

Master of Psychology/PhD (Clinical Psychology) (MPHD) - MPsych/PhD (Clinical Psychology)

CRICOS code (International applicants): 086303G

	On-campus*
Semester intake:	No new admissions
Campus:	Toowoomba
Fees:	Domestic full fee paying place International full fee paying place Research Training Program (RTP) - Fees Offset scheme
Standard duration:	4 years full-time, 8 years part-time maximum
Program articulation:	From: Master of Psychology (Clinical) (Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP)) or Master of Psychology (Clinical) (Full Fee Paying (FFP))

Footnotes

* Research Training Program places available from second or third year. Please refer to the Program fees section for further information.

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Professional accreditation

Graduates may apply for:

- general registration with the [Psychology Board of Australia](#)
- Clinical Psychology endorsement with the Psychology Board of Australia after a period of supervised practice
- full membership to the [Australian Psychological Society](#) after graduation
- 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 should 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
- contribute to the evidence base for the profession through high quality research and evaluation.

Program objectives

On completion of the Master of Psychology/PhD (Clinical Psychology), students should be able to:

- (1) Critically analyse and apply an advanced working knowledge of the principles and practice of applied clinical psychology in order to set the foundations for lifelong learning.

- (2) Critically apply and synthesise current scientific literature with clinical information obtained from a diagnostic interview and psychometric testing; and apply these skills to deliver high quality clinical interventions to consumers with complex mental health needs.
- (3) Select, administer, synthesise a wide range of clinical psychology tests, and critically apply and report these findings in a clinical setting to a range of different audiences.
- (4) Utilise current knowledge in Evidence Based Practice to deliver a high level of individual and group clinical interventions.
- (5) Interact ethically with clients and other professionals from a range of cultural backgrounds, in keeping with code of ethics and inherent requirements, and apply these knowledge and skills proficiently in the workplace.
- (6) Conduct, evaluate and communicate systematic research that significantly contributes to the science of clinical psychology theory and/or interventions.

Australian Qualifications Framework

The Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) is a single national, comprehensive system of qualifications offered by higher education institutions (including universities), vocational education and training institutions and secondary schools. Each AQF qualification has a set of descriptors which define the type and complexity of knowledge, skills and application of knowledge and skills that a graduate who has been awarded that qualification has attained, and the typical volume of learning associated with that qualification type.

This program is at AQF Qualification Level 10. Graduates at this level will have systematic and critical understanding of a complex field of learning and specialised research skills for the advancement of learning and/or for professional practice.

The full set of levels criteria and qualification type descriptors can be found by visiting www.aqf.edu.au.

Admission requirements

To be eligible for admission, applicants must satisfy the following requirements:

- Completion of all courses in the first year of the [MPCLorMPCF Master of Psychology \(Clinical\) \(Commonwealth Supported Place \(CSP\)\)](#) or [Master of Psychology \(Clinical\) \(Full Fee Paying \(FFP\)\)](#) program (or other program accredited by the [Australian Psychology Accreditation Council \(APAC\)](#)) with a GPA of 6 or above.
- Submit a viable thesis proposal.
- English Language Proficiency requirements for Category 4. All students are required to satisfy the applicable [English language requirements](#)

Requirements for professional experience placements

Practicum experience is an integral component of the program and each student is required to accrue a minimum of 1000 hours of practicum experience, plus at least 180 hours of supervision from a registered psychologist who is an accredited supervisor with the Psychology Board of Australia and holds clinical endorsement.

Program fees

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. Students are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Finder](#).

Domestic full fee paying students may be eligible to defer their fees through a Government loan called [FEE-HELP](#) provided they meet the residency and citizenship requirements.

Australian citizens, Permanent Humanitarian Visa holders, Permanent Resident visa holders and New Zealand citizens who will be resident outside Australia for the duration of their program pay full tuition fees and are not eligible for [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. Students are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Finder](#).

Research Training Program (RTP) - Fees Offset scheme

All Australian citizens, Australian permanent residents and New Zealand citizens commencing a Higher Degree by Research (HDR) program will have their tuition fees paid by the Australian Commonwealth Government under the Research Training Program (RTP) Fees Offset scheme. The RTP Fees Offset scheme covers program fees for an HDR student up to a maximum period of four years for full-time study or up to eight years part-time study for a Doctoral program, and up to a maximum period of two years for full-time or four years part-time for a Masters by Research program.

As part of the enrolment process, students are required to submit proof of citizenship or permanent residency status and transcripts of all previous academic study. This documentation enables the University of Southern Queensland to determine eligibility for an RTP Fees Offset place.

If a student's RTP Fees Offset entitlement expires before completion of the program, the student will be required to pay full tuition fees.

Students eligible for an RTP Fees Offset place are those who:

- have not used RTP Fees Offset funding in the previous three years; or
- have already used RTP Fees Offset funding and have successfully completed an HDR program. Once a student completes an HDR program, full entitlements of RTP Fees Offset are restored.

The Australian Commonwealth Government's contribution to program fees must be acknowledged on all published material relating to a research project via a statement identifying the support received through the RTP Fees Offset scheme.

Program structure

The program is designed for full-time attendance in the on-campus mode in the first year of study. The program contains 32 units of study comprising of 7 units of coursework, 22 research based (including a 4-unit thesis, Projects A and B, Advanced Research Techniques, and Clinical Psychology Practicum Case Studies) and 4 units of practical. Please note that [PSY9152](#) is considered both practica and research. Once the first 8 units 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 mandatory workshops from one to two day duration over the semester. These mandatory workshops are normally held on weekdays.

Course	Semester	Notes
PSY8010	1	Mandatory workshops
PSY8020 Advanced Research Techniques[#]	1	Mandatory workshops
PSY8040 Individual Assessment	1	Mandatory workshops
PSY8045 Clinical Intervention	1	Mandatory workshops
PSY8050 Advanced Clinical Intervention	2	Mandatory workshops
PSY8060 Advanced Health Psychology	2	Mandatory workshops
PSY8065	1	Mandatory workshops
PSY8071 Child and Adolescent Psychopathology	2	Mandatory workshops

PSY8130 Practicum 1 *	1, 2, 3	
PSY8140 Psychology Practicum 3 *	1, 2,3	
PSY8150 Psychology Practicum 4 *	2, 3	
PSY9152 Clinical Psychology Practicum Case Studies *#	2 & 3	
PSY9160 Clinical Psychology Masters Project A #	1, 2 & 3	Mandatory workshops
PSY9170 Clinical Psychology Masters Project B #	1, 2 & 3	Mandatory workshops
RES9503 Doctoral Research Project D (Lab)	1, 2	

Footnotes

Research course

* Practica courses 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.

Required time limits

Students have a maximum of 8 years to complete this program.

IT requirements

Students should visit the USQ [minimum computing standards](#) 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.

Recommended enrolment pattern

Students are able to enrol in any offered mode of a course (on-campus, external or online), regardless of the program mode of study they enrolled in.

Course	Year of program and semester in which course is normally studied						Enrolment requirements
	On-campus (ONC)		External (EXT)		Online (ONL)		
	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	
Year 1							
PSY8010	1	1					
PSY8040 Individual Assessment	1	1					Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in the following Program: MPCL
PSY8045 Clinical Intervention	1	1					Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in the following Program: MPCL
PSY8065	1	1					
PSY8060 Advanced Health Psychology	1	2					Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: MCPS or M CPA or be undertaking the course as professional development
PSY8071 Child and Adolescent Psychopathology	1	2					Pre-requisite: PSY8045 and PSY8010
PSY8050 Advanced Clinical Intervention	1	2					Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: MCPS or M CPA or be undertaking the course as professional development
PSY8130 Practicum 1	1	2					Pre-requisite: PSY8010 and Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: MPCL or MPHD

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	On-campus (ONC)		External (EXT)		Online (ONL)		
	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	
Year 2							
PSY8020 Advanced Research Techniques	2	1					Pre-requisite: PSY8010 or must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: MPPS or DPHD
PSY9160 Clinical Psychology Masters Project A	2	1					Co-requisite: PSY8020
PSY8140 Psychology Practicum 3	2	1					Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in MCPA or Students must be enrolled in MCP S and have completed PSY5130 and PSY5230
PSY9170 Clinical Psychology Masters Project B	2	2					Pre-requisite: PSY9160
PSY8150 Psychology Practicum 4	2	2					Pre-requisite: PSY8140 and Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: MCPS or MCPA
PSY9152 Clinical Psychology Practicum Case Studies	2	2					Pre-requisite: PSY8130 and PSY8140 Co-requisite: PSY8150
Year 3							
RES9503 Doctoral Research Project D (Lab)[†]	3	1					Pre-requisite: Student must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: MPHD or D PHD or DOHH or DASC
RES9503 Doctoral Research Project D (Lab)[†]	3	2					Pre-requisite: Student must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: MPHD or D PHD or DOHH or DASC
Year 4							
RES9503 Doctoral Research Project D (Lab)[†]	4	1					Pre-requisite: Student must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: MPHD or D PHD or DOHH or DASC
RES9503 Doctoral Research Project D (Lab)[†]	4	2					Pre-requisite: Student must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: MPHD or D PHD or DOHH or DASC

Footnotes

[†] Four units