

Postgraduate Psychology Information Session – FAQs

Note: Pathways charts have been added to the end of this document.

Topic	Questions	Answers
Course structure	1- Course overview , 2- How is this course offered in Australia different than other countries, 3- On a whole how much clinical exposure would we receive ?	<p>The majority of our courses are accredited with APAC, enabling our students to progress toward registration as Psychologists within Australia.</p> <p>Clinical experience is interwoven into the courses. For example, in the Master of Psychology (Clinical Psychology), coursework consists of 14 classroom-based subjects taken over the two years of the course and <u>the initial placement is 40 days and the subsequent 2 placements add up to 102 days in total. All students will complete at least 1000 placement hours.</u> More detailed information about clinical experience will be included in the webinar.</p> <p><u><i>Note: This answer was updated with underlined details on 29 August, 12.45pm.</i></u></p>
Course structure	Can you please discuss the weekly structure of placement subjects for MPP and MCP? E.g. is the same day each week dedicated to being on placement 9-5, is there opportunity to have a flexible arrangement with the placement provider, or is it structured a different way??	Covered in the webinar
Course structure	clinical psych vs general	Covered in the webinar
Course structure	Differences between the Masters; the outcomes; supervisors available for research thesis	Covered in the webinar
Course structure	Different course options	Covered in the webinar
Course structure	Different masters programs for psychology and how they differ in terms of the course structure and the job opportunities they provide, also if there are options or pathways of combining your masters program with pHD or being able to do pHD part time whilst completing your masters	Covered in the webinar
Course structure	Does the Masters of Professional Psychology lead to general registration via the 5 + 1 pathway?	Yes, the Masters of Professional Psychology is a part of the 5 + 1 pathway and successful completion of the Master of Professional Psychology allows registration as a Generalist Psychologist once you have completed the internship and the national psychology exam.

Course structure	Does this course have an allocated break between semesters? Or would you be expected to completed placement/ other course work throughout the year?	While the coursework subjects associated with the Masters-level postgraduate programs run over the academic semester schedule (noting that some programs have a summer semester, as well as the two usual semesters), placements and the research components run across the calendar year. We encourage students to have breaks during their studies, but these need to fit within the demands of all aspects of the program they are enrolled in.
Course structure	Does your program have any labs focused on neuropsychology in aging and older adults?	Our research examines the role of neuropsychological assessment and intervention in the management of a diverse range of neuropsychological disorders, with a focus on evidence-based practice. You can find further information about more specific research and contact the Lab directly here: https://psychologicalsciences.unimelb.edu.au/research/mpps-research-groups/clinical-and-experimental-neuropsychology-laboratory
Course structure	For postgraduate psychology courses at The University of Melbourne, how are supervisors for a student's thesis, and/or dissertation selected/allocated?	For the Clinical, Neuropsychology and Educational & Developmental Masters programs, students and supervisors talk about projects and come to an agreement about working together. At the program orientation sessions, students will be provided with a list of potential projects and supervisors, but they can also approach potential supervisors with ideas. In the case of the Master of Professional Psychology, projects are undertaken in a group capacity, but students still have some capacity to select their project.
Course structure	How do you manage self care while studying and working in placement?, What does the pathway look like to work in a research institute? Is it realistic? Are there many opportunities for work and job development in research?	Managing self care is an important aspect of studying and working in placements, and is integrated within our courses. Many of our graduates pathway into working within research following their studies. Our graduates are distinguished by their breadth and depth of psychological knowledge, research and inquiry skills, and their ability to apply these to identify and provide treatment for psychological disorders that can occur across the lifespan.
Course structure	How does placement work	Covered in the webinar
Course structure	How different is the Masters program from the Bachelors?	There are large differences between the undergraduate and postgraduate programs. Whilst Bachelor students can major in Psychology (within either the Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, or Bachelor of Biomedicine), they also need to complete a range of other elective and breadth subjects outside of their Psychology major. Overall, a full-time Bachelor usually takes around three years to complete. On the other hand, our full time masters programs usually take two years to complete and are focused on Psychology. To be eligible to apply, applicants must have previously completed relevant undergraduate studies (often including Honours). Masters programs are a higher level of study and often provide higher level of accreditation, enabling graduates to advance toward registration as professional psychologists.
Course structure	How many days and hours in total a week are classes?	All classes are in person, on campus. Days/times may be covered in the webinar.

Course structure	How many positions are offered? What research areas and topics are available for students to pursue? When do applicants find out if they did or did not make it into the program?	<p>The number of places available in each masters program may vary from year to year. In 2024, there were 18 places available in the Clinical masters, 13 places in the Neuropsychology masters, and 17 places in the professional psychology. Applicants will find out if their application was unsuccessful later in the year or in January 2025.</p> <p>We bring together researchers from the social sciences, epidemiology and public health, preventative, clinical and primary care medicine and from basic and applied sciences ensuring we are uniquely positioned to address some of the grand challenges faced by our society. You can find more information on our research pages here: https://psychologicalsciences.unimelb.edu.au/research</p>
Course structure	How many hours you are able to work whilst studying at Melbourne?	No more than 8 hrs/week. We know that students who attempt more than this struggle with keeping up with everything.
Course structure	I am looking for a general overview and what the University of Melbourne has to offer for clinical psychology	Covered in the webinar
Course structure	Information about the master of clinical neuropsychology program (i.e., course structure, entry requirements etc)	Covered in the webinar
Course structure	Information about the Neuropsychology Program, Including the PhD Application Process After One Year of Admission and what would be the selection criteria.	Covered in the webinar
Course structure	Masters of Clinical Psychology is clearly a full on course. How do individuals go about funding their life during this time - does it allow time to work, are there typically grants in place? Is it true that we must pay a supervisor for 2 years following completion of the masters?	The course is 2 years (full time). Coursework consists of 14 classroom-based subjects taken over the two years of the course (see below) and 125 days of Placement (30 days in the first-year and 95 days in the second-year). You can confirm the course fees on the web page: https://study.unimelb.edu.au/find/courses/graduate/master-of-psychology-clinical-psychology/fees/#nav
Course structure	More information about graduate diploma in clinical psychology course and expected weekly study hours.	Covered in the webinar
Course structure	neuroscience specialisation & graduate diploma	Covered in the webinar
Course structure	On campus days/requirements for Masters of Clinical	Covered in the webinar

	Neuropsychology (e.g., 3 days per week?)	
Course structure	options for part time study	Covered in the webinar
Course structure	Part time options	Covered in the webinar
Course structure	Schedule for Grad Dip Clin Psych and expectations for those working full time	Covered in the webinar
Course structure	Specifics of time and days on campus, placements and how to apply for part time option	Covered in the webinar
Course structure	Structure of the degree	Covered in the webinar
Course structure	What a week studying clinical masters would look like, and what holidays/semester breaks look like. Where placements are and how they are obtained.	We source placements for you. Student presenters will provide further insights about studying the course during the webinar.
Course structure	The specific subjects in the Masters of Clinical Psychology program, more information about the thesis component, the amount of time we should commit to studying vs. working, and what happens after the course (i.e., are graduates of this degree clinical psychologists, or do they have to wait until they are 'endorsed')?	Covered in the webinar
Course structure	What and how exactly the Grad Dip in Clinical Psychology would be like	Covered in the webinar
Course structure	What are some areas of research in clinical psychology that UniMelb have decided to focus on in the last 5 years, and in the next 5 years? What if I have applied for APS Accreditation but they have yet to get back to me by the due date? I am from the National University of Singapore (if context is needed). Thank you!	<p>Our research examines the questions such as: Can effective treatments be applied across cultures? How and why do schizophrenic symptoms appear? Can we develop effective early intervention for young people at risk of psychosis? How and why do schizophrenic symptoms appear? Can we detect vulnerability to mental disorder early in life? How can we detect dementia in its earlier stages?</p> <p>You can find more information about research labs/ groups on the web page: https://psychologicalsciences.unimelb.edu.au/research/find-research-lab-group#clinical-and-clinical-neuropsychology</p> <p>APS assessment will be due by September 15th, please let us know later if you are experiencing any unexpected delays.</p>

