

WESTERN SYDNEY
UNIVERSITY



PSYCHOLOGY



Post Graduate

CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY

Western's School of Social Sciences and Psychology courses combine advanced academic knowledge with real-life training to suit a range of career needs and interests.

WHAT YOU'LL STUDY

The Master of Clinical Psychology is a professional Masters course designed to develop competent clinical psychologists. The course provides a thorough training in the knowledge and skills necessary to understand a range of mental health issues experienced within diverse contexts and to implement a range of effective evidence-based interventions (including cognitive behaviour therapy) that are tailored to clients' needs and preferences. The scientist-practitioner model of training will be adopted to equip you with specialised competencies through completion of specified coursework, a research project and 1,000 hours of supervised practice in clinical and other appropriate settings.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Clinical psychologists provide psychological assessment and treatment for a wide range of mental health problems.

Psychologists work in organisations such as:

- Department of Health: hospitals, mental and community health centres
- Rehabilitation and drug and alcohol centres
- Family and Community Services: Ageing, Disability and Home Care
- Private practices.

MASTER OF CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY

UAC Code	950737 and 950739
CRICOS Code	042101C
Apply Direct Code	1812
Duration	2F/4P
Location	Bankstown and Penrith
Intakes	March
Admission	Applications must: <ul style="list-style-type: none">→ hold an Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC) accredited four-year undergraduate Psychology degree or equivalent (with an honours level of at least a second class division 1 or equivalent)→ be eligible for provisional registration with the Psychology Board of Australia→ arrange for completion and submission of referees reports to Western Sydney University→ attend an interview, by invitation, with the School of Social Sciences and Psychology. Applicants, whose degree was completed more than 10 years prior to the year of entry, will not be admitted unless they hold current full registration with the Psychology Board of Australia.
Inherent Requirements	There are inherent requirements for this course that you must meet in order to complete your course and graduate. Make sure you read and understand the requirements for this course online.
Accreditation	This course is fully accredited by the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC).

Key: F = Full-time; P = Part-time.

Note: Part-time refers to study load, not to timetabling of evening classes.



DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY/ MASTER OF CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY

Western's School of Social Sciences and Psychology courses combine advanced academic knowledge with real-life training to suit a range of career needs and interests.

WHAT YOU'LL STUDY

The Doctor of Philosophy/Master of Clinical Psychology is a combined degree that provides an opportunity to gain the highest level of research and practical training in clinical psychology – the two strands reflect and facilitate the scientist-practitioner model of practice. This is a demanding course that requires effective time management, analytical and practical skills to maintain the required progress in order to retain the PhD scholarship and place in the combined degree.

The PhD arm of this combined program is likely to engage those future clinicians in research and academic work in clinical psychology. The Master of Clinical Psychology component of the combined degree is a professional Masters course designed to develop competent clinical psychologists. The course provides a thorough training in the knowledge and skills necessary to understand a range of mental health issues experienced within diverse contexts and to implement a range of effective evidence-based interventions (including cognitive behavioural therapy) that are tailored to clients' needs and preferences. The scientist-practitioner model of training will be adopted to equip you with specialised competencies through completion of specified coursework and 1,000 hours of supervised practice in clinical and other appropriate settings.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The combined degree is well recognised at the academic and industry level both nationally and internationally. There is a demand particularly in the university sector for those who can teach and research at the highest level in clinical psychology. Upon completion, the graduates will be able to pursue an academic, research career and complete the remaining requirements for the full endorsement of practice in clinical psychology.

Clinical psychologists provide psychological assessment and treatment for a wide range of mental health problems. Psychologists work in organisations such as: Department of Health: hospitals, mental and community health centres rehabilitation and drug and alcohol centres, Family and Community Services: Ageing, Disability and Home Care, private practices.

