

## Postgraduate Psychology Information Session: 2024 Intake | Answers to Submitted Questions

Topic	Course	Question	Response
Accreditation	Graduate Diploma in Clinical Psychology	Will the Graduate Diploma in Clinical Psychology be APAC accredited by 2024?	No course can be fully accredited until at least the first cohort has completed (APAC rule). The Graduate Diploma in Clinical Psychology cannot be fully accredited until the end of 2024 at the earliest. However, this course is currently "Accredited with Conditions" (so, it is still accredited).
Course experience	Graduate Diploma in Clinical Psychology	I'd like to know how the Graduate Diploma in Clinical Psychology is structured, what time commitment is involved, what opportunities are there for gaining experience in the field (e.g. clinical psych placements)- I'd like to consider all of this so that I can assess how completing this course will fit within my current work and family commitments, and also assess if I will need to organise placements outside of the course or if I have support from the university to do this component as well.	Covered in webinar.
Entry requirements	Graduate Diploma in Clinical Psychology	Can you apply for the Graduate Diploma in Clinical Psychology as a provisional psychologist who has completed 5th year Masters?	No. You need to be fully registered (i.e. completed the registrar program).
Entry requirements	Graduate Diploma in Clinical Psychology	How many years experience as a psychologist are needed for a competitive application to the Graduate Diploma in Clinical Psychology?	There is not set number. We want to ensure that all applicants are fully registered. The amount and type of experience depends very much on the field of the applicants.
Entry requirements	Master of Educational Psychology	I will be graduating from the National University of Singapore with a Bachelors with Honours degree in Psychology (Highest Distinction). Would I be eligible to apply for the Master of Educational Psychology?	You will need to have your academic record reviewed by the APS team first to ensure that your studies are equivalent with Australian accredited programs: <a href="https://psychology.org.au/about-us/what-we-do/assessing-overseas-qualifications">https://psychology.org.au/about-us/what-we-do/assessing-overseas-qualifications</a>
Entry requirements	Master of Educational Psychology	I graduated from a teacher training school and I took some online courses in educational psychology. Can I do a Master of Educational Psychology?	To be considered for our Postgraduate Psychology courses, you will need to have completed a 4-year APAC accredited undergraduate Psychology sequence. So, you will need to do a Graduate Diploma in Psychology and Graduate Diploma in Psychology (Advanced) or similar.
Accreditation	Master of Professional Psychology	Will the Master of Professional Psychology allow me to register as a Generalist Psychologist?	Completion of the Master of Professional Psychology allows registration as a Generalist Psychologist once you have completed the internship and the national psychology exam.
Accreditation	Master of Professional Psychology	How can Master of Professional Psychology graduates transition to becoming Clinical Psychologists?	You will need to also do a bridging program (i.e. Graduate Diploma in Clinical Psychology) and complete the registrar program to be eligible for endorsement in Clinical Psychology.
Advanced Standing	Master of Professional Psychology	Can we get Advanced Standing (i.e. recognition of prior learning credit) for the Master of Professional Psychology if we have already completed a Fourth Year Psychology program?	Yes. Advanced Standing would be assessed on a case-by-case basis and offered for some subjects if you have already completed Fourth Year and are enrolled into the Master of Professional Psychology.
Course experience	Master of Psychology (Clinical Neuropsychology)	Do Master of Psychology (Clinical Neuropsychology) students have access to fMRI for their research?	Depends of what the research project is, but in some instances yes.
Entry requirements	Master of Psychology (Clinical Neuropsychology)	Can you be eligible for a Master of Psychology (Clinical Neuropsychology) if you completed a Bachelor of Science majoring in Neuroscience at the University of Melbourne? What if you also completed an Honours year?	To be considered for our Postgraduate Psychology courses, you will need to have completed a 4-year APAC accredited undergraduate Psychology sequence. So, you will need to do a Graduate Diploma in Psychology and Graduate Diploma in Psychology (Advanced) or similar.
General	Master of Psychology (Clinical Neuropsychology)	How many places are available in the Master of Psychology (Clinical Neuropsychology) in 2024? Is this full fee paying, CSP or both?	Around 20 places are available in the Master of Psychology (Clinical Neuropsychology). The course offers full fee and CSP.