Course structure	What differentiates Clinical Psychology from Professional Psychology? Is it in the clients that you see?	As a generalist psychologist, you will be ready to apply your skills in assessment and treatment with a wide range of clients with mild to moderate mental health conditions. In contrast, Clinical Psychologists typically work with clients with more severe and complex mental health conditions, including in hospital settings.
Course structure	What is the difference between clinical, professional, and applied psychology? What does the application process for Masters programs in psychology entail? Is a PhD required to become a clinical psychologist? What is the process for transferring to the combined Master of Psychology (Clinical Psychology)/PhD program?	Covered in the webinar. Please note that a PhD is not required to become a clinical psychologist.
Course structure	What kinds of clinical placements or internships are available? What support services are available for students? How does the program integrate theory and practical experience?	Covered in the webinar
Course structure	What studying a Master of Psychology (Clinical Psychology) is like at the University of Melbourne	Covered in the webinar
Course structure	Why unimelb? What do they offer that sets it apart from other universities. Particularly in the Clinical programs.	Covered in the webinar
Course structure	What would a pathway to paediatric psychology look like	Covered in the webinar

Topic	Questions	Answers
Entry requirements	1) Are Bachelor of Arts Psychology (Honours) (3-years) students eligible for the Master of Psychology (Clinical Neuropsychology) program. If not, how can one be so? 2) Are there any relevant scholarships available for international students?	To be considered for entry into this course, you must, within the last 10 years, have completed: an Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC) accredited four-year undergraduate sequence in psychology (namely, a three-year major in psychology as part of an undergraduate degree, plus a fourth year honours specialisation in psychology or equivalent) with a Weighted Average Mark (WAM) of at least H2A (75%) (or equivalent). You can check our University scholarships here: https://scholarships.unimelb.edu.au/

Entry requirements	1. Difference between general psychology and clinical psychology education at Melbourne Uni. 2. Can a Master of Psychology (completed oversea) meet the criteria for admission	Covered in webinar.
Entry requirements	1. Personal statement tips or things to avoid? 2. When is the latest possible date for interviews?	Interview dates are not yet confirmed. Interviews may occur in either October or November. Personal statement tips are covered in the webinar.
Entry requirements	1. What are the requirements (both academic and experience-related) for entry into the Masters of Clinical Psychology and Masters of E+D Psychology? 2. What advice would you give undergraduate Psychology students aspiring to a Psychology Masters degree? I.e., what can we do now to maximise our chance of being accepted? 3. What are the qualities of a Psychology Masters student? 4. What does a typical week look like in the Masters of Clinical Psychology and Masters of E+D Psychology?	Covered in webinar.
Entry requirements	1. What information is the Selection Committee most hoping to glean about applicants from the Personal Statements which they submit with their application? 2. For applicants to the Graduate Diploma in Clinical Psychology who have been working in private practice for some time as generally registered psychologists, in what ways are the student placements in the degree likely to differ from practice already being undertaken, to specifically prepare for work as a Clinical Psychologist? Thank you	Further personal statement info will be provided in the webinar. We aim for the placements to be in different settings than the student might have previously had placements in or work in, with a focus on public mental health placement experience. Additionally, the placement supervisor will have clinical psychology endorsement which may be different than supervisors to date- this can provide a different perspective on the work being undertaken.
Entry requirements	Admission requirements, job placements, course outcome, content, etc	Covered in the webinar

Entry requirements	Alternate pathways into endorsement (e.g., bridging pathways).	<p>According to AHPRA, there are four pathways to area of practice endorsement. These mostly involve completing a postgraduate qualification approved for endorsement, proceeding to complete a registrar program, and then obtaining area of practice endorsement on general registration.</p> <p>An alternative pathway (for those who already have general registration as a psychologist) is to undertake a bridging qualification, proceed to complete a registrar program and obtain area of practice endorsement on general registration.</p> <p>Further information about the four pathways may be found on the AHPRA website.</p>
Entry requirements	any tips for applying for masters of ed/dev psychology?	Covered in webinar.
Entry requirements	Application deadlines. What do if you are finishing honours this year and won't have your final marks till mid Dec? Do you require mandatory mental health experience?	<p>Please provide a transcript or statement of results for the subjects that have been completed up to the time of applying.</p> <p>If you are eligible for an offer, you may be offered a conditional offer pending the completion of your degree and achieving a specified WAM - allowing you to then provide your official final transcript once you complete your course.</p> <p>Please check individual course requirements on the course web page. This will also be covered in the webinar.</p>
Entry requirements	Application process and requirements	Covered in the webinar
Entry requirements	Application process for Masters Program of Psychology	Covered in the webinar
Entry requirements	Application tips; interview content; formality.	Covered in the webinar
Entry requirements	Can I register to study Masters in clinically psychology using my overseas qualification in BA in Educational Psychology and Masters in Counselling Psychology?	<p>If you have studied Psychology overseas, 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: https://psychology.org.au/about-us/what-we-do/assessing-overseas-qualifications</p> <p>As a minimum requirement to apply for this course, your academic background (when assessed by APA) will need to be considered equivalent to the following: within the last 10 years, completion of an Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC) accredited four-year undergraduate sequence in psychology (namely, a three-year major in psychology as part of an undergraduate degree, plus a fourth year honours specialisation in psychology or equivalent) with a Weighted Average Mark (WAM) of at least H2A (75%) (or equivalent).</p>

Entry requirements	Can I as a South African apply for the Masters in Clinical Psychology?	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: https://psychology.org.au/about-us/what-we-do/assessing-overseas-qualifications
Entry requirements	Can I apply for a Master of Psychology course without an APS assessment? I have sent my qualifications to APS but it may not be in time for the application deadline	You can still submit your application with proof of APS submission first and then upload the outcome later.
Entry requirements	Course entry requirements and what placements look like	Covered in the webinar
Entry requirements	Different pathways to becoming a registered clinical Psychologist and the fees involved	This will be covered in the webinar in the context of courses we provide. You can also find further information regarding registration pathways and fees on the AHPRA website: https://www.psychologyboard.gov.au/Registration.aspx
Entry requirements	Do I have to register for the provisional registration before applying?	Registration requirements vary depending on the course you are applying for. For most courses, you don't need to register before applying. However, you should apply for provisional registration after you have enrolled in your clinical masters degree (i.e. enrolled in subjects), and certainly before you start your degree (i.e. attending classes and undertaking placements). When you apply for provisional registration you need to provide evidence of current enrolment. AHPRA will accept a print-out of your online record of enrolment and will cross reference your enrolment record with a list of currently enrolled students that is provided directly university of Melbourne to AHPRA. You can find more information on the AHPRA website. Please note that applicants for the Graduate Diploma in Clinical Psychology must provide demonstrated proof of registration as a psychologist with the Psychology Board of Australia when they apply.
Entry requirements	Emphasis on Entry requirements, application process, deadlines, about the program , learnings	Covered in the webinar
Entry requirements	English Proficiency Requirement	All applicants to the University of Melbourne must satisfy the English language requirements. This may be achieved in a number of ways, including recognised previous study taught and assessed entirely in English or an approved English language test. The ways for you to meet the English requirements will vary depending on your academic background and experience. You can confirm the English language requirements on the University website here: https://study.unimelb.edu.au/how-to-apply/english-language-requirements/graduate-english-language-requirements
Entry requirements	enter requirements and fees	Covered in the webinar

Entry requirements	Entry requirements	Covered in the webinar
Entry requirements	entry requirements Masters & the different streams	Covered in the webinar
Entry requirements	For the Clinical Neuropsychology program, how do you assess and rank the strength of personal statements? What should an applicant prepare for a potential interview?	Covered in the webinar
Entry requirements	How could I increase my chance of being accepted into the Masters of Clinical Psychology program as an international applicant?	Covered in the webinar
Entry requirements	how is the minimum WAM consideration calculated? does it involve just your 4th year/honours WAM or is your undergraduate WAM included too? --- does completion of a "four-year undergraduate sequence in psychology within the last 10 years" mean you have up to 10 years after the conferral of your honours/4th year to apply for masters, or is the 10 years limit calculated from the beginning of your undergraduate?	WAM requirement vary depending on the course. You can confirm this information by checking the 'Entry Requirements' section on the relevant course page. The 10 years is calculated from the date of completion of the previous study.
Entry requirements	How do I know whether my 4-year undergraduate degree in Psychology from USA is an APAC accredited four-year undergraduate sequence in psychology? Also, what is the difference between the Master of Clinical Psychology and the Master of Clinical Psychology/Doctor of Philosophy?	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: https://psychology.org.au/aboutus/what-we-do/assessing-overseas-qualifications The difference between the Master of Clinical Psychology and the Master of Clinical Psychology/Doctor of Philosophy is that the combined program includes the PhD and has a longer duration.

