

International Applicant
Admission Information and Portfolio
Semester 1, 2021

UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE

MASTER OF CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY (098562M)
MASTER OF PROFESSIONAL PSYCHOLOGY (098563K)





UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE

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

We have the following application options for consideration which are described in more detail below:

- the Master of Clinical Psychology only;
- the Master of Professional Psychology only;
- both the Master of Clinical Psychology and the Master of Professional Psychology;
- Master of Professional Psychology packaged with the Master of Business Psychology

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 information and portfolio document is for International applicants applying for admission for 2021.

Please ensure that you review all sections and submit all required documents by the required date. [Please refer to the Application timeline on Page 3.](#)

Incomplete submissions will not be accepted. If you are unable to complete the application in the first round, you can apply in the next admission round for International (and Domestic applicants) that closes in early October 2020 (see website for future information).

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 01 January in the year prior to studying.
14 June 2020	National Psychology Referee System Close	All applicant referees are able to submit references via the National Psychology Referee System . Once references have been submitted, applicants need to release these to the UON.
21 June 2020	Round 1 Applications Close	Round 1 Applicants must apply direct to UON International Admissions AND provide their admission portfolio by this date. Late and incomplete applications will not be considered.
Week commencing 13 July 2020	Interview invites	Applicants who satisfy the minimum academic admission requirements, and have been ranked by an expert panel as meeting the expected standards of the program, will be invited to participate in a selection interview with the UON School of Psychology . The number of interview spaces are capped.
Week commencing 20 July 2020	Interview period	Selection interviews will be held at the University of Newcastle. In certain circumstances, interview via Zoom will be arranged. All interviews will be held in the week commencing the 20 July 2020
Week commencing 27 July 2020	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.
Week commencing 3 August 2020	Round 1 offers released	Successful applicants will be provided with a formal offer of admission to commence studies in 2021. This will be communicated via email.
27 September 2020	Round 1 offer acceptance period	Applicants who receive a Round 1 offer must formally accept the offer by this date.
4 October 2020	Round 2 Applications Close	Round 2 Applicants must apply direct to UON International Admissions by this date. Round 2 applicants may be contacted by the School of Psychology for interview (where places are available).
Early December 2020	Round 2 offers	If places are available after Round 1, additional offers may be made to applicants on the offer reserve list. Reserve applicants will be contacted by the School of Psychology.
End of February 2021	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) typically held towards the end of February just prior to the official semester start. Dates will be released closer to the start of the 2021 academic year.
End of February 2021	Semester 1 2021 commences	First week of the 2021 UON academic year.

DEGREE INFORMATION AND ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

MASTER OF CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY

The Master of Clinical Psychology is a two year APAC accredited program. The Master of Clinical Psychology is a professional qualification for those who wish to work as clinical psychologists. Graduates will be knowledgeable, skilled and ethical practitioners of Clinical Psychology, capable of adhering to the 'scientist-practitioner' model of practice. The program is accredited by the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC), and approved by the College of Clinical Psychologists for the purposes of determining College membership, and accepted by the Psychology Board of Australia as an approved fifth and sixth year of study.

The admission requirements are as follows:

- Hold a 4 year or 3+1 year APAC accredited sequence of study with a minimum Honours (or equivalent) result of H2A or 6.0 + GPA (on 7.0 scale)
- Eligible for Provisional Registration with the Psychology Board of Australia
- English proficiency equivalent to IELTS 7.0 overall with no subtest below 7.0
- Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) is available depending on your past education, professional registration, professional experience and Continuous Professional Development (CPD).

Graduates are eligible to apply for general registration as psychologists with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA), following general registration students are also eligible to apply for entry into a clinical psychology endorsement registrar program.

MASTER OF PROFESSIONAL PSYCHOLOGY

The Master of Professional Psychology is a one year APAC accredited program. The Master of Professional Psychology is a professional qualification for those who wish to practice as a Registered Psychologist. Through intensive psychological training and education, graduates will be skilled in applying advanced psychological learnings competently and ethically across a broad range of professional settings. The program is accredited by the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC), and accepted by the Psychology Board of Australia as an approved 5th year of study.

The admission requirements are as follows:

- Hold a 4 year or 3+1 year APAC accredited sequence of study with a minimum of Honours (or equivalent) result of H2B or 5.0 + GPA (on 7.0 scale)
- Eligible for Provisional Registration with the Psychology Board of Australia
- English proficiency equivalent to IELTS 7.0 overall with no subtest below 7.0

On successful completion of the program graduates will be eligible to apply to AHPRA for entry into a one-year internship – the internship is organised by the graduate. At the conclusion of the internship year and the successful completion of the National Psychology Exam, the graduate can apply for general registration as a psychologist with AHPRA.

