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Group**Course****Offerings****Graduate Coursework Degrees and Professional Doctorates****Psychology**

Master of Applied Psychology (Professional)
(MAppPsych(Professional))

- Murdoch campus (internal)

PSYCHOLOGY

MASTER OF APPLIED PSYCHOLOGY (PROFESSIONAL) (MAPPPSYCH(PROFESSIONAL))

Other Facilities and Services:

The School of Psychology and Exercise Science has three clinics in which students may complete their practicum: an adult psychology clinic; a specialist child psychology clinic and a sport and exercise science clinic.

Additional Progress Rules:

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

Duration: 1 year full-time

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 course, 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, if working with children a separate Working with Children Check 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.

Admission Requirements (Onshore):

Entry to the program 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 a Postgraduate/Graduate Diploma 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. Interviews will be offered to the best candidates. 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 with at least 2A Honours.

Applications with qualifications obtained outside Australia must have a formal assessment completed by the Australian Psychological Society before submitting an application for study.

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 after meeting registration requirements, and working in various public and private sector agencies in areas such as health, community development, justice, education, and disabilities.

Availability:

- Murdoch campus (internal)

Master of Applied Psychology (Professional) (MAppPsych(Professional))
Psychology

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This course adheres to a scientist-practitioner model that 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 one year of full-time study. No part-time study is possible with this course. It includes coursework, practicum and research components. Entry to the 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 (e.g. an average Distinction level in a Bachelor of Psychology or Postgraduate/Graduate Diploma in Psychology/Bachelor of Psychology with evidence of an additional 6 months FTE of relevant experience). Candidates undertake two practicums. This may include seeing clients within the University clinics or may include a workplace internship practicum by arrangement with the practicum coordinator.

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

Restriction: All graduate courses are subject to restriction.

Main Research Areas:

A range of research projects in professionally relevant areas will be available under the supervision of academic staff.

Course Structure - 24 credit points

Core Units - 18 credit points

- PSY662 Psychological Assessment: Theory and Method - 3 points
MURDOCH: Y-internal
- PSY669 Psychotherapy in Practice - 3 points
MURDOCH: Y-internal
- PSY664 Clinical Psychology: Working with Children and Families - 3 points
MURDOCH: S1-internal
- PSY6551 Psychology: Advanced Research Methods - 3 points
MURDOCH: Y-internal
- PSY610 Professional Psychology: Research Project - 3 points
MURDOCH: Y-internal
- PSY612 Work and Well-being - 3 points
MURDOCH: S2-internal, S2-external

Specified Electives - 6 credit points

Select from the following:

- PSY601 Professional Psychology: Practicum 1 (Pre-Clinical) - 3 points
MURDOCH: S1-internal
- PSY602 Professional Psychology: Practicum 2 (Pre-Clinical) - 3 points
MURDOCH: S2-placement, SUM-placement, Y-placement
- PSY605 Professional Psychology: Practicum 1 (Professional) - 3 points
MURDOCH: S1-placement, SUM-placement, Y-placement
- PSY606 Professional Psychology: Practicum 2 (Professional) - 3 points
MURDOCH: S2-placement, SUM-placement, Y-placement
- PSY607 Professional Psychology: Practicum 1 (Workplace Internship) - 3 points
MURDOCH: S1-placement, SUM-placement, Y-placement
- PSY608 Professional Psychology: Practicum 2 (Workplace Internship) - 3 points
MURDOCH: S2-placement, SUM-placement, Y-placement

PREREQUISITES

Clinical Psychology: Working with Children and Families (PSY664)

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

Professional Psychology: Practicum 1 (Pre-Clinical) (PSY601)

Enrolment in MAppPsych (Professional); concurrent enrolment in, or successful completion of, PSY669 Psychotherapy in Practice and PSY664 Clinical Psychology: Working with Children and Families and PSY662 Psychological Assessment: Theory and Method and PSY6551 Psychology: Advanced Research Methods. Provisional Registration as a Psychologist with Psychology Board of Australia is also required.

Professional Psychology: Practicum 1 (Professional) (PSY605)

Enrolment in MAppPsych (Professional); concurrent enrolment in, or successful completion of, PSY669 Psychotherapy in Practice and PSY664 Clinical Psychology: Working with Children and Families and PSY662 Psychological Assessment: Theory and Method and PSY6551 Psychology: Advanced Research Methods, or approval of the Unit Coordinator. Provisional Registration as a Psychologist with Psychology Board of Australia is also required.

Professional Psychology: Practicum 1 (Workplace Internship) (PSY607)

Enrolment in MAppPsych (Professional); concurrent enrolment in, or successful completion of, PSY669 Psychotherapy in Practice and PSY664 Clinical Psychology: Working with Children and Families and PSY662 Psychological Assessment: Theory and Method and PSY6551 Psychology: Advanced Research Methods, or with permissions of the Unit Coordinator. Provisional Registration as a Psychologist with Psychology Board of Australia is also required.

Professional Psychology: Practicum 2 (Pre-Clinical) (PSY602)

Enrolment in MAppPsych (Professional); concurrent enrolment in, or successful completion of, PSY669 Psychotherapy in Practice and PSY664 Clinical Psychology: Working with Children and Families; PSY662 Psychological Assessment: Theory and Method and PSY6551: Advanced Research Methods and PSY610: Professional Psychology: Research Project; and successful completion of PSY601 Professional Psychology Practicum 1 (Pre-clinical) or PSY607 Professional Psychology Practicum 1 (Workplace Internship) or approval of the Unit Coordinator. Provisional Registration as a Psychologist with Psychology Board of Australia is also required.

Professional Psychology: Practicum 2 (Professional) (PSY606)

Enrolment in MAppPsych (Professional); concurrent enrolment in, or successful completion of, PSY669 Psychotherapy in Practice and PSY664 Clinical Psychology: Working with Children and Families; PSY662 Psychological Assessment: Theory and Method and PSY6551: Advanced Research Methods and PSY610: Professional Psychology: Research Project; and successful completion of PSY605 Professional Psychology Practicum 1 (Professional) or PSY607 Professional Psychology Practicum 1 (Workplace Internship) or approval of the Unit Coordinator. Provisional Registration as a Psychologist with Psychology Board of Australia is also required.

Professional Psychology: Practicum 2 (Workplace Internship) (PSY608)

Enrolment in MAppPsych (Professional); concurrent enrolment in, or successful completion of, PSY669 Psychotherapy in Practice and PSY664 Clinical Psychology: Working with Children and Families and PSY662 Psychological Assessment: Theory and Method and PSY6551: Advanced Research Methods and PSY610: Professional Psychology: Research Project; and successful completion of PSY601 Professional Psychology Practicum 1 (Pre-clinical) or PSY605 Professional Psychology Practicum 1 (Professional) or approval of the Unit Coordinator. Provisional Registration as a Psychologist with Psychology Board of Australia is also required.

Professional Psychology: Research Project (PSY610)

Enrolment in MAppPsych (Professional); completion of, or concurrent enrolment in, PSY6551 Psychology: Advanced Research Methods or with prior approval of the Unit Coordinator.

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 (PSY6551)

Enrolment in Master of Applied Psychology (Professional).

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).

Work and Well-being (PSY612)

Enrolment in C1114, G1057, M1157, M1238 or D1063