Selection Criteria for Master of Clinical Psychology - Advanced Entry

Applicants are required to address the below selection criteria in a **maximum of two pages**, in addition to providing other required documentation including academic transcripts and their CV, and provision of two professional/academic referee reports.

In line with UniSQ <u>values</u> and <u>strategic plan</u>, we recognise the impact of educational disadvantages and encourage applicants to discuss these challenges and their achievements when addressing the selection criteria. We encourage applications from people with diverse backgrounds, First Nations peoples, and people living in regional and rural areas within Australia.

- 1. General Registration as a Psychologist with the Psychology Board of Australia and having held this registration for a minimum of 12 months.
- 2. Evidence of strong academic skill, including, for example, an Honours result of 2B or higher during the completed four-year APAC approved program, or Distinctions/High Distinctions for the Masters (coursework) in Psychology course completed.
- 3. A developed or developing professional identity, with evidence of a broad range of experience working in the Psychology industry.
- 4. Strongly favourable reports from TWO professional or academic referee reports.
- 5. The applicant has a willingness and a plan to complete the program, either full-time or part-time, in the required timeframe.
- 6. The applicant is willing to engage in placements in the Ipswich/Toowoomba/Darling Downs region, as part of UniSQ's commitment to supporting this region.
- 7. The applicant has a current Blue Card, a requirement for internal and external placements.
- 8. The applicant is willing and able to attend a face-to-face panel interview at the UniSQ Ipswich campus during the selection process for the program, inclusive of completion of the UniSQ Psychology Competency Exam.
- 9. The applicant demonstrates strong commitment and a well-considered plan to ensure they can engage fully in the requirements of the program, including attendance at mandatory on-campus intensive workshops, attendance at placement and supervision requirements, and completion of all required coursework.
- 10. The applicant demonstrates commitment and motivation to complete the Master of Clinical Psychology Advanced Entry program to further their knowledge and skills in Clinical Psychology.
- 11. The applicant can demonstrate prior successful completion of a substantive research project, such as a Doctoral or Masters thesis, or a PhD. Where such a thesis has not been completed, the applicant is willing to complete a research task, provided by the university, as evidence of their competency in research knowledge and skills (an entry requirement for the program). The task will be provided for applicants successful following the interview round.

