

# Master of Clinical Psychology (742AA.2)

Please note these are the 2021 details for this course

## Domestic students

Selection rank	PG
Delivery mode	On campus
Location	Bruce, Canberra
Duration	2.0 years
Faculty	Faculty of Health
Discipline	Discipline of Psychology
UAC code	880710
English language requirements	<p>There are non-standard English language requirements for this course. To be eligible you must have an overall IELTS Academic score (or equivalent) of 7.0, with no band score below 7.0. For alternate/equivalent ways of meeting the English requirements for this course please view the English Proficiency Requirements document on the university website.</p> <p><a href="#">View IELTS equivalences</a></p>

## International students

Academic entry requirements	<p>To study at UC, you'll need to meet our academic entry requirements and any admission requirements specific to your course. Please read your course admission requirements below. To find out whether you meet UC's academic entry requirements, visit our academic entry requirements page.</p>
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# About this course

## The gateway to your career as a clinical psychologist

Welcome to the UC Master of Clinical Psychology course, an intensive two-year academic journey that will provide you with rigorous professional training and equip you with the skills and knowledge to become a registered clinical psychologist.

Through a mix of advanced coursework, supervised practicum placements, and a research project on a topic of clinical relevance, you will acquire in-depth assessment, evaluation, and intervention skills readying you to work as a practicing psychologist.

On enrolment, you will be registered as a provisional psychologist and then go on to complete up to 1000 hours of supervised practical placements. The first two placements will be in the University's student-led Health Clinic, where you will gain exposure to inter-professional practice with additional training opportunities occurring in workplace settings, always under the support and supervision of experienced academic mentors.

## Study a Master of Clinical Psychology at UC and you will:

- use your knowledge of psychology and mental health to critically assess, diagnose, develop case formulations, treat and prevent psychological problems and mental health issues across the lifespan

- understand your profession concerning the unique role of clinical psychologists in providing evidence-based psychological services, including assessment, diagnosis, treatment, research and consultancy services across diverse settings
- understand psychopathology, psychopharmacology and psychological medicine, and neurological issues relevant to mental health presentations, diagnostic systems, health psychology and behavioural medicine
- transform research and evaluation findings into policy, applied knowledge, and improved treatments
- provide competent expert oral and written reports to various stakeholders on psychological matters for health, medical, medico-legal, and forensic purposes
- competently work within a cross-cultural context
- practice with children, adolescents, adults and older persons in a manner relevant to Clinical Psychology
- conduct high-level advanced independent research on a topic of clinical relevance.

## Work Integrated Learning

During this course, you will undertake four practical placements, totaling 1000 hours. The first two placements will be in the student-led clinic on campus and take place in a range of different settings, including working with children, adolescents, adults, and older people, and in a variety of organisations. In each situation, you will develop your competencies as a clinical psychologist by working with clients under supervision.

## Career opportunities

Career opportunities for Clinical Psychologists are considerable, and UC graduates are in high demand across a wide range of services within the public and private sectors. For example:

- Private practice supporting members of the public
- Health departments, hospitals, and community practices
- National, state or local government or non-government organisations
- Welfare agencies, educational institutions, defense, justice and community services.

## Course-specific information

To be eligible for consideration for the UC Master of Clinical Psychology program, you must be able to provide evidence of completing a four-year sequence in psychology within the last ten years – with accreditation by the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC), or equivalency as determined by the Australian Psychological Society (APS).

This requirement is necessary to ensure eligibility for provisional registration with the Australian Health Practitioners Regulation Agency (AHPRA), and Associate Membership of the APS and the Australian Clinical Psychology Association (ACPA).

Shortlisted applicants will be required to attend an on-campus interview which will help determine your eligibility.

Provisional registration with AHPRA will also require a federal police clearance and all relevant immunisations must be up to date before participating in any work placements.

Some placement organisations may also require a current Working with Vulnerable People clearance.