MASTER OF BUSINESS PSYCHOLOGY

The Master of Business Psychology is a two year non-accredited APAC program. This program focuses on people, personalities and relationships for effective business performance. The content of this program focuses on applied psychology with specialised courses for the corporate business. You will gain an understanding of human behaviour and how this can be applied to manage workplace relationships for performance outcomes. Our successful on-line degree is now available face to face to international applicants. The admission requirements are as follows:

- Minimum requirements a successfully completed Bachelor degree (AQF7), no formal GPA requirements
- Degree can be in Psychology or in another area
- English proficiency equivalent to IELTS 6.5 overall with no subtest below 6.0
- Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) is available depending on your background and education.

If you wish, you can package the Master of Business Psychology with the Master of Professional Psychology. You will receive recognition of prior learning by completing the Master of Professional Psychology so you can complete both qualifications in 4 semesters (2 years). This is a great way to complement and build on the skills and expertise gained in the Master of Professional Psychology to build skills for a career in an organisational or business setting. You can also complete an internship in your second year, as organised by the student, to become eligible for general registration as a psychologist with AHPRA.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

If you are an international applicant wishing to study at the University of Newcastle in Australia, please follow the steps outlined below and ensure that ALL supporting documentation is received by the required deadline (no late or incomplete applications will be accepted). [Please refer to the Application timeline on Page 3.](#)

STEP 1 – APPLY DIRECT 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.

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 university admissions 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 Australia 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 provisional registration. You are 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.

STEP 3 – NATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY REFEREE SYSTEM

As an international applicant, you must have two referee reports submitted via the [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. Please note that it is your responsibility to ensure that your referees complete the report via the [National Psychology Referee System \(psychologyreference.org\)](#). Encourage your referees to check their junk mail folder for this request. Late referees reports will not be accepted and applications with fewer than two referee reports will not be considered. Once your referees have completed their references, please make sure you share your references with the university prior to the deadline. This is simply an extra step in the National Psychology Referee System, where you must click on 'share your references' (some applicants miss this step and we don't receive their referee reports). Please check you have completed this essential step otherwise we can't access your references.

[Please see page 6 of this document for further detail on the requirements.](#)

Ensure that [referee reports](#) have been lodged prior to the deadline in the Application Timeline.

NATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY REFEREE SYSTEM

The National Psychology Referee System is available online for you now. 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 degrees / programs and institutions being applied to.
2. REFEREES complete a reference online.
3. YOU then allow the completed reference to be shared with the degrees / programs you have applied to.

Please ensure that you have two referee reports submitted to the **National Psychology Referee System** ahead of the deadline. Once your referees have completed their references, please ensure you share the reports with the university prior to the deadline. You need to go back into the system to share this with the university.

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

All applicants must submit an admission portfolio. Please complete the questions below, and return your portfolio and any supporting documents by the required deadline. [Please refer to the Application timeline on Page 3.](#)

PERSONAL DETAILS

FAMILY NAME / SURNAME:

GIVEN NAME/ FIRST NAME:

TITLE:

ADDRESS:

CITY:

STATE:

COUNTRY:

POST CODE:

UON STUDENT NUMBER:

**if applicable*

UON APPLICATION NUMBER:

**International applicants only*

Please indicate whether you are applying for one program, both accredited programs, or the packaged programs

(click Yes for all that apply):

Master of Professional Psychology only	YES	NO
Master of Clinical Psychology only	YES	NO
Both Clinical and Professional	YES	NO
Master of Professional Psychology and Master of Business Psychology	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 2020, 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 hold general registration, or be 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 and/or a Registered Psychologist with Clinical endorsement, as appropriate. Please include any specific areas of Psychology you are interested in.

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 relevant to the current application (e.g. Australian Psychological Society)

APPLYING FOR CREDIT OR RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING (RPL)

For information on credit, please refer to our website [here](#).

For information on RPL, please refer our website [here](#).

If you wish to apply for Credit or Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL), please indicate below, otherwise proceed to the [Checklist and Declaration section](#).

CREDIT

To be considered for credit or advanced standing you need to supply:

- Program outlines
- Subject outlines
- Methods of assessment
- Contact hours
- Duration of study
- Full list of textbooks used.

All program course and subject information should be from official educational institution publications and handouts.

Do you wish to apply for credit or advanced standing? YES NO

RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING (RPL)

I would like to apply for Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) for:

Master of Business Psychology: YES NO

If yes, no further documentation is necessary – the RPL application will be considered based on academic transcripts as supplied.

Master of Clinical Psychology – the RPL application will be considered based on evidence as supplied.