COMBINED PHD AND MASTER OF CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY

UAC Code	N/A
CRICOS Code	N/A
Apply Direct Code	N/A
Duration	4.5F
Location	Bankstown and Penrith
Intakes	March
Admission	<p>Applications must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">→ hold an Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC) accredited four-year undergraduate Psychology degree or equivalent (with an honours class 1)→ be eligible for provisional registration with the Psychology Board of Australia→ be a recipient of a PhD scholarship→ secure a place in Master of Clinical Psychology program (see relevant eligibility and application requirements)→ Applicants, whose degree was completed more than 10 years prior to the year of entry, will not be admitted unless they hold current full registration with the Psychology Board of Australia. <p>Retention of a place in the course is dependent on a significant progression of the PhD within the first two years of the candidature, which is then followed by the completion of the Master of Clinical Psychology component. There is a possibility of an exit into a PhD only degree at the end of year 1 or 2. This program is only offered as full-time. In some circumstances students may be allowed to adjust their load for the MCP component.</p>
Inherent Requirements	There are inherent requirements for this course that you must meet in order to complete your course and graduate. Make sure you read and understand the requirements for this course online.
Accreditation	This course is fully accredited by the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC).

Key: F = Full-time.



PROFESSIONAL PSYCHOLOGY

This Professional Psychology award is designed to prepare fourth year Psychology graduates with a fifth year of training under the '5+1 model', as recommended by Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC) and Psychology Board of Australia (PsyBA), and will give our graduates an APAC accredited professional qualification.

WHAT YOU'LL STUDY

This degree provides key training in ethics, psychological assessment, therapeutic interventions and other professional skills, which achieves 50 percent of the requirements towards full registration as a generalist psychologist.

To meet the need for forensically oriented psychologists in the field, this degree also addresses psychological practice within the forensic domain. To achieve full registration after the completion of this one-year degree, you must undertake additional appropriately supervised placement hours which you arrange yourself in the following year.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Once you have completed the required competencies to become fully registered you have competencies to work in counselling and community health services within a variety of workplaces across private, public and non-government organisations, such as hospitals and community health services, the educational system, legal and correctional systems, family and community based services and as private practitioners.

MASTER OF PROFESSIONAL PSYCHOLOGY

UAC Code	950746
CRICOS Code	088715D
WS Code	1814
Duration	1F/2P
Location	Bankstown
Intakes	March
Admission	<p>Applicants will be subject to competitive selection based on academic excellence, interview, external referees' reports, and consideration of professional experience. To be considered for admission an indicative academic achievement based on entry in previous years is a grade point average of 5 or higher.</p> <p>Applicants must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">→ Hold an Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC) accredited four-year undergraduate Psychology degree or equivalent.→ Be eligible for provisional registration with the Psychology Board of Australia→ Arrange for completion and submission of referees reports via the HODSPA reference request system→ Attend an interview, by invitation, with the School of Social Sciences and Psychology→ Applicants, whose degree was completed more than 10 years prior to the year of entry, will not be admitted.→ No deferrals will be accepted for this course. There are some additional requirements you must meet before you can start your Clinical work. Check the Western Sydney University special requirements website.
Accreditation	<p>This course is accredited by the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC). The objective of the Master of Professional Psychology is to provide one year full time training in the professional practice of psychology sufficient to prepare students for a final year of supervised internship to complete registration requirements.</p>

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PSYCHOLOGICAL STUDIES

Psychology is the field of inquiry that uses scientific techniques and methods to understand and explain behaviour and experience. As a profession, it involves the application of psychological knowledge to practical problems in human behaviour.

WHAT YOU'LL STUDY

Units in the program are drawn from the following topic areas of psychology: history of psychology, biological psychology, learning, social psychology, lifespan development, sensation and perception, individual differences, personality and cognitive processes.

For those with a Bachelor degree in a different discipline, this 18 month program provides a student with the equivalent of a three-year accredited undergraduate sequence of study in psychology.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Psychologists can work in counselling and community health services within a variety of workplaces across private, public and non-government organisations, such as: hospitals and community health services, the educational system, legal and correctional systems, family and community based services and as private practitioners.

Graduates can apply to continue their studies at Western in the Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Psychology or the Graduate Diploma in Psychology.

GRADUATE DIPLOMA OF PSYCHOLOGICAL STUDIES

UAC Code	950752 and 950753
CRICOS Code	056926B
WS Code	1796
Duration	1.5F/3P
Location	Bankstown and Penrith
Intakes	March
Accreditation	This course is accredited by the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC) as an undergraduate three-year sequence in Psychology.
Admission	Applicants must have successfully completed an undergraduate degree in any discipline (non-Psychology major OR Psychology major older than 10 years).

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PSYCHOLOGY

BOOST YOUR PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS.