## Professional accreditation

The Master of Clinical Psychology (MCP) provides the 5th and 6th years of APAC accredited postgraduate training required to be eligible for general registration as a psychologist and entry into the registrar program for Clinical endorsement. The program also meets the requirements for membership of the Australian Psychological Society and Associate Membership of the APS College of Clinical Psychologists.

# Admission requirements

Please be advised that domestic applications open on the 1st September and close on the 31st October each year for the following year. Domestic applicants must apply through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) <http://www.uac.edu.au/postgraduate/> Referee reports must be submitted through the Australian Psychology Post-graduate Program Reference Request System <https://www.psychologyreference.org/> Applicants must ensure they share the reference with the University of Canberra. If the reference is not shared we cannot access the referee report and the application will be deemed incomplete and not be processed further.

Applicants must meet all of the following criteria:

1. A completed four year sequence in psychology accredited by APAC and completed within the last 10 years
2. A GPA of 6.0 or higher in fourth year psychology honours or graduate diploma course

When no GPA is given for the honours year:

- UC graduates - hold upper second class psychology honours (of at least 80%)
- Non-UC graduates - hold first class psychology honours (of at least 85%)

International applications are accepted at any time. Please refer to the key dates <https://www.canberra.edu.au/future-students/apply-to-uc/key-dates> for further information.

## Additional admission requirements

Applicants must also provide:

- a current Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- proof of eligibility for registration as a provisional psychologist with the Psychology Board of Australia, and
- two referee reports submitted through the Australian Psychology Postgraduate Program Reference Request System <https://www.psychologyreference.org/>

Shortlisted applicants (domestic and international) will be required to attend an interview in which their suitability for clinical practice will be assessed. In person interviews are preferred, but in the event that this is not possible, video link can be used. Applicants are expected to attend the interview, whether in person or video link, at the date and time offered to them, no alternative arrangements or exceptions will be made.

### NOTE

Above requirements are the minimum standard and not negotiable. Entry is competitive and places limited. Shortlisting for interview is determined against the applicant's academically ranked place in the applicant list, and the referee reports. The thresholds for interview considerations vary each year in response to characteristics of the applicant pool. It is emphasised that meeting the minimum entrance

requirements does not of itself guarantee an interview. Please note that it is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that UAC and UC have the correct and most current information against which applications are assessed.

## Periods course is open for new admissions

This course is not open for new admissions.

## Credit arrangements

There are currently no formal credit transfer arrangements for entry to this course. Any previous study or work experience will only be considered as part of the application process in accordance with current [course rules](#) and [university policy](#).

# Course requirements

## Master of Clinical Psychology (742AA) | 48 credit points

### Required - Must pass 48 credit points as follows

[Expand All](#) | [Collapse All](#)

Professional Psychological Practice PG (6306) | 3 credit points — Level P

Forensic Psychology for Clinicians PG (6307) | 3 credit points — Level P

Health Psychology for Clinicians PG (6308) | 3 credit points — Level P

Research Project - Preparation PG (6309) | 3 credit points — Level P

Research Project - Implementation PG (6310) | 3 credit points — Level P

Research Project - Data Analysis PG (6311) | 3 credit points — Level P

Practicum Placement 1 PG (6313) | 3 credit points — Level P

Practicum Placement 2 PG (6314) | 3 credit points — Level P

Practicum Placement 3 PG (6315) | 3 credit points — Level P

Practicum Placement 4 PG (6316) | 3 credit points — Level P

EBT Children Adolescents and Families PG (8028) | 3 credit points — Level P

Introduction to Assessment and Intervention PG (10071) | 3 credit points — Level P

EBT Adult PG (10073) | 3 credit points — Level P

Advanced Assessment and Intervention PG (10074) | 3 credit points — Level P

Master of Psychology Thesis PG (6cp) (10075) | 6 credit points — Level P

In addition to course requirements, in order to successfully complete your course you must meet the inherent requirements. Please refer to the [inherent requirements statement](#) applicable to your course

# Typical study pattern

## UC - Canberra, Bruce

### Standard Full Time, UC Trimester 1 Commencing

#### Year 1

##### Semester 1

[EBT Adult PG \(10073\)](#)

