(b) either:
   i. qualified for a New Zealand bachelor’s degree with a minimum B Grade Point Average in 300-level courses; or
   ii. been admitted with Academic Equivalent Standing; and
(c) either:
   i. acquired experience in counselling, teaching, nursing, social work or an equivalent profession; or
   ii. been deemed suitable for training as a counsellor; and
(d) met the requirements stipulated in the Vulnerable Children Act 2014 prior to gaining entry into the programme; and
(e) been approved as a student by the Dean of Education and Health Sciences, on the recommendation of a Selection Committee, which will include an interview.

5. Subjects
There are no majors, minors or endorsements for this qualification.

6. Time limits
The time limit for this qualification is 6 years.

7. Transfers of credit, substitutions and cross-credits
This qualification adheres to the Credit Recognition and Transfer Regulations with the following stipulation:
A student may, with the approval of the Dean of Education and Health Sciences, replace up to 60 points with relevant courses at an equivalent level provided these courses have not been credited to another qualification.
8. Progression
This qualification adheres to the General Regulations for the University, with the following stipulations:
(a) A student may not fail more than 30 points in this qualification.
(b) A student may not progress to courses listed in Schedule C to these Regulations if their Grade Point Average is below a B.

9. Honours, Distinction and Merit
This qualification adheres to the General Regulations for the University and may be awarded with Distinction and Merit.

10. Pathways to other qualifications
(a) There are no advancing qualifications for this degree.
(b) A student who has not met the requirements for the Master of Counselling or who wishes to transfer to the following qualifications may apply to the Dean of Education and Health Sciences for admission, based on having met the requirements for entry:
   i. Postgraduate Certificate in Education;
   ii. Postgraduate Diploma in Education;
   iii. Postgraduate Certificate in Health Sciences;
   iv. Postgraduate Diploma in Health Sciences; or
   v. Master of Education.

11. Transition regulations
(a) A student who commenced the MEd (Certificate in Counselling) prior to 2013, may complete that degree under the 2012 regulations by following a programme of study approved by the Dean of Education and Health Sciences. This transitional arrangement shall lapse at the end of 2018.
(b) A student may elect to have courses transferred to the Master of Counselling if:
   i. the courses passed for the MEd (with Certificate in Counselling) include EDEM 671, EDEM 672, EDEM 664; and
   ii. the student has achieved a B Grade Point Average or higher; and
   iii. the student has the approval of the Dean of Education and Health Sciences.
(c) A student who elects to have their courses transferred to the Degree of Master of Counselling under Regulation 11(b) may, with approval of the Dean of Education and Health Sciences, enrol in COUN 676 and COUN 698, or COUN 697 concurrently with an approved research methods course.

12. Disclosure of charges and convictions
A student in the Master of Counselling is required to inform the Dean of Education and Health Sciences within three working days if they are charged or convicted of an offence while participating in the programme and of any other incidents or matters that may compromise their fitness to practice.

Schedule A to the Regulations for the Degree of Master of Counselling
For full course information, go to www.canterbury.ac.nz/study/qualifications-and-courses
COUN 671 Counselling and Psychology: Theories and Skills
COUN 672 Supervision and Reflective Practice
COUN 675 Professional Counselling Practice I
COUN 678 Theories of Group and Family Counselling
COUN 679 Solution Focused Theory and Skills
Either:
COUN 676 Professional Counselling Practice II; or
COUN 673 Professional Counselling Practice II (Part A) Part time; and
COUN 674 Professional Counselling Practice II (Part B) Part time
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One of:
- EDEM 693 Introduction to Methodologies and Ethics in Educational Research; or
- EDEM 697 Qualitative Research in Education; or
- EDEM 698 Emergent Research Methodologies; or
- An approved research methods course of at least 15 points

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Either:
- COUN 697 Thesis (90 points); or
- COUN 698 Professional Counselling Research Portfolio (90 points)