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Group	Course	Offerings
<b>Graduate Coursework Degrees and Professional Doctorates</b>		
Psychology	Master of Applied Psychology (Clinical Psychology) (MAppPsych)	• Murdoch campus (internal)

## PSYCHOLOGY

### MASTER OF APPLIED PSYCHOLOGY (CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY) (MAPPPSYCH)

#### Availability:

- Murdoch campus (internal)

This professionally-accredited course adheres to a scientist-practitioner model which stresses a systematic problem-solving approach. Its objective is to prepare psychologists who are skilled in individual casework and can apply their skills and knowledge to prevention, research, development, and evaluation at the individual and system levels.

The course consists of two years of full-time study or may be undertaken on a part-time basis over not more than eight years. The course includes coursework, practicum, and research components which will qualify them as clinical psychologists at Master's degree level.

Candidates undertake at least three approved placements. The University cooperates with the Commonwealth and State Public Services, such as the Department of Health, Department for Community Development, Department of Justice, Disability Services Commission, WA Police Service and other public and private services and facilities in Western Australia to provide practicum opportunities. Candidates must include at least one placement in an adult clinical facility and one in a child clinical facility; two of these placements must be external to the University. This course requires students to undertake work-based training through a compulsory work-based placement as part of their studies.

#### Other Facilities and Services:

Murdoch University has both a specialist child psychology clinic and an adult psychology clinic to act as a practical training facility.

#### Main Research Areas:

The Murdoch program has a focus on translational clinical research to support the development of research active scientist-practitioners.

#### Admission:

Successful applicants who have completed the Master of Applied Psychology (Professional) course at Murdoch University may apply to the Academic Chair to have some of their coursework and practicum units credited toward the first year of study for the MAppPsych (Clinical) course.

Students who complete the first year of the Master of Applied Psychology may apply to transfer to the Doctor of Psychology and will be exempt from the units already completed which are common to both degrees. During their first year of study, students may also apply for enrolment in a PhD and if accepted may enter the combined MAppPsych/PhD course.

#### Employment Prospects:

Job prospects for psychologists are very good; employment growth is expected to be strong following recent government initiatives. On graduation from this course, students will be highly employable in a wide variety of areas, including private practice as a registered psychologist, and working in various public and private sector agencies in areas such as health, community development, justice, education, and disabilities.

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

*Master of Applied Psychology (MAppPsych) (Clinical Psychology)*

*Psychology*

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#### Additional Progress Rules:

A student who fails more than one unit, or one unit more than once, shall be excluded from the course.

#### 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, applicants are required to obtain a Federal police clearance (which will include WA clearance). In addition, a working with children check by the Department of Child Protection is required. 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 applicant 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 records if required.

*Duration: 2 years full-time or part-time equivalent*

#### Admission Requirements (Onshore):

Entry to this course is very competitive and requires a recognised and accredited Bachelor of Arts degree (or Bachelor of Science degree) with at least 2A Honours in Psychology or its equivalent (for example an average Distinction level in a Bachelor of Psychology or Postgraduate/Graduate Diplomas in Psychology). Applicants will also need to supply referee reports and a personal statement that details their past accomplishments, future plans, and interests in the graduate psychology program for which they have applied as part of the admission process.

Students with overseas qualifications who are accepted into the course and who wish to seek registration in Australia after graduation should ensure that their undergraduate qualifications meet the requirements of the relevant psychology registration board for equivalence to a four-year Australian degree in Psychology. Applications with qualifications obtained outside Australia must have a formal assessment completed by the Australian Psychological Society before submitting an application for study.

The admission process includes both application and interview.

### Course Structure - 48 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

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

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

PSY502 Clinical Psychology: Working with Health Problems - 3

points  
MURDOCH: S2-internal

## **Year 2 - 24 credit points**

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

PSY655 Psychology: Advanced Research Methods - 2 points  
MURDOCH: Y-internal

PSY690 Applied Psychology Dissertation - 10 points  
MURDOCH: S1-internal, S2-internal, Y-internal

PSY604 Clinical Psychology: External Practicum - 12 points  
MURDOCH: S1-placement, S2-placement, SUM-placement, Y-placement

### **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**

### **Applied Psychology Dissertation (PSY690)**

Enrolment in MAppPsych (Clinical or Organisational); completion of, or concurrent enrolment in, PSY655 Psychology: Advanced Research Methods.

### **Clinical Psychology: External Practicum (PSY604)**

Enrolment in MAppPsych (Clinical) or MAppPsych (Clinical)/PhD; successful completion of PSY537 Clinical Psychology: Internal Practicum (Child, Youth and Family) or equivalent AND PSY538 Clinical Psychology Internal Practicum (Adult) or equivalent; Provisional or General Registration as a Psychologist with Psychology Board of Australia. Working with Children Check; Police check

### **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.

### **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 (PSY655)**

Enrolment in Master of Applied Psychology in Clinical Psychology, or Master of Applied Psychology in Organisational Psychology.