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Thank you for considering applying to The University of Newcastle (UON) Clinical Psychology and/or Professional Psychology Programs.

As places in the highly regarded Master of Clinical Psychology and Master of Professional Psychology are limited, admission is based on a competitive selection process. This document outlines the requirements for applying for admission for 2020.

Please ensure that you review all sections and submit all required documents by the required date. **Applications close at midnight on 6 October, 2019.** Late and incomplete submissions will not be accepted.

Please review all sections

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APPLICATION TIMELINE

DATE	TASK	SUMMARY
Year Prior to Admission	International Applications	International applicants can apply directly to UON from 1 January in the year prior to studying.
1 August 2019	NPRS Applications Open (Domestic and International Applicants)	Both domestic and international applicant referees are able to submit references via the National Psychology Referee System .
4 September 2019	UAC Applications Open (Domestic Applicants)	Domestic applicants can submit an application via the University Admission Centre .
6 October 2019	Applications Close	Applicants must apply via UAC (domestic) or direct to UON (international) AND provide their admission portfolio by this date. Late and incomplete applications will not be considered.
25 October 2019	Interview invites	Applicants who satisfy the minimum academic admission requirements will be invited to participate in a selection interview with the UON School of Psychology .
11 - 15 November 2019	Interview period	Selection interviews will be held at the University of Newcastle. In certain circumstances, interview via Zoom may be arranged.
20 November 2019	Interview outcomes	UON School of Psychology will contact all applicants who have been successful in the interview process, or who have gained a place on the reserve admission list.
2 December 2019	Round 1 offers released	Successful applicants will be provided with a formal offer of admission to commence studies in 2020. This will be communicated via email.
9 December 2019	Round 1 offer acceptance period	Applicants who receive a Round 1 offer must formally accept the offer by this date.
January 2020 (up until 10 February)	Round 2 offers	If places are available after Round 1, additional offers <i>may</i> be made to applicants on the offer reserve list. Reserve applicants will be contacted by the School of Psychology.
13 - 14 February 2020 and 17 - 21 February 2020	1. Compulsory Orientation 2. Compulsory intensive course	Applicants who have accepted an offer are required to attend a compulsory orientation session at UON, followed by a compulsory intensive course from the program (PSYC6501).
24 February 2020	Semester 1 2020 commences	First week of the 2020 UON academic year.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS – Domestic Applicants

If you are an Australian Citizen, Australian Permanent Resident, or hold an Australian Permanent Humanitarian Visa, please follow the steps outlined below.

Please ensure that your UAC application is submitted and ALL supporting documentation is provided to UON by midnight 6 October 2019 (**no late applications will be accepted**).

STEP 1 – SUBMIT AN ADMISSION APPLICATION VIA THE UNIVERSITY ADMISSION CENTRE (UAC)

Admission applications will open via UAC at 7.30am on 6 September 2019. Instructions on how to apply via UAC are available [online](#).

The University of Newcastle offers both Commonwealth Supported Places (CSP) and Full Fee Paying places in the Clinical and Professional Masters programs. CSP places are limited, and are offered to the highest ranked applicants. CSP places may also be offered to indigenous applicants whose status has been verified in accordance with the [Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander - Establishing Status within the University Policy](#).

Applicants who are successful in gaining a Commonwealth Supported place will be notified at the time of offer.

- Master of Clinical Psychology – UAC Code 927805
- Master of Professional Psychology – UAC Code 927807

If you wish to be considered for both Masters programs, you must list both as preferences on your UAC application.

STEP 2 – SUBMIT YOUR MASTER OF CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY AND MASTER OF PROFESSIONAL PSYCHOLOGY ADMISSION PORTFOLIO

Complete the Master of Clinical Psychology and Master of Professional Psychology Admission Portfolio and return it to UON via email at admissions@newcastle.edu.au. Ensure that all required supporting documentation is attached.

STEP 3 – NATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY REFEREE SYSTEM

All applicants must provide TWO referee reports. This could be either one Academic and one Professional reference, or two Professional References, depending on your circumstances. We recommend that you carefully consider your choices of referee and choose referees who know you well and who can give a truthful appraisal of your abilities across the assessment criteria.