Entry requirements	How do I know whether I need to take the post-graduate diploma course before applying for Masters of Clinical Psychology? I'm a student from Singapore (NUS) and have attained my Bachelors in Social Science, would that affect my chances of enrolment into the Masters of Clinical Psychology programme?	To be considered for entry into this course, you must, within the last 10 years, have completed an Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC) accredited four-year undergraduate sequence in psychology (namely, a three-year major in psychology as part of an undergraduate degree, plus a fourth year honours specialisation in psychology or equivalent) with a Weighted Average Mark (WAM) of at least H2A (75%) (or equivalent). 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: https://psychology.org.au/aboutus/what-we-do/assessing-overseas-qualifications
Entry requirements	How the process is for international students? What are the chances of getting in the course as an international student? Is there special requirements for international students	The standard process will be covered in the webinar, but international applicants will also need to do an APS assessment (https://psychology.org.au/about-us/what-we-do/assessingoverseas-qualifications) and provide proof of English language proficiency (https://study.unimelb.edu.au/how-to-apply/english-language-requirements/graduate-englishlanguage-requirements).
Entry requirements	how to apply for masters in psychology	Covered in the webinar
Entry requirements	How to choose	Covered in the webinar
Entry requirements	How to increase chances of acceptance? Discuss pathways to the clinical PhD.	Covered in the webinar
Entry requirements	How will the University consider applications from applicants who completed their accredited four-year sequence (undergraduate and Honours) 10 or more years ago, but who have, in the interim, accumulated substantial experience in the field, relevant to the postgraduate program they are applying for?	The University of Melbourne does not normally accept people into Postgraduate Psychology courses who have completed their Psychology studies 10+ years ago. To be considered for our Postgraduate Psychology courses, if your previous studies were 10+ years ago you will need to do a Graduate Diploma in Psychology and Graduate Diploma in Psychology (Advanced) or similar.

Entry requirements	I am a teacher looking to find a pathway into the master's of psychology in educational and developmental psychology and wondering what pathway would be best to take?	<p>To be considered for the Master of Psychology (Educational and Developmental), you must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Have completed an Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC) accredited four-year undergraduate sequence in psychology within the last 10 years (This is a three-year undergraduate degree with a major in psychology, plus a fourth year honours specialisation in psychology, or equivalent), within which you achieved a weighted average mark (WAM) of at least 75% (or University of Melbourne equivalent), AND - Provide a 500-word personal statement outlining your interest in and skills relevant to this course, AND - Provide two academic referee reports, submitted online, AND - If shortlisted, attend an interview. <p>You can find further information about the entry requirements for the course on the website here: https://study.unimelb.edu.au/find/courses/graduate/master-of-psychology-educational-and-developmental/entry-requirements/#nav</p>
Entry requirements	I am a NZ student with a BSc(Honours) degree looking to apply into postgraduate psychology. Wondering what this process looks like and also pathways to accreditation in Australia	The standard process will be covered in the webinar, but international applicants will also need to do an APS assessment (https://psychology.org.au/about-us/what-we-do/assessingoverseas-qualifications) and provide proof of English language proficiency (https://study.unimelb.edu.au/how-to-apply/english-language-requirements/graduate-englishlanguage-requirements). Please refer to the AHPRA website for further information on pathways to accreditation.
Entry requirements	I am currently completing my PGDip in Infant, Child and Adolescent Mental Health at University of Auckland, New Zealand. What are the requirements for me to be eligible for enrolling in Masters of Clinical Neuropsychology	Covered in the webinar
Entry requirements	I am in New Zealand, I finish my Bachelor of Arts in November. Can you explain how to meet the timelines for Overseas applications and the APC assessment.	The deadline for most psychology applications will be September 15, 2024. The APS assessment will also be due at the same time.
Entry requirements	I have a BScPsych(Hons) and PhD and worked in social and public health research. What is the most efficient way I could progress to psychology registration?	This may depend on your individual circumstances. Please submit an enquiry to our University and we will be happy to assist further.

Entry requirements	I want to be a clinical psychologist and know it is very competitive to get into masters. Is it better I do honours rather than the advanced diploma?	Both courses are equivalent, so there is no advantage in doing either course as they are considered equal. You can apply for the Honours program if you completed your undergraduate studies within the past five years. Alternatively, if more than five years have passed since you completed your undergraduate major in Psychology, then you can apply for the Graduate Diploma in Psychology (Advanced).
Entry requirements	I would like if this webinar covered general advice for writing the personal statement; the number of contact hours students will be required to have on campus; any advice for interview preparation; the kinds of work and volunteering experiences relevant for a Masters in Neuropsychology.	Covered in the webinar
Entry requirements	If I've graduated from an Undergraduate degree of Science, majoring in neuroscience, do I have to complete two diplomas before doing a masters in clinical psychology/neuropsychology?	Yes, if you have not studied Psychology previously then you will need to complete the equivalent of an accredited undergraduate major in Psychology (for example, the Graduate Diploma in Psychology), followed by an Honours in Psychology with the required grades to be eligible to apply for the clinical masters.
Entry requirements	I'm a mature student currently enrolled in the Graduate Diploma of Psychology at Uni Melb. I'm planning on applying for the Master of Professional Psychology. During my Grad Dip course, I have different tutors for all my subjects, However, I only have 6 lab classes with each tutor (1.5 hours/class). So basically, I don't have much chance to build good connection with any of my tutors to ask for their reference. Do you have any advice on how to get good reference report for my application?	Approach your tutor early in the subject to discuss ways they can support you.

Entry requirements	I'm currently a second year in a Bachelor of Science, I would please like to know the best way to find referees for the referee reports and what type of referees if any would be more advantageous (i.e., would a professor be better than my retail employer)? I would also like to know what type of extra curricular you would recommend as I am struggling to find activities and programs specific to Mental Health and Psychology to help me with my Masters application. Thank you!	<p>Our requirement is that applicants for our Masters programs in Psychology must apply for two references (to be submitted online) from academic and/or professional referees.</p> <p>If possible, at least one referee report should be completed by an academic staff member. The second referee report may be completed by academic staff members or by any registered clinical profession (and not just a registered psychologist). It is advisable that the academic staff member reference is from a psychology academic, but if not possible, any academic staff member is suitable too.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>While work or volunteer experience is not an entry requirement for our Masters programs, if you have relevant experience, you may wish to refer to it in your application.</p>
Entry requirements	I'm interested in the process of applying as an international student. Specifically, I'm interested in pursuing a PhD in psychology, and I'm wondering how that works as an international student. Do I apply for a master's degree first? At what point would I apply for the PhD program? Thanks! :)	If you wish to complete a combined masters/PhD program, you will first need to commence the Masters program and then you can apply for admission into the combined program toward the end of the first year of your Masters.
Entry requirements	Information about interview process, what is considered for entry (eg. % for academic results, experience etc.), information about placement, contact hours	Covered in the webinar
Entry requirements	Information about what the university is looking for in applicants	Covered in the webinar
Entry requirements	Information regarding requirements to enroll and the various pathways one can take to become a clinical psychologist.	Covered in the webinar
Entry requirements	Pathway and general course overview for also mature students that have completed a bachelor of science and masters of commerce.	If you did not complete any prior Psychology studies in your Bachelor or Masters degrees, then you should apply for the Graduate Diploma in Psychology.
Entry requirements	Requirements, details on subject and courses, scholarship, intake	Covered in the webinar

