

# Selection Criteria for Master of Professional Psychology

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 [values](#) and [strategic plan](#), 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. Successful completion of an Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC) accredited four-year psychology program within the last three years. Where the 4-year psychology program has been completed more than three years ago, provide evidence that currency of psychological knowledge and skills has been maintained.
2. Evidence of sound academic skill, including minimum credit level, preferably higher, result across the first three years of the psychology program, and the completion of honours in the fourth year of the program.
3. An emerging professional identity and experience in the industry, with evidence of paid or volunteer work in the areas of psychology, counselling, disability support, or human services. Where the applicant does not have experience, evidence of professional development or training can be discussed.
4. Eligibility for immediate registration as a Provisional Psychologist with AHPRA.

PLEASE NOTE: Students can commence the program prior to having their registration approved by AHPRA; however, continuation in the Master of Professional Psychology program is conditional upon attaining registration within the first month of commencing the program. Where registration is not gained within the first month of commencing the program, the conditional offer will lapse.

5. Strongly favourable reports from TWO professional or academic referee reports (preferably one of each) via the national reference system.
  6. The applicant has a willingness and a plan to complete the course of studies, either full-time or part-time, in the required timeframe.
  7. The applicant is **willing and able** to complete their internship at the Ipswich campus UniSQ Psychology and Counselling Clinic (for students enrolled in the on-campus mode) or at the Toowoomba campus UniSQ Psychology and Counselling Clinic (for students enrolled in the external mode).
- NOTE: external students applying for Master of Professional Psychology must demonstrate that they can complete a 3-month internship at the Toowoomba Psychology and Counselling clinic. This must include consideration for being on campus for much of the duration of the internships (i.e., minimum of 3-4 days per week, not including weekends, on campus during the internships).
8. The applicant is **willing and able** to engage in placements in the Ipswich/Toowoomba/Darling Downs/Southwest regions. Students who receive a Commonwealth Supported Place in the program will attend placements with our priority industry partners.
  9. The applicant is eligible for a Blue Card, a requirement for internal and external placements.
  10. The applicant is willing and able to attend a Zoom panel interview with UniSQ staff members.