



## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants should have a Bachelor Degree in Psychology, the Behavioural Sciences or a related field. Students who do not have a Bachelors Degree in Psychology should have completed undergraduate courses in Psychology, Research Methods and Statistics.

## PROGRAMME COST

**Tuition Fee:** BDS \$20,000 (US \$10,000) *(subject to change)*

Payable in full or per course on registration.

### Annual University Registration Fees

University Registration Fees are NOT included in the cost of the tuition fee.

These fees are as follows:

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| Amenities Fees            | – BDS\$700.00 | (US\$350.00) |
| Guild Fees                | – BDS\$120.00 | (US\$60.00)  |
| ID Card (First year only) | – BDS\$25.00  | (US\$12.50)  |

Students enrolled in this self-financed programme are billed for the courses for which they register each semester. Fees are payable immediately on registration. University fees are additional to the programme fees and are billed on registration every semester until the degree has been awarded.

*Programme Costs and University Registration Fees are subject to change in 2011/2012.*



## CONTACT INFORMATION FOR

MSc. Counselling Psychology

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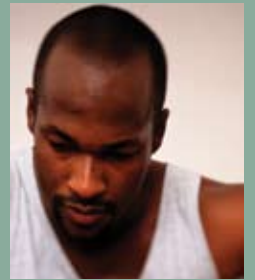
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## PROGRAMME SUMMARY

The MSc. Counselling Psychology programme was developed to meet the growing need for qualified counsellors in Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean. The programme targets recent university graduates and practitioners who require counselling skills to fulfill their job tasks and provide counselling services to persons in organizations and society. Graduates of the programme will be prepared to pursue successful careers in the field of psychology and teaching at various levels in organizations. The programme is also designed to ensure that students have a competitive advantage for advanced study in psychology. Graduates of the programme will develop counselling, psychological assessment and research skills that will enable them to assist individuals, couples and groups who are facing various mental health issues.

## AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

To produce practitioners who will:

1. have a working knowledge and an appreciation of the discipline of counselling psychology;
2. be able to analyse societal problems by applying contemporary counselling psychology theories;
3. be able to conduct psychological research on the counselling needs of individuals in society;
4. be able to contribute to the body of knowledge of psychology by furthering Caribbean psychological research;
5. be adequately skilled to pursue further postgraduate study in counselling psychology and related disciplines; and
6. be able to provide adequate psychological counselling services to individuals and groups in society.

## PROGRAMME REGULATIONS

The programme will be delivered on a full-time or part-time basis. Students who register full-time will complete the programme in four semesters and one summer. The taught component of the programme, ten (10) courses will span two semesters and one summer. If completed on a part-time basis the programme will be three years consisting of six (6) semesters and two summers.

The practicum is 700 hours in a mental health agency/setting and students will be expected to work a 40 hour work week for the duration of the practicum. Students are also expected to complete individual therapy of not less than 12 hours with a registered psychologist or psychiatrist. Students are expected to attend professional seminars delivered during the practicum period. During these seminars students must demonstrate knowledge of the integration of theory and practice. In addition, students are required to complete the pre-practicum lab before proceeding to the practicum.

The Research Paper (6 credits) must follow the guidelines for a research paper as established by the Office of Graduate Studies and Research.

## PROGRAMME CONTENT

A total of forty-eight (48) credits are required to complete the programme, which is based on the structure of ten (10) courses worth (3) credits each; one pre-practicum lab; a practicum of 700 hours worth twelve (12) credits; and a research paper worth six (6) credits.

### Semester I, Year 1\*

Foundations Principles of Counselling Psychology

Advanced Developmental psychology

Applied Research Design and Statistics

Psychopathology

### Semester II, Year 1\*

Introduction to Counselling Practices and Methods

Methods in Group Counselling

Psychometrics

Ethical and Legal Issues in Counselling

### Summer\*\*

Family and Couples Therapy

Advanced Psychometrics

Pre-practicum Lab



### Semester I, Year 2\*

Practicum (700 hours)

Research Paper

### Semester II, Year 2\*

Research Paper (Cont'd)

\* Classes during Semester I and II are delivered on Fridays and Saturdays from 9:00am to 5:00 pm.

\*\* Summer Classes delivery varies throughout the week and on Saturdays.

### Practicum (700 hours)

Internationally, practical work experience during graduate study is a critical component of graduate programmes to ensure student readiness for the world of work. The practicum which is built on the pre-practicum experience will provide the essential supervised training necessary for the competent practice of counselling psychology. The practicum of 700 hours will allow students to apply the knowledge and skills gained during coursework. While on practicum students will be supervised by suitably qualified psychologists.

### Research Paper (maximum 20,000 words)

The research paper will ensure that students are exposed to conducting empirically sound scholarly research in psychology and will prepare them for future post-graduate work in psychology or a related field. Active involvement in research will also enable students to develop research skills that can be used to address organizational and societal problems related to the therapy needs of individuals. Student research will also add to the body of knowledge of psychology and reduce the dearth of research on psychological issues in the Caribbean.

### Evaluation of Courses and Coursework

Each course, apart from the pre-practicum, will be assessed on the basis of coursework and a written examination. Students will be expected to obtain a minimum of 50% in both the coursework and the examination. If a student fails a course he/she is allowed to repeat the course only once. All students are required to complete 700 hours of practicum placement. Students are expected to attend practicum seminars and to make a formal presentation about their practicum experience. Students are also required to complete a research paper on an issue relevant to psychology of not more than 20,000 words.

## Programme Faculty

The programme which will be delivered by highly qualified faculty and the practicum will be supervised by suitably qualified psychologists.