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

CRICOS code (International applicants): 056705D

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| **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 or part-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.

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Footnotes
* Students are required to accrue a minimum of 1000 hours of practicum experience, including 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 three two day workshops per course 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 - Full-time students

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- PSY8010 Issues and Skills in Professional Practice
- PSY8040 Individual Assessment
- PSY8045 Clinical Assessment and Intervention I
- PSY8065 Adult Psychopathology
- PSY8020 Advanced Research Techniques
- PSY8050 Clinical Assessment and Intervention II
- PSY8130 Practicum 1
- PSY8160 Psychology Masters Project A

Year 2

- PSY8060 Health Psychology
- PSY8071 Child and Adolescent Psychopathology
- PSY8140 Practicum 2
- PSY8170 Psychology Masters Project B (three units)
- PSY8151 Masters Practicum 3

Recommended enrolment pattern - Part-time students

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- PSY8045 Clinical Assessment and Intervention I
- PSY8020 Advanced Research Techniques
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Year 2

- PSY8040 Individual Assessment
- PSY8065 Adult Psychopathology
- PSY8130 Practicum 1
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Year 3

- PSY8140 Practicum 2
- PSY8071 Child and Adolescent Psychopathology

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