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Entry requirements	Master of Psychology (Clinical Neuropsychology)	I am writing to inquire about the specific entry requirements for the Master of Psychology (Clinical Neuropsychology) program. Both my previous Psychology Honours and Masters degrees in Psychology were completed over 10 years ago. However, the Australian Psychological Society (APS) has assessed my qualifications and confirmed their equivalence to a 5-year Psychology degree.	The University of Melbourne does not accept people into Postgraduate Psychology courses who have completed their Psychology studies 10+ years ago. To be considered for our Postgraduate Psychology courses, you will need to do a Graduate Diploma in Psychology and Graduate Diploma in Psychology (Advanced) or similar.
Scholarships	Master of Psychology (Clinical Neuropsychology); Master of Psychology/PhD	What scholarships are available for the Master of Psychology (Clinical Neuropsychology) compared to scholarships for the combined Master of Psychology/PhD (i.e. stipend, scholarship covering course fees)? Is there a separate application process for scholarships?	Unfortunately, there are no scholarships for the Master of Psychology (Clinical Neuropsychology) unless you are of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander background. For the combined Master of Psychology/PhD, students may be eligible for the Graduate Research Scholarship ( <a href="https://scholarships.unimelb.edu.au/awards/graduate-research-scholarships">https://scholarships.unimelb.edu.au/awards/graduate-research-scholarships</a> ), but this would not be awarded until the PhD component has been commenced (i.e. year 2 of study).
Accreditation	Master of Psychology (Clinical Psychology)	Will the Master of Psychology (Clinical Psychology) allow me to register as a Clinical Psychologist?	Completion of the Master of Psychology (Clinical Psychology)* allows registration as a Generalist Psychologist. Completion of a registrar program is required to be eligible for endorsement in the area of specialty.  *Note: Master of Psychology (Clinical Neuropsychology) and Master of Educational Psychology graduates are also eligible for registration as a Generalist Psychologist upon graduation.
Application process	Master of Psychology (Clinical Psychology)	How common/uncommon is it to be accepted into the Master of Psychology (Clinical Psychology) immediately after completing your Honours year?	We take students directly from Fourth Year into the Master of Psychology (Clinical Psychology) every year.
Application process	Master of Psychology (Clinical Psychology)	Do you look at the grades from the most recently completed Masters degree if that is the most recently completed degree?	Covered in webinar.
Application process	Master of Psychology (Clinical Psychology)	How hard is it for external applicants (i.e. not from the University of Melbourne) to be offered a place in the Master of Psychology (Clinical Psychology)?	We do not preference University of Melbourne applicants over applicants from other institutions.
Course experience	Master of Psychology (Clinical Psychology)	How many days per week on campus are required for Masters students?	Covered in webinar.
Course experience	Master of Psychology (Clinical Psychology)	Does the course have restrictions on outside part time/casual work?	Covered in webinar.
Course experience	Master of Psychology (Clinical Psychology)	What organisations are placements run with?	Covered in webinar.
Course experience	Master of Psychology (Clinical Psychology)	What is the ethos of the Master of Psychology (Clinical Psychology) at the University of Melbourne?	Covered in webinar.
Course experience	Master of Psychology (Clinical Psychology)	What areas of research are available for the research project? How many students will be working under each supervisor?	Covered in webinar.
Course experience	Master of Psychology (Clinical Psychology)	As a community support work, is a team manager acceptable for a referee?	Covered in webinar.
Entry requirements	Master of Psychology (Clinical Psychology)	Would work/volunteering experience be considered relevant or helpful when applying to these postgraduate programs?	Covered in webinar.
Entry requirements	Master of Psychology (Clinical Psychology)	How much work/volunteering experience would help us be very competitive for the Master of Psychology (Clinical Psychology) program?	Covered in webinar.
Entry requirements	Master of Psychology (Clinical Psychology)	I will be completing a 3-year Bachelors degree majoring in Psychology. Can I apply for the Master of Psychology (Clinical Psychology)?	No. You also need to complete a Fourth Year Psychology program (e.g. Honours) before you can apply.

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Entry requirements	Master of Psychology (Clinical Psychology)	I completed a Fourth Year Psychology program (Honours at the National University of Singapore). However, I did not complete an Honours thesis in my fourth year. Instead, I did Honours modules. I have some research experience as two of these modules were research-based. Do I meet the requirements to apply for the Master of Psychology (Clinical Psychology)?	You will need to have your academic record reviewed by the APS team first to ensure that your studies are equivalent with Australian accredited programs: <a href="https://psychology.org.au/about-us/what-we-do/assessing-overseas-qualifications">https://psychology.org.au/about-us/what-we-do/assessing-overseas-qualifications</a>
Entry requirements	Master of Psychology (Clinical Psychology)	I'm an international citizen with an American Bachelors degree in Digital Media and a Korean Masters of Business Administration. I do not have any background in Psychology but I want to make some changes in my professional career. Is it possible to study the Master of Psychology?	To be considered for our Postgraduate Psychology courses, you will need to do a Graduate Diploma in Psychology and Graduate Diploma in Psychology (Advanced) or similar.
Entry requirements	Master of Psychology (Clinical Psychology)	Are Honours results and application components such as references and experience given equal weight when determining eligibility for an interview? Does the credibility of a referee have a significant impact? For instance, if I had to choose between a director of a psychology clinic who is also a clinical psychologist and another clinical psychologist whose accomplishments may not be as impressive on paper but has a deeper personal knowledge of me, would it make a discernible difference?	The interview shortlist (i.e. the first cut for selection) is based solely on your Weighted Average Mark (WAM). Selection post-interview will consider everything. Choose referees who know you - we aren't going to be making decisions based on who your referee is but what that say about you.
General	Master of Psychology (Clinical Psychology)	How many places are there?	Covered in webinar.
General	Master of Psychology (Clinical Psychology)	How does the Master of Psychology (Clinical Psychology) support mothers?	Covered in webinar.
Graduate outcomes	Master of Psychology (Clinical Psychology)	What is the pathway to becoming a Clinical Psychologist?	Covered in webinar. Please also see the PsyBA website: <a href="https://www.psychologyboard.gov.au/">https://www.psychologyboard.gov.au/</a>
Graduate outcomes	Master of Psychology (Clinical Psychology)	What are some other pathways if I don't get into the Master of Psychology (Clinical Psychology)? Job opportunities without Masters?	Covered in webinar. Note: You can't work as a psychologist in Australia without some sort of Masters.
Scholarships	Master of Psychology (Clinical Psychology)	What kinds of scholarship opportunities are there?	Unfortunately, there are no scholarships for the Masters unless you are of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander background. For the combined Master of Psychology/PhD, students may be eligible for the Graduate Research Scholarship ( <a href="https://scholarships.unimelb.edu.au/awards/graduate-research-scholarships">https://scholarships.unimelb.edu.au/awards/graduate-research-scholarships</a> ), but this would not be awarded until the PhD component has been commenced (i.e. year 2 of study).
Course experience	Master of Psychology (Clinical Psychology); Master of Educational Psychology	For the thesis, do students rank research projects offered by supervisors and get selected based on previous academic performance, as similarly implemented in Honours?	Students and supervisors talks about proojects and come to an agreement about working together. You are not allocated a project.
Placements	Master of Psychology (Clinical Psychology); Master of Educational Psychology	For external placements, are students required to independently search for external agencies, or will there be support provided to seach for these agencies?	No, we source placements for you. In fact, we prefer that you do not look for placements.
Placements	Master of Psychology (Clinical Psychology); Master of Educational Psychology	In the interest of working with children, how likely is it for students without prior experience working with children to be able to do placements in external agencies that work with children?	Very likely. A requirement for each program is that one of the placements is in a child/adolescent setting. Previous experience in this kind of setting is not a prerequisite for placements.
Entry requirements	Master of Psychology (Clinical Psychology); Master of Psychology (Clinical Neuropsychology)	Are international students who completed their undergraduate degree in another country eligible to apply for the Postgraduate Psychology programs?	Yes, but you will need to have your academic record reviewed by the APS team first to ensure that your studies are equivalent with Australian accredited programs: <a href="https://psychology.org.au/about-us/what-we-do/assessing-overseas-qualifications">https://psychology.org.au/about-us/what-we-do/assessing-overseas-qualifications</a>

