

Master of Professional Psychology



Build advanced skills in psychological assessment, ethics and therapeutic interventions with the Master of Professional Psychology. This fifth-year, APAC-accredited psychology course prepares you for a final year of supervised practice that leads to general registration as a psychologist.

The Master of Professional Psychology is all about preparing you for the next stage of your career. If your aim is to progress to the one-year internship that leads to registration as a psychologist, you'll graduate with professional practice skills that allow you to thrive in your chosen setting. If registration isn't your goal and you're ready to explore new, more challenging roles in the workforce right away, the specialised knowledge you'll develop throughout the course set you up to make a positive impact in people's lives from day one.

The course exposes you to the many different roles, topics and challenges that exist within psychology, allowing you to sample different career options before making your choice. Key areas of study include: psychology across the lifespan, working with diverse populations, ethics in professional psychology, psychological intervention strategies such as cognitive behaviour therapy (CBT) and other evidence-based psychotherapeutic approaches, and the application of different psychological assessment methods such as personality, intelligence and ability tests.

Course overview

Location: Burwood (Melbourne), Waterfront (Geelong)

Duration: 1 year full-time or 2 years part-time study

Intake: Trimester 1

Victoria's most satisfied students

For ten consecutive years, Deakin University has achieved the highest level of overall student satisfaction amongst Victorian universities (*Australian Graduate Survey 2010–2015*, *Graduate Outcomes Survey 2016–2019 (GOS)*, *Quality Indicators for Learning and Teaching (QILT)*).

Gain a professionally recognised qualification

The Master of Professional Psychology is accredited by the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC) in accordance with the Accreditation Standards for Psychology Program. When you graduate, you'll have the right skills, experience and qualification to secure a final year of supervised practice in the field. After this one-year supervised internship, you'll be eligible to apply for generalist registration as a psychologist with the Psychology Board of Australia (PsyBA) under the '5+1 internship model' for registration. Eligibility for registration as a general psychologist through the PsyBA is subject to meeting the requirements of the regulatory body (including the National Psychology Examination). Deakin makes no representation that students will meet those requirements.

Graduate with the practical skills you need to succeed

The valuable skills you gain during this course are ingrained through practical experience. Take your learning beyond textbooks to participate in demonstrations, role-play, individualised feedback and collaboration sessions that give you a chance to apply your skills to authentic scenarios. These techniques are a step up from those learned at the undergraduate level and allow you to apply more complex interventions to a broader range of psychological symptoms.

Find career success in a growing industry

The health industry is the largest and fastest growing employment industry in Australia*. A postgraduate degree in psychology puts you in a position to take advantage of this growth and demand.

**Industry Employment Projections 2019 Report, Department of Employment, Skills, Small and Family Business.*

Your psychology career

This course is a pathway into the one-year internship that leads to general registration as a psychologist. Once you're registered, you'll have the qualifications and experience needed to practise psychology in areas such as: mental health settings, schools, rehabilitation settings, disability, aged care, return to work, forensic settings and private practice. Of course, a rewarding and long-lasting career in psychology awaits even if you're not interested in pursuing general registration or endorsement. Learn more about psychology pathways and **career outcomes**.

'As a professional teaching program, we have strong links with industry partners. Students are expected to complete a minimum of 40 days of professional practicum as part of their postgraduate training, which is arranged through our placement team.'

Associate Professor Jade Sheen
School of Psychology



Entry requirements

The entry requirements for this course include a four-year tertiary program with a psychology major from an APAC accredited program completed in the last 10 years with a minimum of a Honours 2A average or equivalent, AND eligibility for registration as a provisional psychologist with the Psychology Board of Australia.

Postgraduate bursary

Deakin alumni, their spouses and immediate family may be eligible to receive a 15% reduction per unit on their enrolment fees for any postgraduate award course (excluding students enrolled in a Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP)) at Deakin University.

deakin.edu.au/alumni/alumni-benefits/postgraduate-bursary

Ready to take the next step in your psychology career?

Apply directly at deakin.edu.au/apply.

For information on the application process and closing dates, visit deakin.edu.au/courses/how-to-apply/postgraduate-by-coursework.

Please note that closing dates may vary for individual courses.

Course structure

To complete the Master of Professional Psychology students must attain 8 credit points. All 8 units are core. The course has a strong emphasis on the development of skills and evidence-based practice. Students will complete a minimum of 4 credit points each trimester over one year for full-time study or part-time equivalent. Students are required to complete and pass both Practicum units.

Year 1	Trimester 1	Practice and Ethics in Professional Psychology	Psychological Assessment in Practice	Psychological Interview and Intervention Strategies	Professional Practicum A
	Trimester 2	Psychological Practice Across the Lifespan	Working with Diverse Populations	Applied Methods for Professional Practice	Professional Practicum B

This course structure is correct as at July 2020 and should be used as a guide only. There may be additional 0-credit-point units required. Check the relevant course page on Deakin's website for unit details, including trimester and campus availability. Course advice should always be sought from the relevant enrolment officer.

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