Research courses, up to 30 units of the coursework:
If yes, please complete information on [pages 11-13](#) YES NO

Up to 80 units of coursework of the program:
If yes, please complete information on [pages 14-16](#) YES NO

If **yes** please complete the sections below. If **no**, please skip the sections below and proceed to the *Checklist and Declaration* section.

I would like to apply for RPL for the research courses. I have completed a Research Higher Degree in an area directly relevant to Clinical Psychology

Yes - please complete the section below

No - you are not eligible to apply for RPL.

Conferral date:

Awarding Institution:

Research supervisors:

Title of thesis:

If applicable, full references of any peer-reviewed publications resulting from thesis:

Provide a DOI link (or equivalent) to the thesis:

Provide a brief abstract of the thesis (up to 750 words):

Provide a rationale for how the research project made a contribution to scientific knowledge in Clinical Psychology (up to 750 words; *please note, this rationale needs to be based on the actual thesis content at the time of submission, not a post-hoc interpretation of the findings from the thesis*):

I would like to apply for RPL for up to 80 units of in the program. I hold general registration as a psychologist with AHPRA and have held the general registration for a minimum of 1 year full-time equivalent.

Yes - please complete the section below and supply evidence as required

No - you are not eligible to apply for RPL.

Date general registration awarded:

Please, address each level 3 competency – as determined by APAC - below and provide evidence as appropriate. Attach evidence such as completed professional development activities, certificates of workshops/training, references, or equivalents to the application with appropriate referencing to the relevant competency.

I can competently;

3.2 Apply evidence-based and scientific methods to professional practice across the lifespan in empirically valid and culturally responsive ways.

3.3 Employ professional communication skills, in a culturally responsive manner, with a range of socially and culturally diverse clients.

3.4 Perform appropriate standardised psychological testing, as part of broader assessment, to assess and interpret aspects of functioning.

3.5 Identify psychological disorders using a recognised taxonomy.

3.6 Conduct professional interviews and assessments and synthesise information from multiple sources, including assessment of risk, to formulate a conceptualisation of the presenting issues to determine the most appropriate interventions, including management of risk.

3.7 Monitor outcomes and modifications based on evolving case formulation, including health and health concerns, family and support networks, and organisational, cultural or community contexts, with care given to the appropriateness of interventions for the client within their wider context.

3.8 Interpret and communicate findings in oral and written formats, including formal psychological reports, using culturally appropriate language.

3.9 Implement appropriate, empirically supported interventions, and monitor clients' progress and intervention outcomes.

3.10 Demonstrate respect for the skills and contribution of other professionals.

3.11 Work effectively with a range of professional and support staff in the workplace and communicate and collaborate effectively, within the bounds of ethical and legal requirements.

3.12 Operate within the boundaries of (own) professional competence, consult with peers or other relevant sources where appropriate, and refer on to relevant other practitioners where appropriate.

3.13 Rigorously apply professional practice policies and procedures, including as they relate to referral management and record-keeping, across a range of workplace settings and with recognition of different organisational cultures and practices.

3.14 Engage in self-reflective professional practice, taking account of the impact of their own values and beliefs, and taking appropriate actions as a result.

3.15 Evaluate the effectiveness of (own) professional practice, identifying areas for improvement and implementing changes where needed.

3.16 Critically evaluate contemporary scientific literature to inform practice.

3.17 Investigate a substantive individual research question relevant to the discipline of psychology (Honours research not included).

Please refer to the course learning outcomes and content for the following courses (available in the [Program Handbook](#)) and provide a rationale of how your professional/applied psychological experience and expertise corresponds to the competencies gained in the course(s). Please, attach evidence (e.g. certificates of training, work role descriptions, etc.) as appropriate to the application portfolio with appropriate referencing:

PSYC6501 Professional and Ethical Practice

PSYC6502 Counselling and Psychological Intervention

PSYC6503 Psychological Practice: Adult Psychopathology

PSYC6506 Clinical Psychology with children and families

PSYC6507 Assessment in Psychological Practice

PSYC6505 Research Development (and other research courses; may include evidence of e.g. peer-reviewed publications, research associate positions, applied research activities in the workplace)

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 have attached a detailed Curriculum Vitae with my Admission Portfolio.

Please select:

5. 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:

6. I am aware of my responsibility to arrange for two referee reports to be submitted to the National Psychology Referee System by the required deadline.

Please select:

7. I am aware of my responsibility to share the references from the National Psychology Referee system before the required deadline. If The University of Newcastle has not received both of my referee reports by the due date, I understand that the application will be deemed ineligible.

Please select:

8. If intending to apply for Recognition of Prior Learning, I have supplied evidence addressing each of the competencies as outlined in the Admission Portfolio.

Please select:

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

Please select:

Signed:

Date:

