

Master of Psychology (Clinical) (Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP)) or Master of Psychology (Clinical) (Full Fee Paying (FFP)) (MPCLorMPCF) - MPsych (Clinical)

CRICOS code (International applicants): 056705D

This program is only offered to continuing students. No new admissions will be accepted. Students who are interested in this study area should consider the [MCPS Master of Clinical Psychology](#).

	On-campus*+
Start:	No new admissions
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: Master of Psychology/PhD (Clinical Psychology)

Notes:

The Master of Psychology (Clinical) (MPCL) (CSP) is Commonwealth Supported.

The Master of Psychology (Clinical) (MPCF) (FFP) is Full Fee Paying. Depending on the courses approved to be taken in the Master of Psychology (Clinical) (MPCF) (FFP), some semesters may only be available via part-time study.

Footnotes

* Although the Master of Psychology (Clinical) (MPCL) (CSP) and Master of Psychology (Clinical) (MPCF) (FFP) are offered from the Toowoomba campus, many of the courses are offered at both Toowoomba and Ipswich campuses and students may enrol at their preferred location.

+ The Master of Psychology (Clinical) (MPCF) (FFP) is not available to international students.

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Professional accreditation

Graduates may apply for:

- general registration with the [Psychology Board of Australia](#).
- Clinical 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.

Program objectives

On successful completion of the Master of Psychology (Clinical), 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 relevant to Clinical Psychology.

Admission requirements

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

Master of Psychology (Clinical) (MPCL) (Commonwealth Supported Place)

- Completion of an Australian university four-year qualification in psychology accredited by the [Australian Psychology Accreditation Council](#) (APAC) within the last 10 years, with an upper second-class Honours (2A) or equivalent overall mark, as well as be eligible for registration with the Psychology Board of Australia as a Provisional Psychologist. An exception to this Standard may be made for currently registered psychologists who can demonstrate current compliance with Registration Board CPD requirements seeking to gain a professional postgraduate qualification. Relevant prior professional experience and acquired skills will also be considered in the selection process through written application, references and an interview.
- English Language Proficiency requirements for Category 4.

Master of Psychology (Clinical) (MPCF) (Full Fee paying)

- Completion of an Australian university two-year masters program accredited by the [Australian Psychology Accreditation Council](#) (APAC) or USQ's [MPPS Master of Professional Psychology](#) and internship year as well as full registration with the [Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency](#) (AHPRA).
- English Language Proficiency requirements for Category 4.
- Places within this program are limited. Selection will be based on merit based selection process where applicants will be asked to address selection criteria in writing. If shortlisted, they will then be invited to attend an interview.

All students are required to satisfy the applicable [English language requirements](#).

If students do not meet the English language requirements they may apply to study a University-approved [English language program](#). On successful completion of the English language program, students may be admitted to an award program.

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

Commonwealth supported place

A Commonwealth supported place is where the Australian Government makes a contribution towards the cost of a students' higher education and students pay a [student contribution amount](#), which varies depending on the courses undertaken. Students 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. 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](#).

Program structure

The Master of Psychology (Clinical) consists of 16 units comprising 8 units of coursework, 4 units of practicum and a 4 unit thesis. Students may undertake either the:

- Master of Psychology (Clinical) (MPCL) (Commonwealth Supported Place); or
- Master of Psychology (Clinical) (MPCF) (Full Fee Paying).

The program is designed for full-time attendance in the on-campus mode. Once the first 8 courses (or equivalent) have been completed full-time there may be some flexibility to negotiate a part-time enrolment pattern for the remaining courses.

Master of Psychology (Clinical) (MPCL) (Commonwealth Supported Place)

Course	Semester	Notes
PSY8010	1	Mandatory workshops
PSY8020 #	1	Mandatory workshops
PSY8040	1	Mandatory workshops
PSY8045	1	Mandatory workshops

PSY8050 Advanced Clinical Intervention	2	Mandatory workshops
PSY8060 Advanced Health Psychology	2	Mandatory workshops
PSY8065	1	Mandatory workshops
PSY8071	2	Mandatory workshops
PSY8130 *	1, 2, 3	
PSY8140 Psychology Practicum 3 *	1, 2, 3	
PSY8150 Psychology Practicum 4 *	2, 3	
PSY9160 Clinical Psychology Masters Project A #	1,2,3	Mandatory workshops
PSY9170 Clinical Psychology Masters Project B #	1,2,3	Mandatory workshops
PSY9152 Clinical Psychology Practicum Case Studies *#	2,3	

Footnotes

Research course

* 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.

Master of Psychology (Clinical) (MPCF) (Full Fee Paying)

The Master of Psychology (Clinical) (MPCF) is designed for full-time or part-time attendance in the on-campus mode. The program contains 16 units of study tailored to the student's entry qualification generally comprising of coursework and practicums with up to 8 units of credit given for the coursework and master project previously completed in the [MPPS Master of Professional Psychology](#) or previous Masters.

Likely required courses: depending on the approved courses, some semesters may only be available part-time. A tailored enrolment pattern should be negotiated with the Program Coordinator*.