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Graduate outcomes	Master of Psychology/PhD	How useful is a combined Masters/PhD?	Doing a PhD allows an academic career but won't have any real benefit from a clinical employment perspective.
Application process		If we're applying for multiple programs, do we apply with two entirely separate applications or one application with multiple preferences?	You may apply with one application with multiple preferences.
Application process		Is there any disadvantage if we apply for multiple University of Melbourne courses? Will we be considered for our 'second' preference to a lesser extent? If we apply to multiple courses is this in any way viewed as compromised commitment?	If you apply for more than one course at the Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences (MDHS), you will be considered for all of them with no disadvantage.
Application process		How does the university want us to upload our academic and professional references now that HODSPA isn't in use?	We are using a new system now: <a href="http://www.psychologyreference.com.au/">http://www.psychologyreference.com.au/</a>
Application process		When do applications close?	Applications for 2024 commencement will close on 13 September 2023.
Application process		What is the process of applying as an international student (e.g. entry requirements, language tests)?	The standard process will be covered in the webinar, but international applicants will also need to do an APS assessment ( <a href="https://psychology.org.au/about-us/what-we-do/assessing-overseas-qualifications">https://psychology.org.au/about-us/what-we-do/assessing-overseas-qualifications</a> ) and provide proof of English language proficiency ( <a href="https://study.unimelb.edu.au/how-to-apply/english-language-requirements/graduate-english-language-requirements">https://study.unimelb.edu.au/how-to-apply/english-language-requirements/graduate-english-language-requirements</a> ).
Application process		Any tips and tricks for standing out in the selection process/interviews?	Covered in webinar.
Application process		If I want to apply for more than one Postgraduate Psychology program, do I submit different letters for the different applications?	Covered in webinar.
Course experience		Is it possible to study the course online?	No. Postgraduate Psychology programs are only offered on campus.
Course experience		Is there a mid year intake in July?	No. There is only one intake each year; all commencing Masters and Graduate Diploma in Clinical Psychology students are required to start in mid January. There are no exceptions to this.
Course experience		Over what days/times could I expect classes to be scheduled for face-to-face contact? Is there flexibility for some of the content to be completed remotely?	All classes are in person, on campus. Days/times may be covered in the webinar.
Course experience		What is the transition to the PhD program like in terms of placement options, workload management, etc.?	Covered in webinar.
Deferral		Is it possible to defer?	Unfortunately, no. Deferral is not possible.
Entry requirements		Are interviews for interstate applicants online or in-person?	Interviews for interstate applicants are online. Applicants based in Melbourne will do their interviews in person.
Entry requirements		Advice on how to best prepare for entry into the Masters?	Covered in webinar.
Entry requirements		How can I get an interview?	Covered in webinar.
Entry requirements		How can I prepare for the interview?	Covered in webinar.
Entry requirements		Is Weighted Average Mark (WAM) important for entry as it is for Honours?	Covered in webinar. A minimum WAM of 75% is required for consideration.
Entry requirements		Can I study this Masters with a Bachelor of Arts (majoring in Art History and English)? I want to go into the field of art therapy in education and psychology.	To be considered for our Postgraduate Psychology courses, you will need to have completed a 4-year APAC accredited undergraduate Psychology sequence. So, you will need to do a Graduate Diploma in Psychology and Graduate Diploma in Psychology (Advanced) or similar.

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Entry requirements		I have applied for the APS assessment. What happens if I don't receive the APS letter before the application deadline?	You can still submit your application with proof of APS submission first and then upload the outcome later.
Entry requirements		When are the interviews?	Interviews will be held in November to early December.
Entry requirements		What may increase my chances of being offered a place in the program as an international student?	The same things as for a local student: high marks, good reflection on why you are interested in your chosen program, and good referees.
Entry requirements		How do we get good referees?	Getting referees depends on you making appropriate contacts.
Entry requirements		What advice can you offer about writing the 500-word personal statement?	Covered in webinar.
General		What differentiates the University of Melbourne's Master of Psychology course from others?	Covered in webinar.
General		What are the typical demographics of the applicants? Are there many mature age students? I'm 40.	Age is no barrier. Fewer 40+, but we definitely take older students. On average, students are around 25-27.
General		How many Commonwealth Supported Places (CSPs) are offered?	The proportion of CSP vs full fee places depends on the course.
General		Are there options to take time off during the semester?	Unfortunately, there is no opportunity to take time off during the semester.
Graduate outcomes		What are the areas of practice we can go into after completing the Masters?	Our graduate will become registered psychologists. You can choose to get endorsed in the following areas of practice: Clinical Neuropsychology, Clinical Psychology, Community Psychology, Counselling Psychology, Educational and Developmental Psychology, Forensic Psychology, Health Psychology, Organisational Psychology, and Sport and Exercise Psychology.
Graduate outcomes		Which Postgraduate Psychology program is best if I want to practice child psychology?	All will enable you to practice with children - it depends more on what sort of practice you want to do.
Graduate outcomes		What is the difference between a Generalist Psychologist and a Clinical Psychologist?	Covered in webinar.
Placements		Do we need to source out placements?	Covered in webinar.
Placements		How many days of placement vs on campus learning?	Covered in webinar.
Placements		Do you offer any regional placement opportunities?	Some regional placements are available.
Placements		Are students offered a variety of placements across the two years? (e.g. private, hospital)	Yes. A wide variety of placements in a variety of settings with a variety of client groups are available in all programs.

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