

Diploma in Psychology and Counselling (DIPC)

Programme Guide



The School of Positive Psychology

Singapore • Japan • Hong Kong • Philippines

Established in 2007

The School of Positive Psychology is the first education and training facility in Asia dedicated to promoting the art, science, and practice of positive psychology and psychotherapy.

Alongside providing education and credentials, we are dedicated to advancing research, delivering impactful training, and championing the principles of positive psychology to empower individuals and communities to thrive and flourish.

Our Vision

To help the world thrive through wellbeing-based education and thought leadership.

Our Mission

To empower people with evidence-based, high-quality positive psychology and psychotherapy education, research, and professional development that fosters compassion and courage, and builds thriving communities, organisations, and societies.

The School of Positive Psychology is registered under the Enhanced Registration Framework (ERF). The ERF is administered by the SkillsFuture Singapore (SSG). ERF requires all students to be covered under the Industry-Wide Course (IWC) fee insurance scheme. In The School of Positive Psychology, this is provided through Lonpac Insurance Bhd.

For more details, please visit <https://www.skillsfuture.gov.sg/pei>

Why You'll Love Learning with Us

- **Culturally Relevant Learning**
Our programmes are tailored to resonate with the Asian market, reflecting an “intentional localism” approach that ensures cultural relevance and practical application.
- **Experiential Education**
While knowledge is abundant, the real challenge lies in its application. We focus on experiential, practical, and applicable learning, equipping you with tools to thrive in real-world scenarios.
- **A Personalised Journey**
Take ownership of your learning journey. Our customised pathways and elective options empower you to tailor your education to your goals and interests.
- **Purposeful Assignments**
Gain clarity on assignment objectives and see the tangible benefits of your efforts. Every task is designed to maximise your investment of time and energy.
- **A Passion for Learning**
Explore the full spectrum of psychology, from its foundational principles to transformative positive practices, with opportunities to delve into topics across the mental wellbeing spectrum from -10 to +10.



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The Diploma in Psychology and Counselling is designed for individuals interested to explore various aspects of the human experience through the study of psychology.

Understand the different aspects of psychology and gain fundamental skills of psychotherapy and counselling through this comprehensive curriculum for greater self-awareness, and make a difference in the lives of people around you.

Introduction

Embark on a meaningful journey in mental health with our Diploma in Psychology and Counselling. This nine-month programme provides a strong foundation in psychology and counselling, equipping you with essential skills to support personal and professional growth. Designed with an interdisciplinary approach, it blends psychological theory, practical techniques, and globally recognised standards for a well-rounded education.

Gain practical skills in psychology fundamentals, counselling, and applied psychology through interactive learning. Engage with experienced lecturers, practitioners, and peers in a dynamic environment that fosters collaboration and real-world application, preparing you for further studies or careers in mental health and related fields.

Whether you're an aspiring mental health professional, a working professional expanding your expertise, or someone seeking personal growth, this course equips you with the tools and insights to make a meaningful impact. Supported by experienced educators, our curriculum provides a rich and supportive learning experience. At The School of Positive Psychology (TSPP), we cultivate a collaborative environment where students gain practical insights, connect with like-minded peers, and take their first steps toward professional training and meaningful application of psychological knowledge.



Duration	9 months (part-time)
Course Structure	3 terms per year
Intakes	Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct



Curriculum



The DIPC programme comprises **6 modules** that will equip learners with a strong foundation in various aspects of psychology and counselling. Below is an overview of the programme's modules:

01

PSY 01
Essentials of
Psychology and
Mental Health

How do people differ from one another? To what extent is your current behaviour shaped by your childhood development? How does motivation play a part in reaching goals? This module introduces the field of psychology as a **scientific discipline** concerned with the **study of thought and human behaviour**.

02

WSQ-PP
Empowering Human
Potential and
Wellbeing through
Positive Psychology

Stress, burnout, and emotional strain are increasingly common across various areas of life. For many, finding and maintaining emotional balance, resilience, and a sense of wellbeing can often feel like an ongoing challenge. This module introduces practical, evidence-informed strategies to **strengthen resilience, regulate emotions**, and integrate **sustainable self-care** into daily life. Grounded in the science of positive psychology, the module is especially relevant for those in people-focused roles—or for anyone looking to develop greater self-awareness, manage stress more effectively, and create a more sustainable rhythm in life and work.



03

PSY 03 Developmental Psychology

Developmental Psychology examines **human growth and development** across the lifespan—from conception to death—through **biological, psychological, and social lenses**. Learners will explore major developmental stages such as childhood, adolescence, and adulthood, and consider topics including puberty, sexuality, personality, family life, ageing, and retirement. The module integrates classic and contemporary theories to understand how humans change and adapt across life stages.

04

WSQ-CS Essential Counselling Skills for Mental Wellbeing and Human Connection

This module offers a **compassionate** and **practical grounding** in **counselling intervention skills**, empowering learners to support others with greater confidence and care. Whether you're looking to deepen your impact in your current role or expand your professional capacity, it invites you to grow into a more thoughtful, grounded, and effective presence. Tailored for those who regularly work with individuals facing life's challenges, this module is about more than just theory. At its heart, it's about cultivating the ability to **listen deeply, respond meaningfully**, and **support others** when they need it most.



05

PSY 05 Mental Health Disorders

This module examines the biological, psychological, and social factors that contribute to the onset and maintenance of mental health disorders across the lifespan. Students will explore a range of psychological conditions, including anxiety and mood disorders, schizophrenia, eating disorders, somatoform and dissociative disorders, and personality disorders. Emphasis will be placed on understanding **diagnostic frameworks, theoretical perspectives, and evidence-based intervention approaches** used in contemporary clinical practice.

06

PSY 06 Addictions and Interventions

Addictions and Interventions examines the **psychological, social, and biological factors** that contribute to addictive behaviours and their treatment. Students will explore **major theories of addiction, the Stages of Change model, and the principles of Motivational Interviewing**. Emphasis is placed on developing practical counselling skills to help clients set achievable goals, address resistance, strengthen self-efficacy, and sustain long-term recovery through evidence-based interventions.

Admissions

Module Exemption	Learners who have taken modules from other recognised higher institutions may apply for module exemption. The school will review your application and approve it accordingly.
Course Delivery	• Lectures and case studies discussions • Class presentations, role plays, essays, examinations
Entry Requirements	• Grade C6 and above in at least 3 GCE 'O' Level subjects, or • ITE Higher NITEC certificate, or • The School of Positive Psychology (TSPP) academic certificate or Psychology, Counselling or Education academic certificate from other education institutions in Singapore with: - Grade C6 and above in any GCE 'O' Level subject conducted in English, or - ITE NITEC certificate, or - 30 years old with at least 8 years working experience
English Language Proficiency	• GCE 'O' Level English (Grade C6 and above), or • Any GCE 'A' Level subject conducted in English (Grade E and above), or • English language proficiency via one of the following: • IELTS 6.0 (no component < 6.0) • TOEFL iBT 74 (no component < 18) • Pearson PTE Academic 52 (no component < 52) • C1 Advanced/C2 Proficiency 169 (no component < 169) • ISLPR: Minimum 3 in each skill • AEAP DEP: Final Exam Overall 65% (no sub-score < 65%), or • Completion of a course delivered in English or relevant English-speaking work experience.
Registration Fee	S\$163.50 w/GST
Tuition Fee	S\$9,810.00 w/GST
Application Requirements	• Application form • Application statement • 1 recent passport-sized photo • NRIC/Valid SG pass copy • Updated resume • Educational certificates and academic transcripts

Get in touch

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