Ensure that [referee reports](#) have been lodged prior to 6 October 2019. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that referees are aware of the request to complete the report via the National Psychology Referee System and have been encouraged to check their junk mail folder if the request has not been received prior to 5 October 2019. Late referee reports will not be accepted and applications with fewer than two referee reports will not be considered.

Please see page 6 of this document for further detail on the requirements.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS – International Applicants

If you are an international applicant, wishing to study at the University of Newcastle, please follow the steps outlined below. Please ensure that all supporting documentation is received by midnight 6 October 2019 (**no late applications will be accepted**).

STEP 1 – SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE

There are two ways to make an application as an international student.

- **Online**

You can apply through our [International Application System](#). You can save your online application after you have started, and come back to it later.

- **Through an Education Agent**

You are able to apply through one of the University's contracted [education agents](#). Our education agents are trained to provide you with support during your admission and visa application process.

If you have any questions on the application process, please contact [International Admissions](#).

STEP 2 – SUBMIT YOUR MASTER OF CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY AND/OR MASTER OF PROFESSIONAL PSYCHOLOGY ADMISSION PORTFOLIO

Complete the Master of Clinical Psychology and/or Master of Professional Psychology Admission Portfolio and return it to UON along with your admission application. Ensure that all required supporting documentation is attached (please refer to the checklist at the end of this document).

If you have completed your undergraduate qualification outside of Australia, you will be required to provide evidence that it has been assessed by the [Australian Psychology Society \(APS\)](#) as equivalent to the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC) 4th Year Psychology Sequence.

Please note that this process can take time, so please ensure that you apply to have this assessed in time for your Admission Portfolio submission.

In addition, if you are offered the opportunity to enrol in the Master of Clinical Psychology or the Master of Professional Psychology you will be required to apply for provisional registration with the [Psychology Board of Australia and the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency \(AHPRA\)](#) (unless you already are provisionally or fully registered). Please make sure that you are eligible for registration and you are also required to meet the [English language skills standards](#). Please note that the requirements of AHPRA are more stringent than those for the University of Newcastle and that you need to meet AHPRA's requirements to obtain provisional registration.

Your Master of Clinical Psychology and Master of Professional Psychology Admission Portfolio must be lodged by 6 October 2019.

STEP 3 – NATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY REFEREE SYSTEM

As an international applicant, you must have two referee reports submitted via the [National Psychology Referee System](#) before 6 October 2019.

All applicants must provide two referee reports. This could be either one academic and one professional reference, or two professional references, depending on your circumstances.

It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that referees are aware of the request to complete the report via the National Psychology Referee System and have been encouraged to check their junk mail folder if the request has not been received prior to 5 October 2019. Late referee reports will not be accepted and applications with fewer than two referee reports will not be considered.

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Ensure that [referee reports](#) have been lodged prior to 6 October 2019.

NATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY REFEREE SYSTEM

The NPRS will be live from 1 August 2019. The objective of this system is to have a one-stop-shop for references to be sent to all institutions to which an applicant has applied.

The Reference Request System allows applicants for Australian post-graduate programs in Psychology to apply for a reference from academic and/or professional referees in [three simple steps](#):

1. YOU nominate referees, and indicate the programs and institutions being applied to.
2. REFEREES complete a reference online.
3. YOU then allow the completed reference to be shared with the programs you have applied to.

Please ensure that you have two referee reports submitted to the [National Psychology Referee System](#) before 6 October 2019.

All applicants must provide TWO referee reports. This could be either one Academic and one Professional reference, or two Professional References, depending on your circumstances.

Please provide **one academic reference and one professional reference** if you are completing or have completed your fourth year (APAC accredited sequence) of study in the past three years.

Please provide **two professional references** if you have completed your fourth year (APAC accredited sequence) of study more than four years ago.

- **Academic Referee**

Preferably your academic referee will be your fourth year supervisor. If your supervisor is not able to provide a reference, please attempt to gain a reference from an academic who worked closely with you through your studies.

- **Professional Referee**

Preferably your professional referee will be a Psychologist or Clinical Psychologist. Alternate options include professionals working in related disciplines (such as Social Workers or Counsellors).

MASTER OF CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY AND MASTER OF PROFESSIONAL PSYCHOLOGY ADMISSION PORTFOLIO – Domestic and International Applicants

All applicants must submit an admission portfolio. Please complete the questions below, and return your portfolio and any supporting documents by midnight **6 October 2019**.

