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

| This program is offered only to continuing students. No new admissions will be accepted. Students | who |
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| are interested in this study area should contact us.  |     |

- (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 contruites to the science of clinical psychology theory and/or interventions.

## **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 Schedule

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 Schedules.

#### Research Training Program (RTP) - Fees Offset scheme

All Australian citizens, Australian permanent residents and New Zealand citizens commencing a Higher Degree by Research (HDR) e pa

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.

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#### **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.

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