

Doctor of Psychology (Clinical) (DPCL) - DPpsych (Clinical)

CRICOS code (International applicants): 056703F

	On-campus
Semester intake:	Semester 1 (February)
Campus:	Toowoomba
Fees:	Commonwealth supported place Domestic full fee paying place International full fee paying place
Standard duration:	3 years full-time, 6 years part-time maximum
Program articulation:	From: Master of Psychology (Clinical)

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Program focus

The Doctor of Psychology (Clinical) has been developed to meet the needs of Psychologists wishing to achieve the highest specialisation in Clinical Psychology. The aim of the program is to provide advanced training in psychological assessment, clinical intervention and a range of professional skills within a scientist-practitioner framework. An extended specialist clinical practicum and doctoral level dissertation ensures that students develop the capacity to undertake independent, critical research and practice.

Professional accreditation

Graduates may:

- apply for general registration with the Psychology Board of Australia after a period of supervised practice
- apply for full membership to the Australian Psychological Society after a period of supervised practice
- apply for admission to the College of Clinical Psychology of the Australian Psychological Society after a period of supervised practice.

Program aims

On completion of this program graduates will be able to:

- apply for positions which require a higher degree in Clinical Psychology
- take an active role in theoretical and practical developments in clinical psychology
- contribute to the overall development of the discipline of Psychology.

Program objectives

Successful completion of the program will enable graduates to:

- demonstrate a comprehensive knowledge base concerning evidence based practice of clinical psychology
- demonstrate diagnostic interview skills
- demonstrate understanding and competence in the principles and practice of clinical assessment, diagnosis and case formulation
- demonstrate high level skills in psychological testing and test data interpretation
- apply principles and practice of health intervention
- demonstrate advanced level skills in individual and group clinical intervention
- demonstrate doctoral level research skills in data analysis interpretation and presentation in a theoretical framework
- interact ethically with clients and other professionals
- demonstrate high level clinical intervention skills within a range of community agencies.

Admission requirements

Applicants for admission must be able to:

- demonstrate that they have achieved a minimum of First Class Honours in an Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC)-accredited four-year honours program or equivalent
- provide two satisfactory [Referee Reports](#) and a report to address the [Selection Criteria](#) indicating the applicant's abilities to successfully undertake the professional and research components of the program
- be assessed in an interview with a panel of Departmental staff as having the interpersonal skills required for professional course work.

Before commencing the program, students must have General Registration with Probationary Conditions or full registration from the [Psychology Board of Australia](#).

International Applications

International applicants must have met the [University's English language](#) requirements or have completed the [University's ELICOS/EAP programs](#) .

How to apply

Domestic students

[Application for postgraduate programs](#) may be made directly to USQ.

International students

This program is offered to international students. An international student is a person who is not an Australian or New Zealand citizen and not an Australian permanent resident. Please refer to [USQ International](#) for information about entry requirements, visa arrangements and how to apply.

Program fees

Commonwealth supported place

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

Permanent Humanitarian Visa holders, Permanent Resident visa holders and New Zealand citizens who reside outside Australia pay full tuition fees.

Domestic full fee paying students may be eligible to defer their fees through a Government loan called [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, via distance education/online. You are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Finder](#).

Program structure

The program is designed for full-time attendance in the on-campus mode. The program contains 24 units of study comprising of 10 units of coursework, a seven-unit thesis and seven units of practicums. Once the first 8 courses have been passed (full time) there may be some flexibility to negotiate a part time enrolment pattern for the remaining courses.

Lectures for the coursework component of this program are given in full day workshops from one to two day duration over the semester. These workshops are normally held on weekdays.