Entry requirements	Standing out in an application, what is expected in a written statement, and options for registration.	Covered in the webinar
Entry requirements	The application process, placements, subjects	Covered in the webinar
Entry requirements	The APS accreditation related information for international student's bachelor's degree	Covered in the webinar. Please also refer to the APS website for further information.
Entry requirements	the ideal applicant/requirements, subject overviews, information regarding placements	Covered in the webinar
Entry requirements	weightings in successful application: personal statement vs. CV vs. WAM	Covered in the webinar
Entry requirements	What admission staff are looking for in an application. Are there differences in what is being sought after from an international applying compared to a local student?	All applicants are treated equally. However, there may be some additional application requirements for international applicants such as meeting the English Language Requirement or completing the APS assessment of overseas academic qualifications.
Entry requirements	What are the international full scholarship options to study at the University of Melbourne and how does one qualify? I wrote IGCSE English first language for my high school exams, do I still need to submit any other English proficiency exams?	You can search for University scholarships here: https://scholarships.unimelb.edu.au/ English requirements will vary depending on your academic background and experience. You can confirm the English language requirements on the University website here: https://study.unimelb.edu.au/how-to-apply/english-language-requirements/graduate-english-language-requirements
Entry requirements	What are the pathways available if we do not get into a masters on our first try but we want to become a psychologist	Applicants are welcome to re-apply for our courses the following intake.
Entry requirements	What happens if you are interested in applying to Clinical and EdDev in terms of the application process - will this put you at a disadvantage to apply for both?	You will not be at a disadvantage if you apply for both programs.
Entry requirements	What does a strong application need to demonstrate?	Covered in the webinar
Entry requirements	What if I don't have sufficient referees to submit, can I still apply for the Masters in Clinical Psychology programme?	Applicants must submit two referee reports with their application.

Entry requirements	What insight can you provide about how the selection interviews are conducted? For example, are they in-person or online, are they conducted individually or in a group and are they panel-style interview or something different?	Covered in the webinar
Entry requirements	What is the actual WAM cut-off for Psychology Honours? It is well known in the community that it is not the 75-80 WAM as advertised and is much more competitive. Insight would be helpful for students to manage their expectations to apply for the program	The advertised minimum entry score to apply for honours in psychology is a weighted average grade of at least 70% in the second and third-year Psychology subjects, or equivalent. However, the entry score cut-off will vary from year to year depending on the number of applicants and the competitiveness of each applicant. Therefore, while we cannot provide a definitive answer, an entry score of 80 (or above) is often considered competitive for this course.
Entry requirements	What is the process/entry requirements for external students wishing to complete postgrad at Unimelb? Do you offer anything similar to a masters in Organisational Psychology?	Covered in the webinar. Please note, if you are interested in Organisational Psychology then we would recommend considering our Master of Applied Psychology.
Entry requirements	What is the school looking for in its applicants? How many rounds of interviews are there?	Covered in the webinar
Entry requirements	What makes an applicant appealing? What are the qualities in a successful applicant?	Covered in the webinar
Entry requirements	What points should be covered in the personal statement when applying?	Covered in the webinar
Entry requirements	Which course for completing my masters degree will be more fit and beneficial for me as an international student? Why?	This will depend on your interests and goals. The webinar will provide a helpful overview of each program for you to consider. Please note the Master of Professional Psychology is available to domestic students only.
Entry requirements	What you are looking for in the personal statements	A personal statement of no more than 500 words which outlines your interest in this course and your relevant skills
Entry requirements	Will it be possible for a student who has not undergone an Honours Thesis project to apply? Is it possible to show our proficiency in research via other means?	Entry requirements for our courses will be covered in the webinar

Entry requirements	What experience is needed to get into a postgraduate psychology program, especially master of neuropsychology and educational psych? What entry marks will receive an interview? What type of questions will be asked in the interview? What are each of the programs looking for in their applicants? How many applicants does each program receive each year roughly?	<p>While work or volunteer experience is not an entry requirement, if you have experience that you feel is relevant, you may wish to include it in your personal statement.</p> <p>Entry requirements and processes will be covered in the webinar. Please note that the number of applicants shortlisted for interview varies from year to year, so we cannot provide a specific number at this time.</p>
Entry requirements	<p>Pathways into clinical psychology - can a master of counselling graduate be considered for a clinical psych program. Do New Zealanders pay international fees. What are the fees. What are the available scholarships, where do i look for scholarships. Is there any emails where i can ask direct questions to someone.</p>	<p>If you have studied Psychology overseas, 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: https://psychology.org.au/about-us/what-we-do/assessing-overseas-qualifications</p> <p>As a minimum requirement to apply for this course, your academic background (when assessed by APA) will need to be considered equivalent to the following: within the last 10 years, completion of an Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC) accredited four-year undergraduate sequence in psychology (namely, a three-year major in psychology as part of an undergraduate degree, plus a fourth year honours specialisation in psychology or equivalent) with a Weighted Average Mark (WAM) of at least H2A (75%) (or equivalent).</p> <p>If you are an Australian or New Zealand citizen or an Australian permanent resident, then you are considered a domestic student for the purposes of admission to the University. You will pay domestic fees. Scholarship information is available on the course website, and you can also submit a direct enquiry through the course page.</p>
Entry requirements	<p>1. I completed my undergraduate psychology 10 years ago in 2014 and I am currently enrolled in an APAC accredited psychology honors degree. Will I still be able to apply for the Masters program next year / the year after? 2. Will my WAM be scaled differently if I complete my fourth year APAC accredited sequence at another university? 3. If I have completed a portion of the Master of Psychology (Clinical) at a different</p>	<p>Yes, you will be eligible to apply for masters after completing the relevant APAC accredited honours course with the required grade. If you complete your studies at another University within Australia then your WAM is likely to be weighted similarly, and you can request Advanced Standing when you submit your application (these requests are assessed on a case by case basis).</p>

	university, will I still be able to obtain credit at unimelb?	
Entry requirements	Post graduate study options, maybe more about organisational psychology	Covered in the webinar
Entry requirements	tips for getting into masters	Covered in the webinar
Entry requirements	Would Master of Professional Psychology be available for International Students in the future?	Currently, this course is expected to only be available for domestic students into the future.

Topic	Questions	Answers
Fees	Do all domestic applicants receive commonwealth supported places? When does the course begin in 2025? How many places are offered in each masters program?	The proportion of CSP vs full fee places depends on the course. The number of places available in each masters program may vary from year to year. In 2024, there were 18 places available in the Clinical masters, 13 places in the Neuropsychology masters, and 17 places in the professional psychology masters.
Fees	Is Scholarship/funding provided in the third and fourth year of PhD Psychology?	For the combined Master of Psychology/PhD, students may be eligible for the Graduate Research Scholarship (https://scholarships.unimelb.edu.au/awards/graduate-research-scholarships), but this would not be awarded until the PhD component has been commenced (i.e. year 2 of study).
Fees	Please discuss if one applies for master research graduate course will that person be given scholarship which covers full tuition fee? Any other scholarships for masters in clinical neuropsychology/clinical psychology	Faculty scholarships can be found here . As you will see, faculty scholarships are available for local or indigenous students, or high-achieving current students. For the combined Master of Psychology/PhD, students may be eligible for the Graduate Research Scholarship (https://scholarships.unimelb.edu.au/awards/graduate-research-scholarships), but this would not be awarded until the PhD component has been commenced (i.e. year 2 of study). You can check our other University-wide scholarships here: https://scholarships.unimelb.edu.au/
Fees	Scholarships and funding for international students	Covered in the webinar

