

Master of Psychology (Clinical) (MPCL) - MPsy (Clinical)

CRICOS code (International applicants): 056705D

	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:	2 years full-time, 4 years part-time maximum
Program articulation:	To: Doctor of Psychology (Clinical)

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Program focus

The Master of Psychology (Clinical) has been developed to meet the needs of Psychologists wishing to specialise in Clinical Psychology. The aim of the program, therefore, is to provide advanced training in psychological assessment, clinical intervention and a range of professional skills within a scientist-practitioner framework.

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 the 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 well developed knowledge base concerning the principles and practice of applied clinical psychology
- demonstrate diagnostic interview skills
- demonstrate an 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 high level of individual and group clinical intervention skills
- demonstrate advanced research skills
- interact ethically with clients and other professionals
- apply knowledge and skills proficiently in the workplace.

Admission requirements

Applicants for admission must be able to:

- demonstrate that they have achieved a minimum of Second Class Honours Division A 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 Psychologists Board of Australia.

International Applicants

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

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 16 units of study comprising of eight units of coursework, practicums worth four units and a four-unit thesis. 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.

Course	Semester	Notes
PSY8010 Issues and Skills in Professional Practice	1	Compulsory workshops
PSY8020 Advanced Research Techniques	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
PSY8130 Practicum 1*	2	
PSY8140 Practicum 2*	1	
PSY8151 Masters Practicum 3*(two units)	2	
PSY8160 Psychology Masters Project A	2	Compulsory workshops
PSY8170 Psychology Masters Project B(three units)	1 and 2	Compulsory workshops

Footnotes

* Students are required to accrue a minimum of 1000 hours of practicum experience, plus at least 180 hours of supervision from a registered psychologist who is a member of the Australian Psychological Society Clinical College.

Program completion requirements

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.

Required time limits

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

IT requirements

Students should visit the USQ [Recommended Hardware](#) and [Recommended Software](#) sites to check that their computers are capable of running the appropriate software and versions of Internet web browsers and to check the minimum and recommended standards for software.

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.

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
PSY8160 Psychology Masters 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
PSY8170 Psychology Masters Project B (three units)	2	1, 2					Pre-requisite: PSY8160
PSY8151 Masters Practicum 3	2	2					Pre-requisite: PSY8140 and Students must be enrolled in the following Program: MPCL