



CENTER FOR REPRODUCTIVE COUNSELING

Reproductive Counselling Professional Training Program

ENROLLMENT ANNOUNCEMENT!

Candidates aspiring to become reproductive counsellors are invited to enroll in the professional training program offered by the ISSCIR Center for Reproductive Counseling (ICRC).

- Open to graduates, professionals, and compassionate individuals from psychology, social work, nursing, education, basic medical sciences, or related fields
- Enhanced curriculum that integrates theoretical knowledge with practical skills training
- Additional facts shall be provided in due course

**Registration schedule will be
announced shortly**



ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT REPRODUCTIVE COUNSELLORS

A. WHAT CORE SKILLS ARE REQUIRED?

1. Deep empathy and active listening
2. Knowledge of reproductive health and procedures
3. Ability to work with diverse cultures and beliefs
4. Ethical decision-making and confidentiality
5. Collaboration with doctors, psychologists, and social workers

B. WHAT SERVICES DO THEY RENDER?

1. Support through Fertility Challenges

They work with individuals or couples experiencing infertility, offering guidance and emotional support during:

1. Fertility testing and treatment (e.g., IVF, IUI)
2. Decisions around egg/sperm donation or surrogacy
3. Coping with repeated pregnancy loss

2. Pregnancy Decision Counseling

They support people who are:

1. Facing an unplanned pregnancy
2. Considering parenting, adoption, or termination
3. Needing a non-judgmental space to explore their feelings and choices

3. Perinatal and Postnatal Support

They help with emotional struggles around:

1. High-risk pregnancies
2. Stillbirth or miscarriage
3. Postpartum depression and anxiety

4. Genetic and Ethical Counseling Support

They assist clients dealing with:

1. Genetic testing results (e.g., prenatal screening)
2. Ethical concerns around reproductive technology
3. Understanding options related to inherited conditions

5. Sexual and Reproductive Health Education

They offer education and counselling around:

1. Contraception and family planning
2. Menstrual health, menopause, and reproductive anatomy
3. Gender identity, sexuality, and reproductive rights

6. Grief and Loss Counselling

They provide a safe space to process:

1. The loss of a pregnancy or baby
2. The emotional toll of infertility or failed treatments
3. Mourning the loss of reproductive potential (e.g., after cancer treatment)

C. WHERE CAN THEY SEEK EMPLOYMENT

1. Fertility Clinics & Reproductive Health Centers

1. IVF clinics
2. Assisted reproductive technology (ART) centers
3. Egg/sperm donor programs
4. Surrogacy agencies

These are among the most common and in-demand workplaces, where clients require emotional support and decision-making guidance.

2. Hospitals & Maternity Units

1. Obstetrics and gynecology departments
2. Neonatal intensive care units (NICUs)
3. Perinatal and postpartum care units

They provide counselling for pregnancy loss, complicated births, or emotional challenges during/after childbirth.

3. Genetic Counseling & Diagnostic Centers

1. Prenatal screening programs
2. Genetic counselling departments
3. Fetal medicine units

They assist patients in understanding and processing genetic testing outcomes.

4. Mental Health Clinics

1. Psychotherapy and counselling practices
2. Clinics focused on trauma, grief, or family therapy

Their work complements psychologists and therapists, especially in areas related to reproductive trauma or identity.

5. Universities & Academic Institutions

1. Student wellness and counselling services
2. Teaching roles in psychology, social work, or public health
3. Research roles in reproductive health or bioethics

Ideal for those interested in academic and educational settings.

6. Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) & Advocacy Groups

1. Women's health organizations
2. Family planning advocacy groups
3. Reproductive justice movements
4. Youth and adolescent reproductive education programs

Many NGOs value the psychosocial expertise that reproductive counsellors bring.

7. Government Agencies & Public Health Programs

1. Ministries or departments of health
2. National family planning or reproductive health initiatives
3. Maternal health projects in underserved communities

8. Private Practice or Telehealth Platforms

1. One-on-one or group counselling sessions
2. Online reproductive mental health services
3. Specialized counselling for miscarriage, infertility, or donor-conceived families

Growing opportunities exist in remote/virtual care!

D. WHAT ARE THE ENTREPRENEURIAL OPPORTUNITIES

1. Private Counselling Practice

Start your own **reproductive counselling clinic** or consultancy. You can:

- Offer one-on-one or group sessions (in-person or online)
- Specialize in areas like fertility grief, postpartum support, or pregnancy decision counselling
- Collaborate with clinics as an independent partner

Flexible, scalable, and ideal for building a strong personal brand.

2. Online Counselling & Telehealth Services

Launch a **virtual counselling platform** or app:

1. Provide sessions via Zoom or a secure health platform
2. Reach clients in underserved or remote regions
3. Offer subscription-based access or bundled packages

Low overhead costs and high accessibility.

3. Fertility Coaching & Wellness Consulting

Create a **holistic reproductive wellness business** that blends:

1. Counselling
2. Fertility nutrition advice (with certified partners)
3. Yoga, mindfulness, or stress-relief coaching

Appeals to people seeking mind-body approaches to fertility.

4. Educational Workshops & Training Programs

Design and sell:

- Courses on reproductive mental health
- Webinars for parents, couples, or youth
- Professional development workshops for nurses, midwives, or social workers

Become a thought leader while generating income through knowledge.

5. Publishing & Content Creation

Write and monetize:

- Books, eBooks, or blogs on reproductive journeys
- Video content for YouTube or platforms like Patreon
- Resource guides or journals for clients

Great for counsellors with a passion for storytelling or advocacy.

6. NGO or Social Enterprise Startup

Launch a **nonprofit or social enterprise** focused on:

- Reproductive justice or advocacy
- Accessible counselling for vulnerable populations
- Community-based reproductive education

Mission-driven work that attracts grants, donors, and partnerships.

7. Partnership Services for Clinics

Create a **contract-based business** that provides:

- On-call counselling support to hospitals or fertility clinics
- Staff training on emotional care in reproductive settings
- Referral services and after-care programs

B2B model with ongoing professional partnerships.

8. Mobile App or Digital Tools

Develop digital products like:

- Emotional health trackers for fertility or pregnancy loss
- Guided meditation apps for reproductive healing
- Decision-support tools for pregnancy options

Innovative and scalable with tech investment or collaboration.

Bonus: Combine Roles!

Many successful reproductive counsellor-entrepreneurs combine multiple paths, such as offering private sessions plus running courses, or writing a book while offering online coaching.