

Master of Clinical Psychology (MCPS) - MCLinPsych

CRICOS code (International applicants): 0101389

From 2023, the MCPS, will be offered in the Block calendar for coursework. The Block calendar allows us to eliminate assessment overlap between courses and provide regular breaks between courses. It also provides more flexibility with the finalisation of grades for practicums and is consistent with the skill development of a professional/clinical psychologist.

	On-campus *	External #
Start:	Block 1 (January)	Block 1 (January)
Campus:	Ipswich	-
Fees:	Commonwealth supported place Domestic full fee paying place International full fee paying place	Commonwealth supported place Domestic full fee paying place
Residential school:		Toowoomba campus
Standard duration:	2 years full-time, 4 years part-time	

Notes:

In 2023 the programs follows the Blocks calendar. The [Academic Calendar and Important Dates](#) webpage will allow you to view and download a copy of the important dates for the Blocks calendar.

Footnotes

* All coursework courses are offered as mandatory Monday workshops on-campus at the Ipswich campus .

All coursework courses are offered via a combination of mandatory online workshops and mandatory 5-day residential schools held on-campus at the Toowoomba campus.

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Professional accreditation

The Master of Clinical Psychology has received accreditation from the [Australian Psychology Accreditation Council \(APAC\)](#) as a fifth and sixth year program in psychology. Graduates will be eligible to apply for general registration with the Psychology Board of Australia, and, Clinical Endorsement with the Psychology Board of Australia after a period of supervised practice in an approved Psychology Board of Australia registrar program. Graduates will also be able to apply for full membership to the [Australian Psychological Society](#) and admission to the College of Clinical Psychology of the Australian Psychological Society after a period of supervised practice.

Program aims

The aim of the Master of Clinical Psychology is to provide advanced knowledge of the discipline in the core areas of professional practice which comprise the competency standards of the Psychology Board of Australia and prepare students for entry into the Clinical Registrar program leading to Clinical Endorsement. On completion of the program, graduates will:

- be eligible for general registration as a psychologist with the Psychology Board of Australia
- be eligible to gain an Area of Practice endorsement in Clinical Psychology, after completion of the Clinical Psychology registrar program
- be able to apply for positions which require a postgraduate degree in Psychology or Clinical Psychology
- take an active role in the theoretical and practical aspects of the practice of Clinical Psychology
- contribute to the overall development of the disciplines of Psychology and Clinical Psychology.

Program objectives

On completion of this program, students should be able to:

- (1) Select and critically apply an appropriate evidence-based approach to Clinical Psychology practice that is informed by the scientist practitioner framework.
- (2) Critically evaluate the scope of Clinical psychology practice, including how Clinical Psychology integrates within an interprofessional context.
- (3) Integrate and apply advanced ethical, legal, and professional frameworks in relation to the practice of Clinical Psychology
- (4) Critically apply a range of advanced skills and theoretical knowledge to conduct comprehensive psychological assessments using a variety of different techniques and instruments.
- (5) Evaluate psychological disorders utilising international taxonomies of classification
- (6) Strategically utilise advanced knowledge and skills in individual and group Clinical Psychology interventions.
- (7) Apply high level research knowledge and skills to psychological practice.
- (8) Employ a range of high level technical and communication skills to evaluate and interpret information in oral, written and digital formats.
- (9) Integrate and apply advanced knowledge and skills regarding the provision of Clinical Psychology services across the lifespan, in a culturally responsive manner.
- (10) Apply advanced theoretical knowledge and technical skills in the workplace within the scope of Clinical Psychology practice.

Australian Qualifications Framework

The Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) is a single national, comprehensive system of qualifications offered by higher education institutions (including universities), vocational education and training institutions and secondary schools. Each AQF qualification has a set of descriptors which define the type and complexity of knowledge, skills and application of knowledge and skills that a graduate who has been awarded that qualification has attained, and the typical volume of learning associated with that qualification type.

This program is at AQF Qualification Level 09. Graduates at this level will have specialised knowledge and skills for research, and/or professional practice and/or further learning.

The full set of levels criteria and qualification type descriptors can be found by visiting www.aqf.edu.au.

Admission requirements

To be eligible for admission, applicants must satisfy the following requirements:

- Completion of an Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC) accredited AQF Level 8 four-year bachelor degree, or equivalent
- Hold, or be eligible for, immediate Provisional Registration or General Registration from the Psychology Board of Australia
- English Language Proficiency requirements for Category 4.

In addition, applicants must submit the following for consideration as part of their application:

- provide two [Referee Reports](#)
- provide a 1-2 page report which addresses the Master of Clinical Psychology [selection criteria](#)

- be assessed in a face-to-face interview with a panel of School staff
- provide an academic transcript demonstrating strong academic performance
- provide a CV of their work and study history.
 - Applicants who have not completed their four-year bachelor degree, or equivalent, within the last three years will be required to demonstrate how they have maintained up-to-date knowledge and skills in the area of Psychology since completion of their four-year bachelor degree, or equivalent

All students are required to satisfy the applicable [English language requirements](#).