Fees	What are the fees for Masters of Clinical Psychology?	You can confirm the fees on the course web page here .
Graduate outcomes	Job prospective after the completion of the graduate diploma in clinical psychology. Is there a thesis to complete as part of this course? Competitiveness.	The course consists of coursework subjects and placements, there is no thesis. Graduates of the Graduate Diploma in Clinical Psychology at the University of Melbourne leave with a world-class qualification and a wealth of practical experience. Upon completion of the program, graduates are well placed to become Australian Health Practitioner Agency (AHPRA) registered psychologists, and forge careers in positions at the forefront of the mental health field. Graduates of this course will be eligible for entry to a PhD program.
Graduate outcomes	Will a Masters in Clinical Psychology allow an international student to practise in Australia?	After graduation, students are well placed to become Australian Health Practitioner Agency (AHPRA) registered psychologists. Alternatively, upon successful completion of the program you may also apply to undertake further training in the registrar program of supervised practice, which can lead to endorsement as a clinical psychologist in Australia. Please note that undertaking any further employment or study following completion of the Masters will also be dependent on meeting any visa requirements.
Graduate outcomes	What can you do after a masters in neuropsychology	Graduates of the Master of Psychology (Clinical Neuropsychology) at the University of Melbourne leave with a world-class qualification and a wealth of practical experience. Upon completion of the program, graduates are well placed to become Australian Health Practitioner Agency (AHPRA) registered psychologists, and forge careers in positions at the forefront of the mental health field.
Graduate outcomes	1. General Career outcomes in Neuropsychology? 2. Do all psychology master pathways teach assessment, and what is the career path towards doing psychological assessment full-time? 3. Do I have to complete a clinical psychology masters to do masters of neuropsychology and then work in that field?	Covered in the webinar

Recognition of prior learning	Can I get any recognition for prior learning if I have just completed a Master of Counselling degree ?	<p>Your eligibility for advanced standing will depend on the course you are entering and the previous study you have completed.</p> <p>When you apply for the course you can request to transfer any recognised prior learning credits by applying for Advanced Standing (also known as credit or recognition of prior learning). You can also find more information and apply online via the Advanced Standing web page.</p> <p>Please note that advanced standing is always assessed on a case-by-case basis, and is never automatically granted or guaranteed. Your prior subjects would need to be highly similar or identical in weighting, content and assessment to the subjects offered by the University of Melbourne in order to be considered.</p>
Student experience	would love to hear more about personal reflections on their journey (eg. why this pathway? aspects that they like and dislike? plans moving forward?)	Covered in the webinar by student presenters.
Student support	Consideration and Support for mothers during admission and coursework	<p>The University has a dedicated Student Equity and Disability Services Team who support students to participate equally in University life. You can find more information about their services on the website here.</p> <p>Students can reach out to the team directly for information on support that is available for your individual circumstances.</p> <p>We would also encourage you to reach out to our Admissions team if you require support during the application process. You can do this by submitting an enquiry online.</p> <p>Our Admissions team will be happy to get back to you.</p>
Student support	FINANCIALAID	We recognise that students may face financial hardship during their studies and provide financial aid and other options to enable eligible students to continue their studies. You can find further information on the official web page: https://students.unimelb.edu.au/student-support/scholarships-and-financial-support/financial-aid

Q&A from webinar	who do you suggest is our academic reference? like a tutor?	It is advisable that the academic staff member reference is from a psychology academic, but if not possible, any academic staff member is suitable too. 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.
Q&A from webinar	Hi! What are key things that you look for in applicants for Masters of Clinical Psych?	Hi there, thanks for your question. For the Master of Psychology (Clinical Psychology), the entry score is calculated using a weighted average of third year (Level 3) and fourth year (Level 4) psychology subjects. The average of the fourth year (Level 4) Psychology subjects are weighted by 2 and the average of the third year (Level 3) Psychology subjects are weighted by 1. For academic assessment, we considered level 3 and 4 psychology subjects scores.
Q&A from webinar	How could international students with no Bachelor's in Psychology or related professional experience apply for or prepare for a Master of Ed and Dev Psychology?	Sorry, you have to complete an Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC) accredited four-year undergraduate sequence in psychology, and meet other requirements to enter the program. For further info, please check here: https://study.unimelb.edu.au/find/courses/graduate/master-of-psychology-educational-and-developmental/entry-requirements/#nav
Q&A from webinar	if I want to be a clinical psychologist, what are my fourth year options ? honours, MPP, grad dip?	You can choose either an APAC-accredited Honours program or a Graduate Diploma in Psychology (Advanced) to meet the requirements.
Q&A from webinar	Hello! Can graduates with MPP also work in private practice and have the same career advancement opportunities as those with MCP?	Upon completion of this course, you will be eligible for entry to a one-year internship and to sit the National Psychology Exam and then apply for registration as a Generalist Psychologist. You will be clinically trained and upskilled to work at a broader population-level focused on key societal issues such as understanding community behaviour change. As a generalist psychologist, you will be ready to apply your skills in assessment and treatment with a wide range of mild-moderate clients
Q&A from webinar	What is the cohort size for the ed dev masters programme?	The cohort size may change slightly from year to year. To provide an indication, there are currently 29 students admitted into the 2024 intake of the program.
Q&A from webinar	how many places are there in MPP?	Last year there were 17 places available in the program, this will likely remain very similar in 2025.
Q&A from webinar	Apologies if this has been repeated but how many places are generally available for master of ed and dev? And how many people are shortlisted for the interview? Thank you.	The number of available places in the course may change slightly from year to year. To provide an indication, there are currently 29 students admitted into the 2024 intake of the program. The number of applicants shortlisted will also vary.

Q&A from webinar	For the MPP, do we need at least one academic referee or can both referees be professional?	Our requirement is that applicants for our Masters programs in Psychology must apply for two references (to be submitted online) from academic and/or professional referees. If possible, at least one referee report should be completed by an academic staff member. The second referee report may be completed by academic staff members or by any registered clinical profession (and not just a registered psychologist). It is advisable that the academic staff member reference is from a psychology academic, but if not possible, any academic staff member is suitable too.
Q&A from webinar	my bachelor major was international studies in US and after i did diploma of psychology and diploma of psychology advanced, will it still be less likely to get accepted by clinical psychology than students who studied 4 years bachelor in psychology	Hi there, thanks for your question. We need to check whether your previous studies equal to an Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC) level 4. More overseas qualifications information can be found in APAC via: https://apac.au/students/overseas-qualifications/ You can have your international qualification assessed by APS: https://psychology.org.au/about-us/what-we-do/assessing-overseas-qualifications/aps-assessment-skilled-migration-university-entry
Q&A from webinar	for the combined masters/PhD program - does this include one thesis only, or do you need to write a thesis for your masters and then a separate one for you PhD?	Students who undertake the Combined course are only required to write one thesis- a PhD sized one.
Q&A from webinar	Are there certain spots set aside for GAM applicants?	We do not reserve spots for GAM stream applicants. However, qualified GAM applicants will be given priority in the assessment process
Q&A from webinar	Is there a requirement for one of the referees to need to be an academic/previous supervisor? or could both referees be relevant professional referees?	Two academic referee reports are required for Master of Psychology (Educational and Developmental). For other Psych courses, at least one referee report must be completed by an academic staff member if possible. The second referee report may be completed by academic staff members or by registered clinicians. No preference.
Q&A from webinar	how competitive is an advanced grad dip? and is it research based like honours?	hi there, the advanced grad dip and the honours are effectively the fourth year study and so are totally similar in its teaching content and is a year of researched based project. It is equally competitive as the honours.
Q&A from webinar	Is it okay if both our references are clinical or would you recommend having both a clinical and academic reference?	Our requirement is that applicants for our Masters programs in Psychology must apply for two references (to be submitted online) from academic and/or professional referees. If possible, at least one referee report should be completed by an academic staff member. The second referee report may be completed by academic staff members or by any registered clinical profession (and not just a registered psychologist). It is advisable that the academic staff member reference is from a psychology academic

