

Postgraduate Diploma of Professional Psychology (PDPP) - PGradDipProfPsych

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

	On-campus #
Start:	No new admissions
Campus:	
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 courses are offered as on-campus Saturday workshops.

Contact us

Current students
Ask a question Freecall (within Australia): 1800 007 252 Phone (from outside Australia): +61 7 4631 2285 Email: usq.support@usq.edu.au

Professional accreditation

The PDPP has received conditional accreditation by 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 PDPP 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. 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

Successful completion of the program will enable graduates to:

- be prepared for a final year of supervised clinical practice prior to full registration
- take an evidence-based approach to psychological practice that is informed by the scientist-practitioner approach

- have a broad and generalist knowledge of the scope of applied professional practice
- behave and interact ethically with clients and other professionals
- demonstrate familiarity with legal and professional matters in relation to the practice of psychology
- demonstrate a high level of skill and knowledge in conducting comprehensive psychological assessments using a wide range of techniques and instruments
- demonstrate advanced knowledge and strong skills regarding intervention strategies
- demonstrate a high level of skill in applying research knowledge and skills to psychological practice
- demonstrate an ability to communicate, evaluate, and interpret information in both oral and written forms
- demonstrate sensitivity and knowledge regarding the practicing of psychology in a cultural context
- demonstrate strong knowledge and skills in the provision of psychological services across the lifespan including children, adolescents, adults, and the elderly
- apply knowledge and skills proficiently in the workplace
- apply ethical, legal, and professional matters, psychological assessment, intervention strategies, research and evaluation, cross-cultural issues, and practice across the lifespan.

Admission requirements

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

- be able to demonstrate that they have completed an Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC)-accredited four-year sequence in psychology within the last 10 years
- be eligible for provisional registration as a psychologist with the Psychology Board of Australia
- provide two satisfactory [Referee Reports](#)
- be assessed in a face-to-face (or via teleconferencing) interview with a panel of Departmental staff.

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 completed the equivalent of a four-year APAC accredited 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 applicants

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](#).

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PSY5050 Research Methods for Practitioners #	1	2					Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: MPPS or MCPS or be undertaking the course as professional development
Elective	1	2					
Year 2							
PSY5145 Intervention Strategies #	2	1					Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: MPPS or MCPS or be undertaking the course as professional development
PSY5130 Psychology Practicum 1	2	1					Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: MPPS or MCPS or be undertaking the course as professional development
PSY5060 Child and Adolescent Psychology #	2	2					Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: MPPS or MCPS or be undertaking the course as professional development
PSY5230 Psychology Practicum 2	2	2					Pre-requisite: PSY5130 and Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: MPPS or MCPS or be undertaking the course as professional development

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