

# Master of Clinical Psychology – Advanced Entry

## Selection Criteria

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, their CV, and provision of two professional/academic referee reports via the *Australian Psychology Postgraduate Program Reference Request System*.

1. Successful completion of an Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC) accredited Masters (coursework) in Psychology, or current General Registration as a Psychologist with the Psychology Board of Australia having held this registration for a minimum of 12 months. Where the applicant's 4-year psychology program or Masters (coursework) program in Psychology has been completed more than three years ago, evidence is provided that currency of Psychological knowledge and skills has been maintained.
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. Current General or Provisional Registration with AHPRA. Please note: All students must hold current registration to commence the program.
5. Strongly favourable reports from TWO professional or academic referees reports via the *Australian Psychology Postgraduate Program Reference Request System*.
6. The applicant has a willingness and a plan to complete the program, either full-time or part-time, in the required timeframe.
7. The applicant is willing to engage in placements in the Toowoomba/Darling Downs Region, as part of USQ's commitment to supporting this region.
8. The applicant has a current Blue Card, a requirement for internal and external placements.
9. The applicant is willing and able to attend a face-to-face panel interview at the USQ Ipswich campus during the selection process for the program, inclusive of completion of the USQ Psychology Competency Exam.
10. The applicant demonstrates strong commitment and a well considered plan to ensure they are able to engage fully in the requirements of the program, including attendance at weekly mandatory on-campus workshops, attendance at placement and supervision requirements, and completion of all required coursework.
11. The applicant demonstrates commitment and motivation to complete the Master of Clinical Psychology – Advanced Entry program to further their knowledge and skills in the area of Clinical Psychology.
12. The applicant is able to 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.