Q&A from webinar	for entry into the clinical masters course, does having experience as a disability support worker increase your odds of being short listed?	Being shortlisted for selection in Clinical Psych, it's a combination of academic marks, experience, personal statement & interview. So relevant work experience that gives applicants insight and experience certainly adds to the application but is not the only factor considered.
Q&A from webinar	Timetable for clinical neuropsychology please?	You can double check the individual subject contact hours by referring to the university handbook. For example, if you search the Master of Psychology (Clinical Neuropsychology) in the handbook and then select 'course structure', you will come across the following subject list. If you select a subject from the list, then select the 'dates and times' tab on the left side of the subject entry, you can confirm the contact hours. Handbook: https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/search
Q&A from webinar	Hi, What would the workload be like for the Graduate Diploma of Clinical Psychology? Is it possible to enrol in the Masters of clinical psychology after completing the MPP and receive credit from the MPP to reduce units/subjects?	Students in the GDCLinPsych are generally either in classes or on placement between 1.5 and 2.5 days/week. Yes- graduates of the MPP are eligible to apply for entry into the Clinical Psychology Masters program. Advanced standing (credit) may be given- but this is determined on a case-by-case basis once someone is accepted into the clinical Psychology program.
Q&A from webinar	does MPP need an academic and professional reference?	Our requirement is that applicants must apply for two references (to be submitted online) from academic and/or professional referees. If possible, at least one referee report should be completed by an academic staff member. The second referee report may be completed by academic staff members or by any registered clinical profession (and not just a registered psychologist). It is advisable that the academic staff member reference is from a psychology academic, but if not possible, any academic staff member is suitable too.

Q&A from webinar	Would you recommend applying for APAC accreditation during the last semester of the pursuing degree, or after the degree has been completed	<p>I think you may possibly mean 'AHPRA registration' rather than APAC accreditation.</p> <p>Clinical Masters students should apply to AHPRA for provisional registration after they have enrolled in their clinical masters degree (i.e. enrolled in subjects), and certainly before they start the degree (i.e. attending classes and undertaking placements).</p> <p>When they apply for provisional registration they need to provide evidence of current enrolment. AHPRA will accept a print-out of your online record of enrolment and will cross reference your enrolment record with a list of currently enrolled students that is provided directly to AHPRA by Unimelb. You can find more information on the website here: https://www.psychologyboard.gov.au/Registration/Provisional.aspx</p> <p>Later, as you are finishing the course, you can apply for general registration up to three months before the time you expect to complete all your course requirements, which includes any placements. After the final results are confirmed UniMelb sends a list of the graduating students to AHPRA for confirmation. Please visit the AHPRA website for further details.</p> <p>Overall, since the specific registration process and requirements will vary depending on the course you are studying and when you are applying, please refer to AHPRA for the most appropriate information for your circumstances.</p>
Q&A from webinar	For Brett: during placement 1 have students ever seen neurodiverse clients? e.g. adhd/autism	Hi, from Brett: Yes, during placement 1 students often see clients with ADHD (not autism though).
Q&A from webinar	for MPP, if a student had a 75 wam, would their personal statement and references be looked ? or would they most likely be rejected	Hi there, thanks for your question. To be considered for entry into this course, you must, within the last 10 years, have completed an Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC) accredited three-year undergraduate sequence in psychology with a Weighted Average Mark (WAM) of at least H2A (75%) (or equivalent). You may also provide a personal statement and two referee reports. If your application is shortlisted, you will also be required to attend an interview.
Q&A from webinar	If we are only getting our 4th year results at the start of November, would that mean only our 3rd year mark and 1st semester 4th year mark will be assessed for interview shortlisting?	You can apply for our Master programs while completing your degree. If you meet the entry requirements, you may receive a conditional offer. However, you will need to maintain the required GPA/WAM in your final semester and submit your final transcripts to convert the conditional offer into a full offer once you have them.
Q&A from webinar	do i need to send my academic transcript to apply to MPP at melbourne?	Yes, you need to submit your transcripts for the MPP application.

Q&A from webinar	Can neuropsychologists give therapy and is that part of the course work?	Yes- this was discussed at length in the webinar- I encourage you to go back and listen to that portion of it.
Q&A from webinar	What was the MPP cut-off for acceptance in 2024?	We cannot provide a precise number, but it was above 80.
Q&A from webinar	are GAM and personal statements run through AI-detecting software to eliminate applicants who did not put the proper time/effort into their applications?	Hi there, we do not run through these documents via a AI detecting software. These are assessed carefully by staff and hence if applicants have not put in proper time and effort into their application or provide proper documents as evidence they would not be assessed highly.
Q&A from webinar	You've stated that we can receive a conditional offer if we do not yet have our final grade at the time of application. Does that mean that if we perform better in Sem 2 of 4th year, that will not be considered for interview shortlisting?	If we do not have your marks for Sem 2 of 4th year then we cannot include those marks in our considerations for shortlisting. Please note that a conditional offer includes a condition(s) which must be met in order for you to be successfully admitted into the course (for example, the condition may require you to provide evidence of satisfactory final grades in order to be admitted). I hope this information helps, and that we have understood your question correctly.
Q&A from webinar	For the Masters of Clinical Psych, how many applicants are shortlisted for an interview?	Generally, most years between 50-55 applicants are shortlisted for an interview.
Q&A from webinar	For MCP, how varied are the kind of therapy modalities we will learn about? I know CBT is heavily taught and is foundational, but is there any opportunity to learn/apply other kinds of therapy?	The program aims to produce graduates with a strong knowledge base in psychopathology, combined with a high level of skill and acumen in culturally responsive assessment and treatment of psychological conditions that can present across the lifespan. Therapeutic skills are taught primarily within a broad cognitive-behavioural framework within didactic, individual and group-based clinical contexts.
Q&A from webinar	I live interstate - how much notice will be given if accepted into the course? As I Clin NeuroPsych starts on 13th Jan and I would have to move to the area.	Hi there, if you are shortlisted for an interview, you will be contacted in Oct/Nov and hopefully an outcome of your interview will be out by end of Nov.
Q&A from webinar	Can neuropsychologists give therapy and is that part of the course work?	Yes- this was discussed at length in the webinar- I encourage you to go back and listen to that portion of it.

Q&A from webinar	Can placements be outside in Melbourne? (sydney/brisbane)	Most of our placements are in Melbourne or Victoria. Placements elsewhere can sometimes be accommodated- but they require appropriate supervisors to be available, and students need to be able to attend classes. We encourage all students to discuss placement preferences with the placement coordinator(s) once the course begins.
Q&A from webinar	If we are applying for the MPP and have already done honours, which WAM is considered? The undergrad or honours year results? Or is it combined?	Master of Professional Psychology requests you have completed an Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC) accredited three-year undergraduate sequence in psychology with a Weighted Average Mark (WAM) of at least H2A (75%) (or equivalent), within the last 10 years.
Q&A from webinar	Is there any requirement for how long a referee must have known you? Can your work supervisor be a "professional referee"?	There is not a specific amount of time that they should have known you. Although you do want to ask someone who has a good idea of who you are and can speak well of you. And yes, your work supervisor can count as a professional referee.
Q&A from webinar	Are New Zealand Citizens considered Domestic Students?	Hi, yes NZ citizens are considered domestic students :)
Q&A from webinar	When are interviews likely to be held?	Hi, it will be around Oct/Nov.
Q&A from webinar	are there paid placements or are they all paying	Placements are unpaid. We address this question on camera during the webinar.
Q&A from webinar	Would an Honours equivalent 4th year program like a Grad Adv Dip in Psychology from Monash Uni (fully online) be accepted to apply for Masters in Clinical Neuropsychology/psych at Unimelb? Or is there a preference for honours from unimelb?	Hi Anastasia - you will need to ensure that your online studies is fully accredited by APAC and considered equivalent to the F2F 4th year studies. as long as that is the case, there is no preference for honours vs an Grad Dip in Psych (Advanced).
Q&A from webinar	I understand that the application fee can be waived for current UniMelb students or if a waiver form is signed by a University of Melbourne staff member during an information session. Could you please advise me on how I can apply for a fee waiver?	Hi there, as of this year, application fee waivers are no longer being issued.