If students do not meet the English language requirements they may apply to study a University-approved [English language program](#). On successful completion of the English language program, students may be admitted to an award program.

Requirements for professional experience placements

Practicum experience is an integral component of the program and as per external accreditation requirements, each student is required to accrue a minimum of 1000 hours of practicum experience, plus at least 81 hours of supervision from a registered psychologist who is an accredited supervisor with the Psychology Board of Australia.

Mandatory Documents required prior to commencing ANY clinical placements in the program:

- Blue Card or Working with Children Check
- Psychology Board of Australia Registration
- Resume

Students must also provide the following immunisation evidence prior to commencing clinical placements with Queensland Health or Southern Queensland Rural Health:

- Hepatitis B Immunisation evidence
- Measles, Mumps and Rubella immunisation evidence
- Varicella immunisation evidence
- Pertussis immunisation evidence
- Influenza immunisation evidence
- Tuberculosis Risk Assessment
- Queensland Health Student Orientation Checklist
- Queensland Health Student Deed Poll
- Queensland Health iLearn Modules

Program fees

Commonwealth supported place

A Commonwealth supported place is where the Australian Government makes a contribution towards the cost of a students' higher education and students pay a [student contribution amount](#), which varies depending on the courses undertaken. Students are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Schedules](#).

Commonwealth Supported students may be eligible to defer their fees through a Government loan called [HECS-HELP](#).

Domestic full fee paying place

Domestic full fee paying places are funded entirely through the full fees paid by the student. Full fees vary depending on the courses that are taken. Students are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Schedule](#)

Domestic full fee paying students may be eligible to defer their fees through a Government loan called [FEE-HELP](#) provided they meet the residency and citizenship requirements.

Australian citizens, Permanent Humanitarian Visa holders, Permanent Resident visa holders and New Zealand citizens who will be resident outside Australia for the duration of their program pay full tuition fees and are not eligible for [FEE-Help](#).

International full fee paying place

International students pay full fees. Full fees vary depending on the courses that are taken and whether they are studied on-campus, external or online. Students are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Schedules](#).

Program structure

The Master of Clinical Psychology consists of 16 units comprising 12 units of coursework and 4 units of practicum.

The program is designed for full-time or part-time attendance in the on-campus mode.

All coursework courses are offered as mandatory mid-week workshops on-campus for the Ipswich offering, and a combination of online workshops and mandatory mid-week residential schools held at the Toowoomba campus for the External offering.

Course	Block(s) On-campus	Block(s) External	Semesters (placement courses only)
Year 1			
PSY5110 Ethical, Legal and Professional Issues	1	1	
PSY5140 Comprehensive Psychological Assessment	2	2	
PSY5145 Psychological Treatment and Intervention	3	3	
PSY5130 Psychology Practicum 1 *			1,2,3
PSY5050 Evidence-based Practice for Psychologists	5	5	
PSY5070 Adult Psychopathology	6	6	
PSY5060 Child and Adolescent Psychology	4	4	
PSY5230 Psychology Practicum 2 *			1,2,3
Year 2			
PSY8050 Advanced Clinical Intervention	1	1	
PSY8060 Advanced Health Psychology	2	2	
PSY8260 Advanced Child and Adolescent Psychology	3	3	
PSY8140 Psychology Practicum 3 *			1,2,3
PSY8210 Advanced Clinical Intervention II	4	4	
PSY8240 Advanced Clinical Psychology Assessment and Diagnosis	5	5	
PSY8270 Advanced Psychopathology	6	6	
PSY8150 Psychology Practicum 4 *			1,2,3

Footnotes

* Students are required to accrue a minimum of 1000 hours of practicum experience, 400 of these hours must be direct clinical work, plus at least 81 hours of supervision from a registered psychologist who is accredited as a board-approved supervisor with the Psychology Board of Australia.

Program completion requirements

To be eligible to graduate, students must pass all 16 courses within the maximum time frame of 4 years, and with a passing mark for every piece of assessment within each course. Coursework content is delivered in mandatory day-long workshops/residential schools per course delivered in blocks over the semester, and attendance at all workshops/residential schools is required for eligibility to graduate.

Required time limits

Students have a maximum of 4 years to complete this program.

IT requirements

For information technology requirements please refer to the [minimum computing standards](#).

Credit

Applications for exemptions/credit will be assessed according to UniSQ procedure. Students who have completed UniSQ's Master of Professional Psychology may apply for exemptions for up to 8 courses.

