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Group	Course	Offerings
<b>Graduate Research Degrees</b>		
Psychology	Doctor of Psychology (Clinical Psychology) (DPsych)	• Murdoch campus (internal)

## PSYCHOLOGY

### DOCTOR OF PSYCHOLOGY (CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY) (DPSYCH)

*Restriction: All graduate courses are subject to restriction.*

#### **International Student Admission:**

International students can seek direct entry into the DPsych program. Prospective International students should be aware that like most Universities in Australia, Murdoch requires international applicants to complete a formal assessment of their qualifications by the Australian Psychological Society. The APS will provide a letter indicating the equivalent year level for an overseas qualification in terms of the Australian sequence. This letter should accompany the student's application to Murdoch. International students will require equivalence to an Australian 4th year level of qualification. The APS website suggests that the approximate processing time for applications to assess international qualifications is 8 weeks. The student's academic performance within a 4th year equivalent year of study will be assessed within the Murdoch application process and must be at least at a Honours 2A level or equivalent. Students seeking to apply for Murdoch postgraduate psychology programmes will only require an assessment conducted by the APS. Students do NOT need an assessment from the Psychology Board of Australia to apply for the course. However, students will need to pursue provisional registration with the Psychology Board of Australia following acceptance and enrolment in the course. Evidence of enrolment is sufficient to apply for provisional registration with the Psychology Board of Australia.

Doctor of Psychology (DPsych)

Psychology

The Doctor of Psychology (Clinical Psychology) (DPsych) at Murdoch is a Graduate Research Degree and is also recognised as an AQF Level 10 qualification, meaning that it is recognised as a Doctoral degree (Professional) and an equivalent level of qualification to a Ph.D. A Professional Doctoral Degree is defined as a research focussed qualification which makes a significant and original contribution to knowledge in the context of professional practice. Professional programs of study at a doctoral level combine professional accreditation as a Clinical psychologist via a program of structured learning with a comprehensive research program undertaken over at least two years of the qualification. The Doctor of Psychology can be completed in an intensive three and a half year program. The degree consists of seminars, supervised practical work and applied research components. The course content of the first year of study is the same as Year 1 of the Master of Applied Psychology. The DPsych offers both direct entry and entry after completion of the first year of the Master of Applied Psychology. Those with marks of distinction may apply for transfer to the DPsych. The DPsych also contains advanced level teaching of practice relevant skills in complex clinical skills and in translational research methods such as program evaluation and practice oriented systematic literature review. The teaching staff are highly experienced Clinical Psychologists with extensive research programs linking into the School's translational research clinics. Murdoch University has a range translational clinics with opportunities to work with both adults, children and families. In addition, the University cooperates with Commonwealth and State Public Service Ministries and Departments such as Department for Community Development, Justice, Health, the Disability Services Commission and other public and private services and facilities in Western Australia to provide practicum opportunities. The School's external clinical placement networks are extensive and are approved by the School Committee.

*This course requires students to undertake work-based training through a compulsory work-based placement as part of their studies.*

#### **Special Requirements:**

Graduate students must be registered from the start of their higher degree as a provisional psychologist. Within the first two weeks of commencing the program, the student must gain provisional

registration with Psychology Board of Australia. As many agencies require all staff working with their clients or patients to have a police clearance, students are required to obtain a Federal police clearance (which will include WA clearance) if accepted into the course. Successful applicants also need to have a Working with Children Check before they begin work in the internal clinic. Clearly any agency will only be seeking information about behaviours that may place vulnerable clients at risk and will not be interested in any other type of behaviours. The student meets the cost of these clearances. Please note that some organisations providing professional placements require students to provide full immunisation records. Applicants must be in a position to provide these documents if required.

#### **Admission Requirements (Onshore):**

Students who complete the first year of the relevant Master of Applied Psychology and who average grades of Distinction in their core first year units may apply for transfer to the DPsych. Applicants for the DPsych are required to submit a synopsis of their intended research and the name of a supervisor on the staff of the University as part of their application.

Applicants will be required to present their research plans to a panel of Psychology staff prior to admission. Students permitted to transfer from the Master of Applied Psychology will be exempt from the units common to both degrees.

Applicants who hold the equivalent of the relevant Master of Applied Psychology can apply for entry and are to complete the balance of units in the DPsych. A maximum of 36 points of credit may be granted to those applicants who have completed equivalent coursework. In some circumstances, the degree may be undertaken on a part-time basis but requires attendance of on-campus seminars and, for parts of the course, full-day attendance on campus or at a practicum site.

#### **Availability:**

- Murdoch campus (internal)

Course Codes: D1073

Duration: 3 and a half years full-time or part-time equivalent

### **Course Structure - 84 credit points**

Candidates must normally successfully complete the following units to meet Registration and Specialist Entitlement requirements for Clinical Psychologists.

