

COMPARATIVE FEATURES: COUNSELLING PROGRAMS
BACHELOR'S DEGREE- CANADIAN UNIVERSITIES
DIPLOMA- KELOWNA COLLEGE OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELLING

	University	KCPC
1. Number of years required to complete program of study to qualify as an entry-level counsellor.	<u>4 years</u>	<u>1 year</u>
2. Accredited institution	Yes	Yes
3. University-level texts & professional journals.	Yes	Yes
4. Academic requirements include subjects other than counseling and psychology.	Yes	No
5. Training focuses on gaining practical knowledge and skills necessary for career competence; demonstrations, practice exercises & role plays in simulated counseling sessions.	No	Yes
6. Students develop their own approach to counseling based on recognized theories.	No	Yes
7. Faculty advisors available to address personal issues as well as professional goals	No	Yes
8. Students gain self awareness in daily check-in exercises.	No	Yes
9. Financial assistance: student loans HRDC and other career training funds	Yes No	Yes Yes
10. Job placement assistance for graduates	Yes	Yes
11. Qualify for professional association membership	Yes	Yes
12. Counselling services available for students	Yes	Yes
13. Prepares students to establish an independent counselling practice, or consulting business	No	Yes
14. Flexibility in program start dates	No	Yes
15. Faculty members have graduate degrees	Yes	Yes
16. Faculty members required to be experienced clinicians	No	Yes
17. Graduates recognized by professional agencies & service providers such as EAPs, Blue Cross, etc.	Yes	Yes
18. Graduates have support of Alumni Association	Yes	Yes
19. Full program may be completed on campus OR through Distance Learning.	Yes	Yes