Course	Semester	Notes
PSY8010 Issues and Skills in Professional Practice	1	Compulsory workshops
PSY8020 Advanced Research Techniques	2	Compulsory workshops
PSY8030 Group Interventions	2	Compulsory workshops
PSY8040 Individual Assessment	1	Compulsory workshops
PSY8045 Clinical Assessment and Intervention I	1	Compulsory workshops
PSY8050 Clinical Assessment and Intervention II	2	Compulsory workshops
PSY8060 Health Psychology	1	Compulsory workshops
PSY8065 Adult Psychopathology	1	Compulsory workshops
PSY8071 Child and Adolescent Psychopathology	1	Compulsory workshops
PSY8090 Advanced Individual Intervention	2	Compulsory workshops
PSY8130 Practicum 1*	2	
PSY8140 Practicum 2*	1	
PSY8150 Practicum 3*	2	
PSY8180 Advanced Practicum(four units)*	1, 2	Compulsory workshops
PSY8601 Psychology Doctorate Project A	2	Compulsory workshops
PSY8602 Psychology Doctorate Project B	1	Compulsory workshops
PSY8603 Psychology Doctorate Project C	2	Compulsory workshops
PSY8604 Psychology Doctorate Project D(four units)	1, 2	Compulsory workshops

Footnotes

* Students are required to accrue a minimum of 1500 hours of practicum experience, plus at least 230 hours of supervision from a registered psychologist who is a member of the Australian Psychological Society Clinical College.

Required time limits

Students have a maximum of 6 years to complete this program.

IT requirements

Computers can play an important role in the studying and learning process, and students are strongly encouraged to make use of up-to-date computer technology to facilitate learning, and in the production of assessment material. Many courses make use of the Internet through online discussion groups and course web pages. Some courses require substantial access to a computer because computer software or CDROMs are integral to the material being taught in the course.

Therefore, when considering the suitability of current computer access and/or the purchase of a new computer, students may need to take into account the courses they will study, and any special requirements of particular

courses. Students may be able to study successfully for many courses with a computer sufficient to run one of the current word-processing and spreadsheet programs. All students, particularly those studying in external mode, are strongly encouraged to have access to the Internet and to have a computer capable of running the latest versions of Internet web browsers such as Netscape Communicator or Internet Explorer. To achieve this level of capacity, students should consult the [Recommended Hardware and Software Standards](#) of the University.

Articulation

Students who have achieved distinctions or better in Masters coursework courses, successfully completed Project A, and have recommendation from their thesis supervisor, will be permitted to apply for entry into the Doctor of Psychology (Clinical) program. Students in the Doctor of Psychology (Clinical) who choose not to complete this program may elect to transfer credit to the Master of Psychology (Clinical).

Recommended enrolment pattern

Course	Year of program and semester in which course is normally studied						Enrolment requirements
	On-campus (ONC)		External (EXT)		Online (WEB)		
	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	
Year 1							
PSY8010 Issues and Skills in Professional Practice	1	1					Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: DPCL or MPCL or PDPP
PSY8040 Individual Assessment	1	1					Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: DPCL or MPCL or PDPP
PSY8045 Clinical Assessment and Intervention I	1	1					Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: DPCL or MPCL or PDPP Co-requisite: PSY8010
PSY8065 Adult Psychopathology	1	1					Co-requisite: PSY8010
PSY8020 Advanced Research Techniques	1	2					Pre-requisite: PSY8010
PSY8050 Clinical Assessment and Intervention II	1	2					Pre-requisite: PSY8045
PSY8130 Practicum 1	1	2					Pre-requisite: PSY8010 and Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: DPCL or MPCL or PDPP
PSY8601 Psychology Doctorate Project A	1	2					Co-requisite: PSY8020
Year 2							
PSY8060 Health Psychology	2	1					Pre-requisite: PSY8045
PSY8071 Child and Adolescent Psychopathology	2	1					Pre-requisite: PSY8045
PSY8140 Practicum 2	2	1					Pre-requisite: PSY8130 and Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: DPCL or MPCL or PDPP
PSY8602 Psychology Doctorate Project B	2	1					Pre-requisite: PSY8601
PSY8030 Group Interventions	2	2					Pre-requisite: PSY8010 and PSY8050
PSY8090 Advanced Individual Intervention	2	2					Pre-requisite: PSY8050 and PSY8130 and Students must be enrolled in the following Program: DPCL
PSY8150 Practicum 3	2	2					Pre-requisite: PSY8140 and Students must be enrolled in the following Program: DPCL
PSY8603 Psychology Doctorate Project C	2	2					Pre-requisite: PSY8602
Year 3							
PSY8180 Advanced Practicum (four units)	3	1, 2					Pre-requisite: PSY8150 or PSY8151
PSY8604 Psychology Doctorate Project D (four units)	3	1, 2					Pre-requisite: PSY8603