Program Requirements (undertake course or credit based on MPPS / Masters)	Likely courses to be taken if student has done a Masters in the area of:*				
	MPPS	Health Psychology, Community Psychology or, Sport and Exercise Psychology	Counselling Psychology	Clinical-Neuro Psychology, Forensic Psychology or Organisational Psychology	Educational and Developmental Psychology
PSY8020 #^	S1 (Year 2)				
PSY8040 ^		S1	S1		S1
PSY8045 ^		S1@		S1**	S1

PSY8050 Advanced Clinical Intervention [^]	S1	S2 (TWBA)	S2 (TWBA)	S2 (TWBA)	S2 (TWBA)
PSY8060 Advanced Health Psychology [^]	S1		S2 (TWBA)	S2 (TWBA)	S2 (TWBA)
PSY8065 [^]	S1 ⁼	S1	S1	S1	S1
PSY8071 [^]		S2	S2	S2	
PSY8130 ^{~*+}					
PSY8140 Psychology Practicum 3 ^{~*}	S1	S1 or S2	S1 or S2	S1 or S2	S1 or S2
PSY8150 Psychology Practicum 4 ^{*~}	S2	S2	S2	S2	S2
PSY9160 Clinical Psychology Masters Project A ^{#^}	S2				
PSY9170 Clinical Psychology Masters Project B ^{#^}	S1 (Year 2)				
PSY9152 Clinical Psychology Practicum Case Studies ^{#*~}	S1	S2	S2	S2	S2

Footnotes

- # Research course
- ^ Mandatory Workshops
- @ Sport and Exercise Psychology – Students may be approved to take PSY8060 instead of PSY8045.
- ** Organisational Psychology and Forensic Psychology – Students may be approved to take PSY8040 instead of PSY8045.
- = If not already completed as part of the MPPS.
- ~ Students are required to accrue a minimum of 660 hours of practicum experience, plus at least 120 hours of supervision from a registered psychologist who is endorsed to supervise Clinical Psychology students.
- * Credit to be assessed on an individual basis, based on what coursework student has previously completed in MPPS/Masters during a 1 hour interview with the Program Coordinator to confirm structure of their program.
- + It would be expected that all students entering the MPCF could be given transfer of credit for previous study for this course.

Program completion requirements

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.

Required time limits

Students have a maximum of 4 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.

Articulation

Students who have achieved distinctions or better in Masters coursework courses, and successfully completed project proposal signed by their proposed thesis supervisor, will be permitted to apply for entry into the combined [Master of Psychology/PhD \(Clinical Psychology\)](#) program.

Credit

Exemptions/credit for all specialisations will be assessed according to USQ procedure.

Up to eight units of coursework exemptions or credit will be granted in the Master of Psychology (Clinical) (MPCF) (FFP) if the student has completed courses equivalent to courses offered in the Master of Psychology (Clinical) (MPCF) (FFP) in either:

- a 2-year APAC-accredited masters program, or
- [MPPS Master of Professional Psychology](#) and internship year.

Notes:

- (1) All requests for credits or exemptions need to be sought by the student and approved by the Program Coordinator (each student should expect to have a 1 hour interview with the program coordinator to confirm the structure of their program).
- (2) The Program Coordinator will deem to what extent prior studies are equivalent to the relevant specialisation and confirm the student's required program structure.

Recommended enrolment pattern - Master of Psychology (Clinical) (MPCL) (Commonwealth Supported Place)

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	1	1					
PSY8045	1	1					
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	1	2					
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	1	2					
Year 2							
PSY8020	2	1					

Consult the Handbook on the Web at <http://www.usq.edu.au/handbook/current> for any updates that may occur during the year. (DISCONTINUED) Master of Psychology (Clinical) (Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP)) or Master of Psychology (Clinical) (Full Fee Paying (FFP)) (MPCLorMPCF) - MPsych (Clinical) (2021)

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	
PSY9160 Clinical Psychology Masters Project A (two units)	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 (two units)	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

Recommended enrolment pattern - Master of Psychology (Clinical) (MPCF)(Full Fee Paying)

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This recommended enrolment pattern is indicative only (likely pattern for Health Psychology) and each student's pattern will depend on credits given.*

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, Semester 1							
PSY8140 Psychology Practicum 3	1	1, 2, 3					Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in MCPA or Students must be enrolled in MCP S and have completed PSY5130 and PSY5230
PSY8065	1	1					
PSY8045	1	1					
PSY8040	1	1					
Year 1, Semester 2							
PSY8071	1	2					
PSY8150 Psychology Practicum 4	1	2, 3					Pre-requisite: PSY8140 and Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: MCPS or MCPA
PSY9152 Clinical Psychology Practicum Case Studies	1	2, 3					Pre-requisite: PSY8130 and PSY8140 Co-requisite: PSY8150
PSY8050 Advanced Clinical Intervention	1	2					Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: MCPS or MCPA or be undertaking the course as professional development

Footnotes

* Credit to be assessed on an individual basis, based on what coursework student has previously completed in [MPPS Master of Professional Psychology](#)/Masters during a 1 hour interview with the Program Coordinator to confirm structure of their program.