



Master of Professional Psychology

Selection Criteria

Applicants will be required to address the below selection criteria in a maximum of two pages. Candidates should attach appropriate appendices, such as CVs and academic transcripts, to support their application.

APPLICATIONS DUE Friday 27 October 2017
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1. A sound academic record including:

- i. Successful completion of an Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC) accredited four year psychology program, and
- ii. Completion of the four year sequence in psychology within the previous ten years.
- iii. According to APAC guidelines and the Psychologists Board of Australia, applicants who have graduated from an APAC accredited four year sequence in psychology **more than 10 years ago, are ineligible to apply**, as they need to complete additional studies.
- iv. Evidence of sound academic skill, including a credit level or higher result in the first three years of study, and preferably distinction level result in fourth year Psychology courses, an Honours result of 2B or higher.

2. An emerging professional identity and/or experience:

- a. For applicants who have graduated from an APAC accredited four year sequence in psychology less than 2 years ago, there is evidence of:
 - i. Paid or volunteer work in the counselling/human services field, which may include university based placements and/or
 - ii. Student/Associate membership of the APS and/or
 - iii. Contribution to the profession, and/or
 - iv. Provisional registration with the Psychology Board of Australia¹.
- b. For applicants who have graduated from an APAC accredited four year sequence in psychology more than 2 years ago but less than 5 years ago, there is evidence of:
 - i. Paid or volunteer work in the counselling/human services field, which may include university based placements and/or
 - ii. Student/Associate membership of the APS and/or

¹ Students can apply to enter the program prior to attaining registration; however, continuation in the MPPS is conditional upon attaining registration. Students **must** be registered prior to commencing the program or as soon after as is practicable.

- iii. Contribution to the profession, and/or
 - iv. Provisional or General registration with the Psychology Board of Australia.
 - v. Professional Development specifically relevant to the discipline of Psychology¹
- c. For applicants who have graduated from an APAC accredited four year sequence in psychology more than 5 years ago, and less than 10 years ago, there is evidence of the following:
- i. Registration as a Psychologist with the Psychology Board of Australia
 - ii. Associate Membership of the APS
 - iii. Contribution to the profession
 - iv. Targeted and continuing professional development relevant to the discipline of Psychology
3. Favourable reports from TWO referees, especially regarding:
- i. The ability to receive feedback
 - ii. The ability to manage work/study demands,
 - iii. The ability to appropriately and effectively navigate interpersonal relationships.
4. The applicant has a willingness and a plan to complete the course of studies, either full-time or part-time, in the required timeframe.
5. 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 MPPS program. Teleconference interviews will be considered in some exceptional circumstances