

Doctor of Psychology (Clinical) (DPCL) - DPsych (Clinical)

CRICOS code (International applicants): 056703F

This program is offered only to continuing students. No new admissions will be accepted.

	On-campus
Semester intake:	
Campus:	Toowoomba
Fees:	Commonwealth supported place Domestic full fee paying place International full fee paying place
Standard duration:	3 years full-time, 6 years part-time maximum
Program articulation:	From: Master of Psychology (Clinical)

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Current students
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Program focus

The Doctor of Psychology (Clinical) has been developed to meet the needs of Psychologists wishing to achieve the highest specialisation in Clinical Psychology. The aim of the program is to provide advanced training in psychological assessment, clinical intervention and a range of professional skills within a scientist-practitioner framework. An extended specialist clinical practicum and doctoral level dissertation ensures that students develop the capacity to undertake independent, critical research and practice.

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 this 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 comprehensive knowledge base concerning evidence based practice of clinical psychology

- demonstrate diagnostic interview skills
- demonstrate 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 advanced level skills in individual and group clinical intervention
- demonstrate doctoral level research skills in data analysis interpretation and presentation in a theoretical framework
- interact ethically with clients and other professionals
- demonstrate high level clinical intervention skills within a range of community agencies.

Admission requirements

Applicants for admission must be able to:

- demonstrate that they have achieved a minimum of First Class Honours 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 [Psychology Board of Australia](#).

International Applications

International applicants must have met the [University's English language](#) requirements or have completed the [University's ELICOS/EAP programs](#) .

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](#).

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. 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 attendance in the on-campus mode. The program contains 24 units of study comprising of 10 units of coursework, a seven-unit thesis and seven units of practicums. Once the first

8 courses 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 w

