

## **LIDLAW COLLEGE**

*Te Wananga Amorangi*

### **913.615 Counselling Children and Young People Course Outline**

NQF Level: 6  
Credit Value: 15

#### **DELIVERY MODE**

Auckland & Christchurch

#### **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

The aim of this course is to form professional counselling practices for working with children and young people in agency and school settings. The course is designed to complement Laidlaw's broad counsellor education programme's emphasis on relational personhood through providing a coherent understanding of child development, within family/whanau and wider social contexts. The course includes a strong practice development component in which different child counselling approaches such as skills in working with adolescents and families are taught and practiced. This course also gives an overview of ways of understanding and working with adolescents, and the professional and practice challenges and opportunities of school and agency settings.

#### **LEARNING OUTCOMES**

1. Critically consider selected theoretical child development understandings in the light of therapeutic intentions.
2. Analyse key developmental challenges associated with adolescence, and appropriate therapeutic interventions
3. Analyse unique counselling practice challenges associated with school settings
4. Assess the usefulness of designated approaches in a variety of counselling settings
5. Critically discuss the main ethical considerations in working with children, teenagers and families