

Master of Professional Psychology (MPPS) - MProfPsy

CRICOS code (International applicants): 089812F

	On-campus #
Semester intake:	Semester 1 (February)
Campus:	Ipswich
Fees:	Domestic full fee paying place International full fee paying place
Standard duration:	Students may complete the degree in one-year of full-time study or over two years part-time. Note that a minimum number of 17.5 hours per week must be undertaken in order to meet Psychology Board of Australia registration requirements.

Footnotes

All core courses are offered as on-campus Saturday mandatory workshops.

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Professional accreditation

The Master of Professional Psychology has received accreditation with conditions from the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC) as a fifth-year program in psychology. Graduates will be eligible to apply for general registration with the Psychology Board of Australia after a further one year of full-time supervised practice. Graduates will also be able to apply for full membership to the [Australian Psychological Society](#) after a period of supervised practice.

Program aims

The aim of the Master of Professional Psychology is to provide advanced knowledge of the discipline in the core areas of professional practice which comprise the competency standards of the [Psychology Board of Australia](#) and prepare for a final year of supervised practice prior to full registration. On completion of the program graduates will:

- be eligible for general registration as a psychologist once a further one-year of Board approved supervised practice has been completed
- be able to apply for positions which require postgraduate training in Psychology
- take an active role in the theoretical and practical aspects of the practice of Professional Psychology
- contribute to the overall development of the discipline of Psychology.

Program objectives

On successful completion of the program students should:

- take an evidence-based approach to psychological practice that is informed by the scientist-practitioner model

- possess detailed knowledge of the scope of professional practice
- behave and interact ethically with clients and other professionals
- integrate relevant knowledge and expertise in legal and professional matters in relation to the practice of Psychology
- apply a variety of high level skills and knowledge to conduct comprehensive psychological assessments using a wide range of techniques and instruments
- possess advanced knowledge and skills regarding intervention strategies
- apply high level research knowledge and skills to psychological practice
- possess advanced knowledge and skills in the provision of psychological services across the lifespan including children, adolescents, adults, and older adults
- apply advanced knowledge and skills in the workplace within the scope of professional practice.

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 09. Graduates at this level will have specialised knowledge and skills for research, and/or professional practice and/or further learning.

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 an Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC) accredited four year bachelor degree within the last 10 years or equivalent (AQF Level 8) as well as be eligible for provisional registration as a psychologist with the Psychology Board of Australia.
- English Language Proficiency requirements for Category 4.

In addition, Applicants must:

- provide two satisfactory [Referee Reports](#) (refer to Other Program Requirements below)
- provide a 1-2 page report which addresses the Master of Professional Psychology Selection Criteria
- be assessed in a face-to-face (or via teleconferencing) interview with a panel of School staff.
- provide a CV of their work and study history.

Before commencing the program, students must have Registration with Probationary Conditions or full registration from the Psychology Board of Australia.

International applicants

International applicants must have completed the equivalent of a four-year APAC accredited AQF level 8 sequence in psychology and be considered eligible for provisional registration with the Psychology Board of Australia. Applicants from countries other than Canada, New Zealand, Republic of Ireland, South Africa, the United Kingdom, or the United States of America must meet the Psychology Board of Australia English proficiency requirements of minimum scores of 7 in listening, reading, writing, and speaking achieved in one sitting in the International English Language Testing System.

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.

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](#).

Program structure

The program is designed for full-time or part-time attendance in the on-campus mode. The program contains 8 units of study comprising of 6 units of core coursework and 2 practical units.

Course	Semester	Notes
PSY5110 Ethical, Legal and Professional Issues	1	Mandatory Workshops #
PSY5140 Comprehensive Psychological Assessment	1	Mandatory Workshops #
PSY5145 Intervention Strategies	1	Mandatory Workshops #
PSY5130 Psychology Practicum 1 *	1, 2, 3	
PSY5050 Research Methods for Practitioners	2	Mandatory Workshops #
PSY8065 Adult Psychopathology +	2	Mandatory Workshops #
PSY5060 Child and Adolescent Psychology	2	Mandatory Workshops #
PSY5230 Psychology Practicum 2 *	1, 2, 3	

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* Students are required to accrue a minimum of 300 hours of practicum experience with an additional minimum of 32 hours of supervision from a registered psychologist.

+ The Semester 2 offering is only available at the Ipswich campus.

Program completion requirements

To be eligible to graduate, students must pass all 8 courses within the maximum time frame, and with a passing mark for every piece of assessment within each course. Core coursework content is delivered in five mandatory day-long Saturday workshops per course delivered in blocks over the semester, and attendance at all workshops is required for eligibility to graduate.

Other Program Requirements

The two referee reports are to be uploaded to the National Referee System.

- Link to [Referee Reports](#)
- [User Reference Guide](#)

Please note: This system is the same across all Australian Universities. To be able to use the system, you will need to have an active subscription.

Required time limits

Students have a maximum of 2 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

The Master of Professional Psychology does not currently articulate into any other program.

Credit

Applications for exemptions/credit will be assessed according to [USQ procedure](#). Students who have completed USQ's Postgraduate Diploma of Professional Psychology (PDPP) may apply for exemptions for up to 4 courses.

Recommended enrolment pattern - Full-time students

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							
PSY5110 Ethical, Legal and Professional Issues [#]	1	1					Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in the following Program: MPPS or be undertaking the course as professional development
PSY5140 Comprehensive Psychological Assessment [#]	1	1					Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in the following Program: MPPS or be undertaking the course as professional development
PSY5145 Intervention Strategies [#]	1	1					Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in the following Program: MPPS or be undertaking the course as professional development
PSY5130 Psychology Practicum 1	1	1					Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in the following Program: MPPS or be undertaking the course as professional development
PSY5050 Research Methods for Practitioners [#]	1	2					Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in the following Program: MPPS or be undertaking the course as professional development
PSY5060 Child and Adolescent Psychology [#]	1	2					Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in the following Program: MPPS or be undertaking the course as professional development
PSY8065 Adult Psychopathology ^{+ #}	1	2					Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: MPPS or M PCL or be undertaking the course as profes

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	On-campus (ONC)		External (EXT)		Online (ONL)		
	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	
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PSY5230 Psychology Practicum 2	1	2					Pre-requisite: PSY5130 and Students must be enrolled in the following Program: MPPS

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Recommended enrolment pattern - Part-time students

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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							
PSY5110 Ethical, Legal and Professional Issues [#]	1	1					Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in the following Program: MPPS or be undertaking the course as professional development
PSY5140 Comprehensive Psychological Assessment [#]	1	1					Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in the following Program: MPPS or be undertaking the course as professional development
PSY8065 Adult Psychopathology ^{+ #}	1	2					Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: MPPS or M PCL or be undertaking the course as professional development Co-requisite: PSY8010 or PSY5110
PSY5050 Research Methods for Practitioners [#]	1	2					Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in the following Program: MPPS or be undertaking the course as professional development
Year 2							
PSY5145 Intervention Strategies [#]	2	1					Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in the following Program: MPPS or be undertaking the course as professional development
PSY5130 Psychology Practicum 1	2	1					Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in the following Program: MPPS or be undertaking the course as professional development
PSY5060 Child and Adolescent Psychology [#]	2	2					Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in the following Program: MPPS or be undertaking the course as professional development
PSY5230 Psychology Practicum 2	2	2					Pre-requisite: PSY5130 and Students must be enrolled in the following Program: MPPS

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