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Course Fees

	Local Students	Foreign Students
Application Fee	LKR 3,000/=	40 USD
Programme Fee		
Registration Fee	LKR 5,000/=	65 USD
Course Fee	LKR 254,500/=	3,407 USD
Library Fee	LKR 1,500/=	20 USD
Examination Fee	LKR 14,000/=	175 USD
Optional		
Refundable Library Deposit	LKR 5,000/=	
Total Fee <small>Excluding Refundable Library Deposit & Application Fee</small>	LKR 275,000/=	3,367 USD

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**Master of
Counselling and
Psychosocial Support
(MCP) 2026/27**
(SLQF Level 09)

One Year | Onsite Programme



Application Deadline: 10th August 2026

Introduction

The Faculty of Graduate Studies, University of Colombo, presents the Master of Counselling and Psychosocial Support (MCP), a one-year postgraduate degree programme positioned at Sri Lanka Qualifications Framework (SLQF) Level 09. The programme offers a focused, practice-oriented pathway to a Master's qualification, designed for graduates and professionals seeking to advance their careers in counselling and psychosocial support without the extended commitment of a two-year, research-intensive degree. By-Laws governing the programme come into effect from January 2026.

Programme Structure

- ☞ Duration: One academic year (minimum registration period; maximum three academic years)
- ☞ Two semesters comprising seven taught courses and a guided Independent Study
- ☞ Total of 30 credits: 22 credits from coursework + 8 credits from Independent Study (8,000–9,000 words)
- ☞ Medium of instruction, communication and examination: English
- ☞ Mode of delivery: Conventional, ICT-driven online, or a combination of multi-modes

Objectives

- ☞ To provide a focused, practice-oriented pathway to a Master's qualification in counselling and psychosocial support.
- ☞ To enable graduates and professionals to advance their careers without the extended commitment of a two-year, research-intensive degree.
- ☞ To fulfill the academic and professional goals of students in line with their career aspirations and organizational requirements.
- ☞ To equip students with practical counselling skills, psychosocial assessment techniques, and effective treatment planning strategies.
- ☞ To develop competencies in designing and managing community-based mental health and psychosocial support projects.
- ☞ To provide a comprehensive understanding of psychosocial counselling theories, approaches, and professional ethics.

Admission Requirements

- ☞ Bachelor's degree from a recognized University/ Institution in a field relevant to the subject matter/s of Psychology; **OR**
- ☞ Any other Bachelor's degree, with prior learning/work experience relevant to the subject of Counselling and Social Work; **OR**
- ☞ A Postgraduate Diploma (SLQF 8) from a recognized University/ Institution or an equal qualification acceptable to the Board of Graduate Studies and Senate of the University of Colombo with prior learning/ work experience in a field relevant to the subject matter/s of Psychology and Counselling; **OR**

A Professional qualification from a recognized professional body acceptable to the Board of Graduate Studies and Senate of University of Colombo with prior learning/ work experience in a field relevant to the subject of Psychology and Counselling; **OR**

- ☞ Completion of NVQ level 7 (equivalent to Bachelor's degree in SLQF) with relevant work experience in a field relevant to the subject matter/s of Psychology and Counselling as determined by the Board of Graduate Studies and Senate of the University of Colombo;

AND

- ☞ A good knowledge of English language and satisfactory performance at a selection test and/ or selection interview.

How to Apply

Applications can be downloaded from the faculty website (fgs.cmb.ac.lk). Duly completed application form, certified copies of National Identity Card, birth certificate, relevant educational and professional qualifications, and work experience (if any) along with a scanned copy of the payment slip (of application processing fee) should be submitted via Apply Online weblink. All above documents should be submitted as one PDF document. Application fee **Rs. 3000 (Local students) or 40 USD (Foreign students)** (non-refundable) can be paid using the code **31817070009** as the account code / reference number at any Peoples' Bank branch or using our online payment portal (pay.cmb.ac.lk),



AND

Completed application form and the photocopies of above mentioned original certified documents along with the payment slip should also be sent through the registered post to reach the Deputy Registrar, Faculty of Graduate Studies, University of Colombo, No.35/30, Prof. Stanley Wijesundara Mawatha, Colombo 07. Please mention the programme name on the left side of the envelope.

Apply on or before **10th August 2026**.

Structure of the Programme

Semester I

- MCP 6101 - Psychosocial Counselling Theories, Approaches, and Ethics
- MCP 6102 - Community-Based Mental Health and Psychosocial Support
- MCP 6103 - Psychosocial Support Project Design and Management
- MCP 6104 - Research Methods for Counselling and Psychosocial Support

Semester II

- MCP 6205 - Counselling Skills, Assessments, and Treatment Planning
- MCP 6206 - Seminar on Practical Application of Counselling Skills and Psychosocial Interventions
- MCP 6207 - Practice Placement
- MCP 6208 - Independent Study (Guided)