

Who can apply?

The Graduate Certificate in Bereavement Counselling and Intervention is designed for counsellors, social workers, health workers and psychologists with appropriate counselling training and substantial work experience in the human services field.

Candidates may enter the qualification if they can demonstrate that they:

- have completed a Degree, Advanced Diploma or Diploma in a counselling or related field, and have at least 2 years practical experience in counselling
- have five years supervised general counselling or related experience

If you are unsure as to your eligibility, please contact the Centre for further discussion.

The Australian Centre for Grief and Bereavement is a not-for-profit organisation established to provide a range of education, counselling, research and clinical services for those working in, and affected by, grief and bereavement.



How do I apply?

Applicants must complete a detailed application form. Please visit www.grief.org.au for further information. An interview will also form part of the selection process.

How do I find out more?

For more information please contact the Australian Centre for Grief and Bereavement on (03) 9265 2100, email courses@grief.org.au or visit our website www.grief.org.au

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The Graduate Certificate in Bereavement Counselling and Intervention is accredited under the Australian Quality Training Framework by the Victorian Registration and Qualification Authority.



Graduate Certificate in Bereavement Counselling and Intervention (22264VIC)





The course provided an excellent opportunity to reflect on clinical practice and advance clinical skills in the area of bereavement. It has undoubtedly had a positive impact on my professional development. Since completing the course I have secured a senior position in my organisation.

Debbie, course graduate

About the course

The Graduate Certificate in Bereavement Counselling and Intervention (GCBCI) is a ten month, part-time course (310 hours) conducted in Mulgrave, Victoria. This course provides current and appropriate training and education in applied competencies and theoretical frameworks deemed essential for the provision of effective bereavement counselling and intervention.

The Graduate Certificate in Bereavement Counselling and Intervention consists of five core units:

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| VU21583 | Apply concepts of grief and bereavement |
| VU21584 | Provide bereavement counselling and support |
| CHCFCS806C | Work within a clinical supervision framework |
| VU21586 | Access services to support clients experiencing bereavement |
| VU21585 | Provide appropriate interventions to support people experiencing complex bereavement |

Why choose us?

- Specialist training from the largest grief and bereavement education provider in Australia.
- Nationally recognised post-graduate VET qualification (*Australian Qualifications Framework Level 8*).
- The only face-to-face vocational bereavement counselling training program in Australia.

The GCBCI aims to provide practitioners with the education and training required for effective bereavement counselling.

In 2011, ACGB became a Registered Training Organisation (RTO: 22044), accredited under the Australian Quality Training Framework by the Victorian Registration and Qualification Authority. The GCBCI is the only nationally accredited post-graduate program solely dedicated to the vocational training of bereavement counsellors in Australia.

Open doors to a range of professional pathways

Bereavement counselling is a highly specialised field and, as such, a qualification in this area can open doors to a wide array of employment opportunities. Indeed, bereavement counsellors work in a wide variety of settings, including hospitals, palliative care services, funeral homes, prisons, community health services, schools and in private practice.

Why bereavement counselling?

Practitioners are drawn to this field for a wide variety of reasons, some of which include:

- Bereavement provides a sought after specialisation in their clinical work.
- With a significant body of research evidence, bereavement counselling is attractive because of the strong links between research and practice.
- The capacity to alleviate the distress of bereaved clients through skilled intervention is rewarding.
- Grief and loss are often an underlying feature to many other clinical issues, such as depression, anxiety, substance misuse and difficulties in social relationships.
- Bereavement counselling enables personal transformation for both the client and the counsellor.