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Course: Master of Creative Arts Therapies (M1300)

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The Master of Creative Arts Therapies (MCAT) is a two-year course, with the first year of study being the Graduate Diploma in Creative Arts Therapies (GDCAT). The GDCAT is a 24-credit point course. The MCAT is a 48-credit point course with 24 credit points of advanced standing coming from completion of the GDCAT. Completion of the GDCAT is a requisite for entry into the MCAT. The GDCAT and MCAT can be studied full-time or part-time.

Full time for the GDCAT is one year of study with 12 credit points per semester for a total of 24 credit points.

Full time for the MCAT is one year of study with 12 credit points per semester for a total of 24 credit points.

Completion of both years of study gives the required 48 credit points to complete the MCAT.

All units for the GDCAT are required units, there are no electives. Units have requisites which can be found in the Handbook. The GDCAT units are listed in the table below in the sequence in which they should be studied.

The pathways below for the MCAT year are examples only. The research units are yearlong units, with credit points split across the two semesters. One research unit selected in the MCAT year. Plan options 2 and 3 show the possible pathway depending on the research unit taken. The sequence in which to study the units for the MCAT year vary from student to student and an individual pathway is designed in consultation with the Academic Chair and Clinic Director at interview for the MCAT year.

Option 1	For students choosing the full-time option - Total of 12 credit points per semester			
	Semester 1	Credit points	Semester 2	Credit points
GDCAT Year 1	CSL582 Principles of Counselling 1	6 cp	CSL576 Introduction to Creative Arts Therapies	3 cp
	CSL566 Case Conceptualisation and Assessment in Counselling	3 cp	CSL577 Art Therapy with Children and Adolescents.	3 cp
	CSL575 Expressive Arts Therapies: Music Drama and Writing	3 cp	CSL574 Creative Arts Therapies and Trauma SHP632 Applied Health Research Methods: From Research to Practice	3 cp 3 cp
	Semester 3	Credit points	Semester 4	Credit points
MCAT Year 2	CSL673 Advanced Principles of Creative Arts Therapies	3 cp	CSL686 Creative Arts Therapies Clinical Placement and Supervision Group 2	6 cp
	CSL685 Creative Arts Therapies Clinical Placement and Supervision Group 1	6 cp	Research unit (Continuation of research unit chosen in S1.	9 cp Or, 6 cp across the year
	Research unit (Choose one research unit from CSL620 or CSL677, unit continues across S1 and S2)		CSL620 Counselling Research Project Or, CSL677 Counselling Research Project	
	CSL620 Counselling Research Project 9cp Or, CSL677 Counselling Research Project 6cp	9 cp Or, 6 cp across the year	Elective If taking CSL677 6-credit point research unit take one 3-credit point elective, either in S1 or S2. S2 electives:	3 cp
Elective If taking CSL677 6-credit point research unit take one 3-credit point elective, either in S1 or S2. S1 elective: CSL581 Experiential Learning in Group Counselling	3 cp	CSL578 Counselling Children and Adolescents. Or, CSL583 Counselling Adults	3cp	

Students should note that if unit prerequisites are required, this may extend the duration of your course.

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Sample Course Plans Full-time and Part-time

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Option 2	For students choosing part-time with CSL620 the 9-credit point research unit in the Master year			
	Semester 1	Credit points	Semester 2	Credit points
GDCAT Year 1	CSL582 Principles of Counselling 1	6 cp	CSL566 Case Conceptualisation and Assessment in Counselling	3 cp
			CSL576 Introduction to Creative Arts Therapies	3 cp
	Semester 3	Credit points	Semester 4	Credit points
GDCAT Year 2	CSL575 Expressive Arts Therapies: Music Drama and Writing.	3 cp	CSL577 Art Therapy with Children and Adolescents.	3 cp
	SHP632 Applied Health Research Methods: From Research to Practice	3 cp	CSL574 Creative Arts Therapies and Trauma	3 cp
	Semester 5	Credit points	Semester 6	Credit points
MCAT Year 3	CSL673 Advanced Principles of Creative Arts Therapies	3 cp	CSL685 Creative Arts Therapies Clinical Placement and Supervision Group 1	6 cp
	CSL620 Counselling Research Project	9 cp across the year.	CSL620 Counselling Research Project	9 cp across the year.
	Semester 7	Credit points		Credit points
MCAT Year 4	CSL686 Creative Arts Therapies Clinical Placement and Supervision Group 2	6 cp		

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Option 3	For students choosing part-time with CSL677 the 6-credit point research unit plus elective unit in the Master year			
	Semester 1	Credit points	Semester 2	Credit points
GDCAT Year 1	CSL582 Principles of Counselling 1	6 cp	CSL566 Case Conceptualisation and Assessment in Counselling CSL576 Introduction to Creative Arts Therapies	3 cp 3 cp
	Semester 3	Credit points	Semester 4	Credit points
GDCAT Year 2	CSL575 Expressive Arts Therapies: Music Drama and Writing. SHP632 Applied Health Research Methods: From Research to Practice	3 cp 3 cp	CSL577 Art Therapy with Children and Adolescents. CSL574 Creative Arts Therapies and Trauma	3 cp 3 cp
	Semester 5	Credit points	Semester 6	Credit points
MCAT Year 3	CSL677 Counselling Research Project CSL673 Advanced Principles of Creative Arts Therapies	6 cp across the year 3 cp	CSL677 Counselling Research Project If taking CSL677 6-credit point research unit take one 3-credit point elective, either in S1 or S2. S2 electives: CSL578 Counselling Children and Adolescents. Or, CSL583 Counselling Adults	6 cp across the year 3 cp 3cp
	Semester 7	Credit points	Semester 8	Credit points
MCAT Year 4	CSL685 Creative Arts Therapies Clinical Placement and Supervision Group 1	6 cp	CSL686 Creative Arts Therapies Clinical Placement and Supervision Group 2	6 cp

The specified electives units can be found in the <https://handbook.murdoch.edu.au/courses/07/M1300> under the structure.

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