PERSONAL DETAILS

Surname:

First name:

Title:

Address:

City:

State:

Country:

Post code:

UAC Application Number:

*All domestic applicants must provide their uac application number

UON Student Number:

*If applicable

UON Application Number:

*International applicants only

Please indicate whether you are applying for one or both programs

Master of Professional Psychology only	YES	NO
Master of Clinical Psychology only Both	YES	NO
Both Clinical and Professional	YES	NO

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

Please provide details of ALL academic qualifications held. If you are currently studying and anticipate completing your qualification at the end of 2019, you may still be considered for admission.

You must also attach certified or full colour copies of official transcripts for all listed academic qualifications.

Honours Degree in Psychology (if applicable)

University:

Complete:

Year of Completion:

Currently Enrolled:

Expected Completion Date:

If completed, what Honours Class was awarded:

Postgraduate Diploma in Psychology (if applicable)

University:

Complete:

Year of Completion:

Currently Enrolled:

Expected Completion Date:

REGISTRATION

To be considered for admission, applicants must be registered, or eligible for provisional registration, with the Psychology Board of Australia through the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA). It is the applicant's responsibility to confirm this eligibility with the Psychology Board of Australia prior to submission of the application.

Current Registration Status:

Time Registration has been held:

Registration Number (if applicable):

ESSENTIAL CRITERIA

PERSONAL STATEMENT

Summarise in 250 words maximum why you would like to become a Registered Psychologist. Please include any specific areas of Psychology you are interested in. If applying for the Master of Clinical Psychology program, please answer this with reference to Clinical Psychology.

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Please list any relevant experience (paid or volunteer) helping people with physical and/or mental health problems, or otherwise your work with children, adolescents, adults or the elderly.

Organisation 1:

Position Title:

Paid Employment:

Volunteer Position:

Duration of Service:

Briefly outline your roles and responsibilities with this organisation.

Organisation 2:

Position Title:

Paid Employment:

Volunteer Position:

Duration of Service:

Briefly outline your roles and responsibilities with this organisation.

Please outline any additional experience by attaching a Curriculum Vitae

RELEVANT EDUCATION AND TRAINING

If applicable, please list any relevant programs or short courses/workshops that are relevant to the practice of Psychology. You must also attach certified or full colour copies of completion certificates.

Course 1:

Provider or Organisation:

Date Completed:

Course 2:

Provider or Organisation:

Date Completed:

Course 3:

Provider or Organisation:

Date Completed:

CIVIL AND ACADEMIC AWARDS

Please list any university or civil awards you have received (e.g. University Medal, Duke of Edinburgh Award).

Award:

Awarding Institution:

Date:

Award:

Awarding Institution:

Date:

Award:

Awarding Institution:

Date:

Award:

Awarding Institution:

Date:

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE (in addition to Honours)

Please provide details of any research activities you have undertaken in addition to your study. This can include other relevant degrees or qualifications, conference presentations or publications.

RELEVANT EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Please provide details of any extra-curricular activities you actively participate in which you believe are relevant to this application.

EXPERIENCE WITH PROFESSIONAL ORGANISATIONS

Please summarise any experience you have with professional organisations (e.g. Australian Psychological Society).

CHECKLIST AND DECLARATION

Please review the required documentation and return this declaration with your portfolio.

1. I have read and satisfy the suitability requirements for the professional practice of Clinical Psychology as outlined in the [Master of Clinical Psychology Program Handbook](#).

Please select:

2. I have read and satisfy the suitability requirements for the professional practice of Psychology as outlined in the [Master of Professional Psychology Program Handbook](#).

Please select:

3. I have read and am aware of the Inherent requirements for [Postgraduate Psychology](#).

Please select:

4. I wish to identify as being of Aboriginal and or Torres Strait Islander Decent, and have reviewed the [Establishing Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander status within the University policy](#).

Please select:

5. I have attached a detailed Curriculum Vitae with my Admission Portfolio.

Please select:

6. I have included certified or full colour copies of official transcripts for all qualifications listed in my application and evidence of their equivalency to an APAC accredited 4th year if required.

Please select:

7. I am aware of my responsibility to arrange for two referee reports to be submitted to the National Psychology Referee System before October 6 2019.

Please select:

8. I declare that all information and documentation supplied by me to the University is true, accurate and complete.

Please select:

Signed

Date: