



# CHC81015 Graduate Diploma of Relationship Counselling (Responding to Family Violence)

**This Graduate Diploma is designed for counsellors, family support workers, family and children's contact workers, or equivalent practitioners; seeking to enhance their skills to work with individuals and families affected by domestic and family violence.**

**As a research and evidence-informed course, it provides graduates with the required skills and practice theories to work with a range of complex issues affecting relationships, including family violence.**

## Learning format

### Online, in-person & hybrid

Offered part-time over 18 months:

- Semester one includes a combination of self-paced and interactive online learning, together with face-to-face classes and skills workshops.
- Semester two includes a fully arranged and supported work placement for all students, along with monthly, face-to-face seminars, and some added online learning and field experiences.

## Observations

Students will have the opportunity to observe men's behaviour change program groups during their placement and gain an understanding of family violence court process.

## Guest speakers & excursions

We provide instructor-led guest speaker sessions, forums and excursions to relevant organisations working within the family violence sector.

These experiences allow students to engage with community organisations that work in the field of family violence, learn from experts in the field and broaden their knowledge of the sector.

## Core Inclusion Program

All students also take part in a self-paced online Core Inclusion Program on working with people across diverse cultural groups.

## Intake options in 2023

This course is delivered in both Victoria (VIC) and New South Wales (NSW). Intakes start on:

- 16 February (NSW)
- 20 March (VIC)

We also offer full-time, intensive and rural Victoria intakes on demand.

## Why choose us?



Registered Training Organisation



Facilitated by skilled, practising counsellors



More than 70 years' service delivery experience



Integrated online, face-to-face & hybrid learning options

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## Accreditation

The Graduate Diploma is accredited with Family Safety Victoria in meeting the principles for Family Safety Practitioners, and accredited and recognised with the Australian Counselling Association (ACA) for registered members.

## The role of a relationship counsellor

Relationship counsellors support individuals and families with a range of complex personal and relational issues affecting individual and family functioning.

Their role may include family violence service delivery including risk assessment, risk management and multi-disciplinary collaborative practice that is aligned with practice requirements, family violence practice guidelines and legal/statutory obligations.

## Trainers

This course is delivered by highly experienced and currently practising relationship counsellors who have worked in a range of organisational, private practice and family violence contexts.

Trainers have current training and assessment qualifications and relevant industry experience.

'The trainers were experts in the field and very willing to share their knowledge and encourage participation.'

- Course graduate

'This has been an amazing time of growth. The readings / learnings have been instrumental in the advancement of organisational practice but also in my own reflective capacity – best experience.'

- Course graduate

## Modules

### Semester one

**Module 1:** Introduction to Relationship Counselling and Family Violence

**Module 2:** Skills for Sustainable Practice

**Module 3:** Diversity of Family Structures

**Module 4:** Family Violence in Relationship Counselling

**Module 5:** Risk Assessment, Management, Safety Planning and MARAM

**Module 6:** Trauma-Informed Theory and Practice

**Module 7:** Foundations of Counselling Modalities

**Module 8:** Cultural Diversity

**Module 9:** Lived Experiences of Family Violence

**Module 10:** Counselling Practice with Couples

**Module 11:** Counselling Practice with Children and Young People

**Module 12:** Counselling Practice with Families

**Module 13:** Family Violence Screening and Assessment with Couples and Families

**Module 14:** Separation and the Family: Parenting Arrangements and Family Law

**Module 15:** Mediation

### Semester two

Fully arranged and supported work placement (50 hours) allowing students to apply their learnt theories and frameworks into practice under the supervision of experienced counsellors and practitioners.

Students have the option to undertake placements in their workplace or within a RAV-nominated centre.

## Units of competency

- **CHCDFV008** Manage responses to domestic and family violence in family work
- **CHCDFV013** Manage domestic and family violence screening and risk assessment processes
- **CHCDFV010** Promote accountability and assist users of domestic and family violence to accept responsibility
- **CHCFAM002** Work with a child-focused approach
- **CHCDFV002** Provide support to children affected by domestic and family violence
- **CHCFCS001** Facilitate the family counselling process
- **CHCFCS002** Provide relationship counselling
- **CHCFCS003** Provide counselling to children and young people
- **CHCFAM001** Operate in a family law environment
- **CHCFAM007** Assist clients to develop parenting arrangements
- **CHCPRP007** Work within a clinical supervision framework

## Upon completion

Upon successful completion of the course, graduates can apply for:

- roles within community service organisations and government departments
- senior roles involving oversight of family violence service delivery including risk management, multi-disciplinary collaborative practice that is aligned with current practice requirements, family violence practice guidelines and legal/statutory obligations.

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Detailed course and module information, policies and procedures are available in our RTO Program Manual on our website.

## Entry requirements

To gain entry into the Graduate Diploma, a candidate must have one or more of the following:

- an undergraduate degree or higher qualification in counselling, psychology, social work, social science, or equivalent
- a Diploma of Counselling from the CHC Community Services Training Package or equivalent
- documented evidence of previous experience in a family counselling environment in a job role involving:
  - self-directed application of knowledge with substantial depth in some areas
  - exercise of independent judgement and decision-making
  - a range of technical and other skills.

Upon request and where applicable, candidates may request a credit transfer and/or Recognition of Prior Learning process.

## Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)

RPL enables students to have their existing skills and knowledge relating to FDR acknowledged and status granted where appropriate.

This is available for people with extensive and relevant experience in family law, mediation, counselling or family and domestic violence.

To apply for RPL, you will need to provide evidence of the competencies needed for FDR by completing our RPL Application and Assessment Form, which we can provide on request.

## Fees

\$13,390 (payable by instalment). This cost includes the fully supported work placement.

A \$1000 deposit is required on enrolment. The deposit is non-refundable, except under certain conditions.

## Unique Student Identifier

From 1 January 2015, students undertaking nationally accredited training with RAV (i.e. enrolling into VET courses) will need to set up a Unique Student Identifier (USI) and provide this to RAV's administration team via email.

RAV is required to record and verify a USI for each student.

For more information and help to apply for a USI, visit [usi.gov.au](http://usi.gov.au)

## About us

Relationships Australia Victoria (RAV) has an established reputation for delivering quality training, with national and international expertise, and over 70 years' experience delivering services across a range of areas related to family relationships.

As a Registered Training Organisation (RTO 21977), we provide quality higher education, vocational training and professional development in a range of areas relating to family dispute resolution, mediation and relationship counselling and education.

Through our RTO, RAV is regulated by ASQA, and maintains its compliance with the Standards for Registered Training Organisations 2015.

## Learn more



### Do you have a burning question you want to ask before applying?

Join our experienced facilitators for a **free, 45-minute webinar** to learn more about the course, ask questions you have and for help to make a decision.

Register at [rav.org.au/accredited-training/learn-more-grad-dip-rc](http://rav.org.au/accredited-training/learn-more-grad-dip-rc)

## Apply now



Visit [rav.org.au/graddiprc](http://rav.org.au/graddiprc) to apply for this course.

After you register your interest, we will contact you to provide more information about enrolment and organise an interview prior to acceptance into the course.

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