

**School of Health**  
**Postgraduate Counselling - Referee Report**

The candidate should complete Section 1 and give it to the referee to complete Section 2.

The referee should then send it direct to:

Admissions  
Student Centre  
University of New England NSW 2351

**Section 1**

Applicant's Name: .....

Course: .....

Address: .....

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Contact Phone/Fax: .....

Email: .....

Referee's Name: .....

Title and Position: .....

Address: .....

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Contact Phone/Fax: .....

Email: .....

**Section 2**

To the Referee

You have been asked to give your own opinion of the personal, professional and academic qualities of the above-named applicant. Please scale the applicant realistically on the following qualities, and report any other characteristics, both positive and negative, which reflect their present capacity to undertake advanced study and work in counselling. (Please note that a carefully prepared discriminatory report is liable to receive more weight than a uniformly positive one.)

1. Please indicate the basis on which you have formed these opinions of the applicant (including type of interactions and time period).

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2. Please circle the appropriate number. If you do not know enough about their capacity in a particular area please circle NK. There is an opportunity to qualify any answers below.

	Excellent	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Poor	Not Known
Complexity and clarity of thought	5	4	3	2	1	NK
Ability to express complex ideas in clear, written English	5	4	3	2	1	NK
Fluency and clarity of spoken English	5	4	3	2	1	NK
Demonstrated openness of others' ideas	5	4	3	2	1	NK
Ability to take personal responsibility for good quality relationships	5	4	3	2	1	NK
Demonstrated commitment to good counselling practice	5	4	3	2	1	NK
Personal maturity	5	4	3	2	1	NK
Ability to manage high stress	5	4	3	2	1	NK
Ability to negotiate conflict	5	4	3	2	1	NK
Ability to deal positively with criticism	5	4	3	2	1	NK
Realistic self awareness	5	4	3	2	1	NK
Ability to show genuine empathy	5	4	3	2	1	NK
Powers of critical analysis	5	4	3	2	1	NK
Demonstrated initiative and self direction	5	4	3	2	1	NK
Ability to work harmoniously in a team	5	4	3	2	1	NK
Ethical professional practices	5	4	3	2	1	NK

2. Please comment on the candidate's personal suitability for counselling and for undertaking this course. (This might include an expansion of answers above and other strengths and weaknesses.)

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Signature: ..... Date: .....

*Thank you for your time and assistance.*