#### **Year 1 - 24 credit points**

##### **Core Units - 24 credit points**

PSY662 Psychological Assessment: Theory and Method - 3 points  
MURDOCH: Y-internal

PSY537 Clinical Psychology: Internal Practicum (Child, Youth and Family) - 3 points  
MURDOCH: H-placement, SUM-placement, Y-placement

PSY538 Clinical Psychology: Internal Practicum (Adult) - 3 points  
MURDOCH: H-placement, SUM-placement, Y-placement

PSY669 Psychotherapy in Practice - 3 points  
MURDOCH: Y-internal

PSY664 Clinical Psychology: Working with Children and Families - 3 points  
MURDOCH: S1-internal

PSY565 Clinical Psychology: Working with Adults - 3 points  
MURDOCH: S1-internal

PSY567 Clinical Psychology: Neurodevelopmental & Neuropsychological Disorders Across the Lifespan - 3 points  
MURDOCH: S2-internal

PSY502 Clinical Psychology: Working with Health Problems - 3 points  
MURDOCH: S2-internal

## Year 2 and Onward - 60 credit points

### Core Units - 60 credit points

Students must enrol in PSY755 Psychology: Advanced Research Methods concurrently with their first enrolment in PSY700 Doctor of Psychology Thesis.

PSY755 Psychology: Advanced Research Methods - 0 points  
MURDOCH: Y-internal

PSY700 Doctor of Psychology Thesis - 48 points  
MURDOCH: S1-internal, S2-internal, SUM-internal, Y-internal  
Full-time students should enrol in this unit for 12 points for each of four semesters and part-time students should enrol in 6 points for each of eight semesters or until submission of the thesis.

PSY703 Doctor of Psychology (Clinical): Research Integrated Practicum I - 6 points  
MURDOCH: S1-placement, S2-placement, SUM-placement, Y-placement

PSY704 Doctor of Psychology (Clinical): Research Integrated Practicum II - 6 points  
MURDOCH: S1-placement, S2-placement, SUM-placement, Y-placement

Provisional Registration as a Psychologist with Psychology Board of Australia.

### Doctor of Psychology Thesis (PSY700)

Enrolment in DPsych(Clinical); Completion with distinction of first year units (or equivalent in the case of direct entry to DPsych).

### Psychological Assessment: Theory and Method (PSY662)

MAppPsych (Professional), MAppPsych, DPsych or MAppPsych/PhD; Enrolment in Pg or GradDipConsultPsych where candidate holds a four-year Psychology qualification or equivalent.

### Psychology: Advanced Research Methods (PSY755)

Doctor of Psychology in Clinical Psychology, or Doctor of Psychology in Organisational Psychology.

### Psychotherapy in Practice (PSY669)

Enrolment in MAppPsych (Professional), MAppPsych (Clinical), DPsych (Clinical) or MAppPsych (Clinical)/PhD. Co-requisite: PSY537 Clinical Psychology: Internal Practicum (Child, Youth and Family) and/or PSY538 Clinical Psychology: Internal Practicum (Adult).

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## PREREQUISITES

### Clinical Psychology: Internal Practicum (Adult) (PSY538)

Enrolment in MAppPsych (Clinical), DPsych (Clinical) or MAppPsych (Clinical)/PhD; concurrent enrolment in or successful completion of PSY669 Psychotherapy in Practice; and concurrent enrolment with, or successful completion of, PSY565 Clinical Psychology: Working with Adults, and PSY662 Psychological Assessment: Theory and Method; Provisional Registration as a Psychologist with Psychology Board of Australia; Police Check and Working with children check.

### Clinical Psychology: Internal Practicum (Child, Youth and Family) (PSY537)

Enrolment in MAppPsych (Clinical), DPsych (Clinical) or MAppPsych (Clinical)/PhD; concurrent enrolment in or successful completion of PSY669 Psychotherapy in Practice; and concurrent enrolment with, or successful completion of, PSY664 Clinical Psychology: Working with Children and Families and PSY662 Psychological Assessment: Theory and Method; Provisional Registration as a Psychologist with Psychology Board of Australia; Police Check and Working with Children Check.

### Clinical Psychology: Neurodevelopmental & Neuropsychological Disorders Across the Lifespan (PSY567)

Enrolment in MAppPsych (Clinical), DPsych (Clinical) or MAppPsych (Clinical)/PhD

### Clinical Psychology: Working with Adults (PSY565)

Enrolment in MAppPsych, DPsych or MAppPsych/PhD.

### Clinical Psychology: Working with Children and Families (PSY664)

Enrolment in MAppPsych (Professional), MAppPsych (Clinical), DPsych (Clinical) or MAppPsych (Clinical)/PhD.

### Clinical Psychology: Working with Health Problems (PSY502)

Enrolment in MAppPsych, DPsych or MAppPsych/PhD.

### Doctor of Psychology (Clinical): Research Integrated Practicum I (PSY703)

Enrolment in the Doctor of Psychology in Clinical Psychology; completion with an average of distinction in the Master of Applied Psychology in Clinical Psychology Year 1 required units or equivalent; Provisional Registration as a Psychologist with Psychology Board of Australia.

### Doctor of Psychology (Clinical): Research Integrated Practicum II (PSY704)

PSY703 Doctor of Psychology (Clinical): Practicum I; enrolment in the Clinical Psychology specialisation of the Doctor of Psychology;