Recommended enrolment pattern - Full-time

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Course	Year of program and block in which course is normally studied						Residential school	Enrolment requirements	
	On-campus (ONC)		External (EXT)		Online (ONL)				
	Year	Blk	Year	Blk	Year	Blk			
Year 1									
PSY5110 Ethical, Legal and Professional Issues #	1	1	1	1			M	Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: MPPS or MCPS	
PSY5140 Comprehensive Psychological Assessment	1	2	1	2			M	Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: MPPS or MCPS	
PSY5145 Psychological Treatment and Intervention	1	3	1	3			M	Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: MPPS or MCPS	
PSY5130 is offered in a Semester calendar layer:									
PSY5130 Psychology Practicum 1 *	1		1					Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: MPPS or MCPS or be undertaking the course as professional development	
PSY5050 Evidence-based Practice for Psychologists #	1	5	1	5			M	Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: MPPS or MCPS	
PSY5060 Child and Adolescent Psychology	1	4	1	4			M	Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: MPPS or MCPS	
PSY5070 Adult Psychopathology	1	6	1	6			M	Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: MPPS or MCPS	
PSY5230 is offered in a Semester calendar layer:									
PSY5230 Psychology Practicum 2 *	1		1					Pre-requisite: PSY5130 and Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: MPPS or MCPS	

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	On-campus (ONC)		External (EXT)		Online (ONL)			
	Year	Blk	Year	Blk	Year	Blk		
Year 2								
PSY8050 Advanced Clinical Intervention	2	1	2	1			M	Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: MCPS or MCPA
PSY8060 Advanced Health Psychology #	2	2	2	2			M	Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: MCPS or MCPA
PSY8260 Advanced Child and Adolescent Psychology	2	3	2	3			M	Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: MCPS or MCPA
PSY8140 is offered in a Semester calendar layer:								
PSY8140 Psychology Practicum 3 *	2		2					Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in MCPA or Students must be enrolled in MCPS and have completed PSY5130 and PSY5230
PSY8210 Advanced Clinical Intervention II	2	4	2	4			M	Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: MCPS or MCPA
PSY8240 Advanced Clinical Psychology Assessment and Diagnosis #	2	5	2	5			M	Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: MCPS or MCPA
PSY8270 Advanced Psychopathology	2	6	2	6			M	Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: MCPS or MCPA
PSY8150 is offered in a Semester calendar layer:								
PSY8150 Psychology Practicum 4 *	2		2					Pre-requisite: PSY8140 and Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: MCPS or MCPA

Footnotes

Mandatory online residential school for external students

* Students are required to accrue a minimum of 1000 hours of practicum experience, 400 of these hours must be direct clinical work, plus at least 81 hours of supervision from a registered psychologist who is accredited as a board-approved supervisor with the Psychology Board of Australia.

Recommended enrolment pattern - Part-time

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	On-campus (ONC)		External (EXT)		Online (ONL)			
	Year	Blk	Year	Blk	Year	Blk		
Year 1								
PSY5110 Ethical, Legal and Professional Issues #	1	1	1	1			M	Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the fol

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PSY5140 Comprehensive Psychological Assessment	1	2	1	2			M	Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: MPPS or MCPS
PSY5060 Child and Adolescent Psychology	1	4	1	4			M	Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: MPPS or MCPS
PSY5070 Adult Psychopathology	1	6	1	6			M	Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: MPPS or MCPS
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PSY5145 Psychological Treatment and Intervention	2	3	2	3			M	Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: MPPS or MCPS
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PSY5130 Psychology Practicum 1 *	2		2					Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: MPPS or MCPS or be undertaking the course as professional development
PSY5050 Evidence-based Practice for Psychologists #	2	5	2	5			M	Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: MPPS or MCPS
PSY5230 is offered in a Semester calendar layer:								
PSY5230 Psychology Practicum 2 *	2		2					Pre-requisite: PSY5130 and Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: MPPS or MCPS
Year 3								
PSY8050 Advanced Clinical Intervention	3	1	3	1			M	Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: MCPS or MCPA
PSY8060 Advanced Health Psychology #	3	2	3	2			M	Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: MCPS or MCPA
PSY8210 Advanced Clinical Intervention II	3	4	3	4			M	Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: MCPS or MCPA
PSY8240 Advanced Clinical Psychology Assessment and Diagnosis #	3	5	3	5			M	Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: MCPS or MCPA

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	Year	Blk	Year	Blk	Year	Blk		
Year 4								
PSY8260 Advanced Child and Adolescent Psychology	4	3	4	3			M	Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: MCPS or MCPA
PSY8140 is offered in a Semester calendar layer:								
PSY8140 Psychology Practicum 3 *	4		4					Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in MCPA or Students must be enrolled in MCPS and have completed PSY5130 and PSY5230
PSY8270 Advanced Psychopathology	4	6	4	6			M	Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: MCPS or MCPA
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