Q&A from webinar	how can I determine if my educational background is accredited? It is from NZ - The University of Auckland.	You can visit the APS website below for verification of your qualifications: https://psychology.org.au/about-us/what-we-do/assessing-overseas-qualifications
Q&A from webinar	I completed a year on exchange during my undergraduate degree, but did not complete any of my 3rd or 4th year psychology subjects overseas. Do I need to supply transcripts from this as well as my home university?	Yes, we do still need to see all your transcripts if it was more than a single semester abroad.
Q&A from webinar	Does the grad dip in clinical psychology require an academic reference? I have two professional references, do I need at least one of these to be an academic reference instead?	Hi, if you do not have any academic reference, feel free to provide a report from professionals.
Q&A from webinar	Hi there. I did a postgraduate degree in medicine after my honours in psychology. Is it possible to obtain any course credit or exemptions?	If you have completed studies in a related degree or qualification at the same level (e.g., graduate degree, diploma, or certificate) with subjects that overlap with those in our course structure, you may be eligible for Advanced Standing (Credit for Prior Learning). https://study.unimelb.edu.au/how-to-apply/advanced-standing
Q&A from webinar	Do I need to apply for a full fee paying position if I am applicable for a CSP? Are there exclusive places for full fee paying students?	When you apply you will automatically be considered for both CSP and full fee paying. You won't need to apply for both of them. Just one or the other.
Q&A from webinar	If the GradDip is only open to those who have completed prior studies in a discipline other than psych, to what course should someone who has completed a prior degree (a 4-year sequence in psych) apply to if their 4-year sequence is from 10+ yrs ago?	The GradDipPsychology is also open to someone who completed their prior degree in psychology >10 years ago.

Q&A from webinar	if your marks aren't high enough, will they look at your references, personal statement for MPP?	Hi there, thanks for your question. To be considered for entry into this course, you must, within the last 10 years, have completed an Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC) accredited three-year undergraduate sequence in psychology with a Weighted Average Mark (WAM) of at least H2A (75%) (or equivalent).
Q&A from webinar	if i'm applying for masters of clinical, clinical neuropsych and ed dev, would I need to submit a personal statement for 3 courses if they are included in the one application, regardless of which course is first or second preference?	Yes, you would need a personal statement for each course that requires it.
Q&A from webinar	Does the WAM average for the clinical masters include both 4th year and undergraduate grades or just the 4th year grades?	For the Master of Psychology (Clinical Psychology), the entry score is calculated using a weighted average of third year (Level 3) and fourth year (Level 4) psychology subjects. The average of the fourth year (Level 4) Psychology subjects are weighted by 2 and the average of the third year (Level 3) Psychology subjects are weighted by 1. For further info, please check here: https://study.unimelb.edu.au/find/courses/graduate/master-of-psychology-clinical-psychology/entry-requirements/#nav
Q&A from webinar	I am pursuing bachelors in psychology honours right now in India, it's a 3 year program but it's an honours degree , if I get APAC approval am I eligible to apply for masters in clinical neuropsychology	Hi there, thanks for the question. If your previous studies were completed outside of Australia, you will need to provide an APS assessment to verify that your qualifications are equivalent to an Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC) accredited four-year undergraduate sequence in psychology undergraduate degree: https://psychology.org.au/about-us/what-we-do/assessing-overseas-qualifications
Q&A from webinar	For ed & dev psych, if there are practicum placements as part of the programme, why is it required to have another 2 years of work before being endorsed as an ed dev psych after graduation?	Completion of the ED&Dev Masters program (or the Clinical or clinical Neuropsychology programs) enables graduates to become registered as generalist psychologists. For specialist endorsement as an Ed&Dev (or Clinical or Clinical Neuropsychologist), AHPRA/Psychology Board requires 2 years of supervised practice. This is not a University requirement. https://www.psychologyboard.gov.au/Standards-and-Guidelines/Registration-Standards.aspx
Q&A from webinar	How do we make sure that you have had access and seen our referee report from the reference portal?	As referee reports are an important part of selection process, we ensure that our selection panels have the complete 'application package ' for applicants. Please be assured that referee reports are looked at.
Q&A from webinar	I completed a postgraduate degree n a different field following my undergraduate course	Hi there, thanks for your question. It depends on which psychology course you apply for. MPP assessed three-year undergraduate sequence in psychology. More information in: https://study.unimelb.edu.au/find/courses/graduate/master-of-professional-psychology/entry-requirements/#nav

	in psychology. Do my grades from this count towards the WAM or is just my bachelor marks?	
Q&A from webinar	Would one be at a disadvantage if applying for multiple courses e.g., neuropsych and clin psych? Does this seem like the applicant is unsure of their decision, or is this something UniMelb does not consider?	hi there - we will not be judging the applicant this way, so you are free to apply to multiple courses at the same time.
Q&A from webinar	Tips in enhancing application for Masters in Clinical Psych?	Hi there, thanks for your question. For the Master of Psychology (Clinical Psychology), the entry score is calculated using a weighted average of third year (Level 3) and fourth year (Level 4) psychology subjects. The average of the fourth year (Level 4) Psychology subjects are weighted by 2 and the average of the third year (Level 3) Psychology subjects are weighted by 1.
Q&A from webinar	how would you describe the fine line between interviewees coming across as cocky and confident when trying to sell themselves for the course?	There are various resources online regarding general interviewing techniques.
Q&A from webinar	where do i submit my academic transcript? I have already submitted MPP application but it did not ask for my transcript. Do i put it under supporting documents?	Hi there, thanks for your question. You can upload your transcripts in your online application form. It should under 'Academic results for tertiary studies'.
Q&A from webinar	how often does the uni accept international students who already have scholarships?	Externally sponsored students may be able to complete their studies at UniMelb, e.g. Australia Awards Scholarship. For full details, please check the terms and conditions of your scholarship.
Q&A from webinar	How does Melb university view WAMs from different universities? i.e. if Monash University has a different WAM cut off for marks (i.e. D marks are 70-79 and HD marks are 80+), would that put my WAM between 70-75 as a Credit mark?	The WAM is recalculated based of individual subjects and overall weight value of the grades from your current school. In the instance of Monash, the overall WAM will be very close to what the UoM WAM is, although accounting for some discrepancies, not exact.

Q&A from webinar	What soft skills do you look for in applicants during the application and interview process for Master of Clinical Psychology/Neuropsychology degrees?	Genuineness, and a range of soft skills are valued during the interview process.
Q&A from webinar	How many CSP places are available for master of ed and dev?	The exact quota may vary from year to year.
Q&A from webinar	Do students get a mid-semester break from placements	While the coursework subjects associated with the Masters level postgraduate programs run over the academic semester schedule (noting that some programs have a summer semester, as well as the two usual semesters), placements and the research components run across the calendar year. We encourage students to have breaks during their studies, but these need to fit within the demands of all aspects of the program they are enrolled in.
Q&A from webinar	will we receive a recording of this event?	Hi there, yes. The recording will be emailed to you tomorrow :)
Q&A from webinar	How do registrar programs work? More details would be very helpful	Thanks for your question. We'll answer this question later :)
Q&A from webinar	Is it possible to enrol in the Masters of clinical psychology after completing the MPP and receive credit from the MPP to reduce units/subjects?	Yes- graduates of the MPP are eligible to apply for entry into the Clinical Psychology Masters program. Advanced standing (credit) may be given- but this is determined on a case-by-case basis once someone is accepted into the Clinical Psychology program.
Q&A from webinar	Why would one see a neuropsych for talk therapy rather than a clin psych? For example, they can get rebates from a clin psych but not neuro. Can't a clin psych still see patients who may have brain injuries?	Thanks for your question. We'll answer this one on camera later :)
Q&A from webinar	Are applicants who are people of colour given advantage in the admissions process?	The University does not currently have a policy or procedure that addresses this. We are currently working towards prioritising a number of places for Indigenous Australian students - this is currently being considered by the University
Q&A from webinar	What is the difference between the practices of an educational psychologist and a clinical psychologist when working with children?	Hi, we'll answer this one later :)
Q&A from webinar	What is the difference between the practices of an educational	Hi, we'll answer this one later :)