Western Sydney University offers an active research culture broaching a range of theoretical and epistemological approaches, in both applied and pure psychological research.

Our expertise covers a range of methods including experimental, quasi-experimental and qualitative research, and a strong program of postgraduate training.

The school enjoys a reputation for delivering high-quality, academically strong, professionally relevant undergraduate and postgraduate awards.

WHAT YOU'LL STUDY

The Graduate Diploma in Psychology is a fourth year of undergraduate study in psychology designed for those seeking entry into the profession as a provisional psychologist. For students who meet the entry standard it is an alternative method to honours of gaining an accredited fourth year of undergraduate study in psychology.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Registered psychologists evaluate and diagnose mental health patterns and provide consultation. Interning is available at organisations such as the Department of Family and Community Services, Department of Ageing, Disabilities and Home Care.

Psychologists work in organisations such as:

- Department of Family and Community Services
- Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care
- Private practices.

GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN PSYCHOLOGY

UAC Code	950758
CRICOS Code	028481C
WS Code	1796
Duration	1F/2P
Location	Bankstown
Intakes	March
Admission	Applicants must have successfully completed an APAC accredited three-year sequence in Psychology within the last 10 years, with a minimum of a credit average in level 2 and level 3 units, including a credit in the majority of the Psychology units.
Accreditation	This course is accredited by the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC) as an accredited fourth year of study in Psychology. Graduates of this award will be eligible for Provisional registration as a Psychologist with the Psychology Board of Australia (PsyBA) and for associate membership of the Australian Psychological Society (APS).

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WHY POSTGRADUATE STUDY AT WESTERN SYDNEY?

You've come a long way. Go further.

Located in the heart of one of Australia's fastest growing economic regions, Western Sydney University offers unlimited potential to postgraduate students with the drive, ambition and will to succeed.

Ranked amongst the top three per cent of universities on the globe, Western Sydney is a world-class university with a growing international reach and reputation for academic excellence and impact-driven research.

To take your career to the next level, you need more than classrooms, more than theory.

That's why we offer a combination of on-campus, online and clinical learning environments, with real-life, on-the-ground, hands-on opportunities for skill development in professional and community settings. We value academic excellence, integrity and the pursuit of knowledge.

And we continue to challenge traditional notions of what a university 'should' be by pushing the boundaries of how knowledge is exchanged.

We equip our postgrads with the means to do more than just advance their careers. We are unlocking the potential of the next generation of global citizens, leaders and change-makers.

PROGRESS. UNLIMITED.

Application Information

ENGLISH PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS

If you have undertaken studies overseas you may need to provide proof of proficiency in English. Minimum English proficiency requirements and acceptable proof are found on the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) website at uac.edu.au

Overseas qualifications must be deemed equivalent by the Australian Education International - National Office of Overseas Skills Recognition (AEI-NOOSR) - in order to be considered by UAC and Western Sydney University.

For information about studying at Western Sydney University, including courses,

tuition fees, English requirements, intakes, assessment methods, accommodation options, and living in Australia, visit westernsydney.edu.au/international

RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING

You may be granted special equivalence or advance standing for academic, professional and/or any other qualifications you hold on the basis of evidence submitted at the time of application.

HOW TO APPLY

All Australian citizens, permanent residents and New Zealand citizens can apply direct to Western using our Universities Admissions

Centre (UAC)-hosted application site. Visit westernsydney.uac.edu.au/ws. These applicants can also apply through UAC at uac.edu.au/postgraduate

Applications made direct to Western do not have an application fee.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

International students need to apply direct to Western Sydney University. Part-time mode for these courses is not available to international students due to Australian student visa regulations. Application forms and information on admissions are available at westernsydney.edu.au/international/admissions

POSTGRADUATE INFORMATION SESSIONS

Postgraduate Information Sessions are held throughout the year, and give you the opportunity to meet academic and professional staff, and to ask questions about courses, admission, fees and more. At these sessions, you will gain a better understanding of course content, what you can expect from the program and possible career paths. To register for a Postgraduate Information Session, visit westernsydney.edu.au/postgraduatesessions

To view the full range of postgraduate courses available visit westernsydney.edu.au/postgraduate

CONTACT US

To discuss your study goals and career options, contact the Course Information Centre on **1300 897 669** or email postgraduatestudy@westernsydney.edu.au

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