[EBT Children Adolescents and Families PG \(8028\)](#)

[Practicum Placement 1 PG \(6313\)](#)

##### Semester 2

[Health Psychology for Clinicians PG \(6308\)](#)

[Practicum Placement 2 PG \(6314\)](#)

[Research Project - Implementation PG \(6310\)](#)

##### Trimester 1

[Introduction to Assessment and Intervention PG \(10071\)](#)

[Professional Psychological Practice PG \(6306\)](#)

##### Winter Term

[Research Project - Preparation PG \(6309\)](#)

#### Year 2

##### Semester 1

[Forensic Psychology for Clinicians PG \(6307\)](#)

[Practicum Placement 3 PG \(6315\)](#)

[Research Project - Data Analysis PG \(6311\)](#)

##### Semester 2

[Master of Psychology Thesis PG \(6cp\) \(10075\)](#)

[Practicum Placement 4 PG \(6316\)](#)

##### Winter Term

[Advanced Assessment and Intervention PG \(10074\)](#)

# Course information

## Course duration

Standard four semesters full-time or equivalent. Maximum completion period of eight semesters over 4 years from commencement of the

program.

## Learning outcomes

Learning outcomes	Related graduate attributes
Knowledge and understanding of psychological disciplines relevant to Clinical Psychology with the ability to carry out independent research in this discipline.	Analysis and enquiry; working independently and with others; problem solving.
Communication skills in listening, speaking, explaining, teaching, writing, reading and communication of current research relevant to the practice of Clinical Psychology. Ability to write reports for clinical and forensic purposes.	Communication; working independently and with others.
Understanding, interpretation and problem solving in professional ethics, responsibilities, values and standards for the practice of Clinical Psychology.	Professionalism and social responsibility; communication; problem solving; working independently and with others.
Expertise and skills to critique, synthesise and apply evidence from psychological and therapeutic research to the practices of health care and practice in Clinical Psychology.	Analysis and enquiry; problem solving, personal attributes; critical thinking; reflective practice; thriving in an environment of change.
Knowledge and understanding of evidence based practice as a clinical psychologist. Knowledge, skill, understanding and application of assessment, diagnosis by DSM-5, intervention, use of psycho-education for the practice of an autonomous practitioner. Ability to carry out psychological interventions to lead to change in line with client goals.	Analysis and enquiry; communication; working independently and with others; problem solving; reflective practice.
Administration, scoring and interpretation of psychological tests. Knowledge and understanding of psychopathology, including dual-diagnosis. This includes the ability to develop clinical case formulation and treatment interventions for complex problems.	Communication; problem solving; working independently and with others; professionalism; analysis and enquiry.
Expertise and skills in research to test established theories against a body of knowledge relevant to the practice of Clinical Psychology.	Analysis and enquiry; problem solving; personal attributes; critical thinking; reflective practice; thriving in an environment of change.

## Placements requirements

This course requires students to meet compulsory placement requirements prior to undertaking professional placement (Work-Integrated Learning) in a clinical or professional setting. For information on what these requirements are and how to meet these requirements, please visit [www.canberra.edu.au/placement](http://www.canberra.edu.au/placement)

## Awards

Award	Official abbreviation
Master of Clinical Psychology	M ClinPsych

## Honours

Not applicable.

## Enquiries

Student category	Contact details
Prospective Domestic Students	Email <a href="mailto:study@canberra.edu.au">study@canberra.edu.au</a> or Phone 1800 UNI CAN (1800 864 226)
Prospective International Students	Email <a href="mailto:international@canberra.edu.au">international@canberra.edu.au</a> or Phone +61 2 6201 5342
Current and Commencing Students	Please contact the Faculty of Health faculty office, email <a href="mailto:student.centre@canberra.edu.au">student.centre@canberra.edu.au</a>

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UC acknowledges the Ngunnawal people, traditional custodians of the lands where Bruce campus is situated. We wish to acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the life of Canberra and the region. We also acknowledge all other First Nations Peoples on whose lands we gather.