	psychologist and a clinical psychologist when working with children?	
Q&A from webinar	Would applying to the masters of ed and dev be restricting yourself to just working with children/adolescents on learning/development?	No- all programs provide graduates with competencies and skills to work with people across the lifespan.
Q&A from webinar	Do students get paid for the 2 year endorsement?	Yes- usually- but this is not something the University oversees. Graduates apply for registrar programs as they would apply for a job- indeed they are a job. For more information see Psychology Board of Australia website.
Q&A from webinar	Do MCP graduates have more job opportunities than MPP graduates?	All of our graduates are highly sought after regardless of the program they have completed.
Q&A from webinar	How competitive is entry into ed/dev compared to the other masters programs/endorsements?	Entry into all of our programs is competitive. The number of applications and the competitiveness of individual applicants also varies each year across all courses.
Q&A from webinar	If you have completed level 4 subjects across multiple degrees/courses, are all of these subjects used in calculation of WAM for course entry?	Yes- this is likely to be the case. It is difficult to answer definitively without knowing the exact circumstances/academic history
Q&A from webinar	For the Masters of Clin psych, how many CSP spots are offered? If there are 18 students accepted, how many are CSP spots? Thanks!	It varies from year to year- but roughly a half to 3/4 are CSP.
Q&A from webinar	is someone who has done an honours degree preferred to be accepted into masters over someone who has done the graduate diploma?	No.
Q&A from webinar	Just seeking further clarification, if you have completed an APAC accredited (2 year) Graduate Diploma in Psychology and are now doing an APAC accredited Honours year, is this	Yes.

	sufficient for entry to Masters?	
Q&A from webinar	how many places are available in each program?	This was addressed in the webinar- I recommend going back and listening again (between 15 and 20 but precise # depends on program)
Q&A from webinar	Thank you for your time! (not a question!)	You are welcome :)
Q&A from webinar	It would be greatly appreciated to have some links/resources to investigate registrar programs in clinical psychology (as someone from NZ) :)	We do provide students with some information about registrar programs when they are in the final year of their programs. We do not provide this information more broadly
Q&A from webinar	it says on the MPP application that we do not need to add an academic transcript if we aren't a tertiary student from a different university. Do i still need to provide an academic transcript?	If your previous studies were completed at Unimelb, we will have these on record so you will not need to attach the transcript.
Q&A from webinar	are those who complete the GDCLin psych bridge able to be endorsed in more than one area? E.g. ed/dev and clinical? Or would the clinical endorsement over ride the previous endorsement?	The Psychology Board does allow people to have more than one endorsement- so if you are already endorsed as a Forensic Psychologist and do the GDCLinPsych you could have double endorsement
Q&A from webinar	I graduated Honours in 2000, conferred in 2016, and been working as a researcher since 2000. Can I meet criteria for Masters or would I need to do additional study?	Hi there, thanks for your question. Based on 10 years' rule, you must completed an Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC) accredited four-year/three year undergraduate within the last 10 years, depends on different Master Psychology courses you apply for.
Q&A from webinar	If we do not qualify for the GAM, can our personal hardship that has affected our grades be considered as part of our application still? If so, how can we make sure it is considered?	Hi there - the GAM or Graduate Access Melbourne categories include difficult personal circumstances https://study.unimelb.edu.au/how-to-apply/special-entry-access-schemes/access-melbourne-graduate . Do provide any evidence you can to support your case. to be eligible to apply for GAM you must be an Australian or New Zealand citizen, or an Australian permanent resident. you could include such information in your personal statement although there is no guarantee that it will be considered.
Q&A from webinar	For Grace (MCP student): What would	Hi, we'll pass your question to Grace :)

	you say helped you stand out in the selection process for the MCP program?	
Q&A from webinar	how detailed does the personal statement in application need to be addressing Melbourne Uni specifically	The personal statement should be tailored to the program and degree you are applying for, which would include details that this program has specifically.
Q&A from webinar	how can i send my transcript if the year has not completed yet?	You can apply for the program while completing your current degree. If you meet the entry requirements, you may receive a conditional offer. However, you will need to maintain the required GPA/WAM in your final semester and submit your final transcripts to convert the conditional offer into a full offer once they are available.
Q&A from webinar	can you ask grace if she has any advice for those applying?	Thanks for your question. You will have just heard from Grace :)
Q&A from webinar	Grace's experience sounds exactly like the path I would love to take, working in Alice Springs and with Orygen!	That's wonderful to hear! We've passed your message to Grace :)
Q&A from webinar	Do students in the MCP program often get offered jobs from the place of their placement?	Thanks for your question. We'll answer your question on camera later :)
Q&A from webinar	Is there anything that UoM considers differently for internationals?	international applicants will also need to do an APS assessment (https://psychology.org.au/about-us/whatwe-do/assessingoverseas-qualifications) and provide proof of English language proficiency (https://study.unimelb.edu.au/how-to-apply/englishlanguage-requirements/graduate-englishlanguage-requirements).
Q&A from webinar	do you have to complete a registra program directly after the masters of clin psyc? can you take time off and come back to specialise?	Thanks for your question. We'll answer on camera later :)
Q&A from webinar	For the grad dip in clinical psych for already registered psychologists, what is the recommended max hours of external work considering this is a part time degree?	Thanks for your question. We'll answer on camera later :)
Q&A from webinar	Hi, I'll finish my honours and get my final transcript in November. I have submitted my application for the	We take into account how much your final WAM could be based off your current transcripts. That, being said, it won't have a negative effect on your application.

	masters of clinical psychology. How would it affect my application as I haven't finished my honours?	
Q&A from webinar	Can I use the same referee reports later on (in 2 yrs time from now)?	You can use the same referees but as many things change and evolve over a period of 2 years, including work experience, personal experiences, academic achievements, change in direction and more evidence of demonstrated motivation. So it's encouraged that applicants consider all this when re-applying and considering their referees at the time accordingly.
Q&A from webinar	how do the registrar programs work? I assume that you can't join a registrar program for an area of specialisation you have not studied in (e.g. trying to access the clinical neuropsychology registrar programs after a masters of clinical psychology)	You can obtain more information about registrar program from the Psychology Board of Australia- this is not something universities oversee
Q&A from webinar	can you give some more specific examples of questions that may be asked in the interviews? How do we prepare for them?	Thanks for your question. We'll answer this on camera soon :)
Q&A from webinar	Is there another substitute for the research component in a honours program (etc. working in a research lab for a year as a job)? my undergrad degree was from the US and did not require a thesis/research project	No- APAC require completion of a research project/thesis as a component of a 4th year degree. This is an APAC requirement, not something we decide.
Q&A from webinar	what sort of practice a educational psychologist and clinical psychologist do when it comes to working with child	Addressed in webinar (towards the end)
Q&A from webinar	how often does the university accept international students with scholarships?	Unclear what you mean? Having a scholarship would not influence whether you are accepted into one of our postgrad psychology programs or not
Q&A from webinar	What Masters are easiest to do part time?	Part time enrolment is not usually available in any of our programs. Additionally- part-time enrolment does not necessarily make it 'easier'!

Q&A from webinar	If I apply for two courses (i.e., Masters of PP, and Masters of Clin Psych), will having two preferences reduce my chances of getting into my first preference?	No, you will not be disadvantaged by applying for more than one course.
Q&A from webinar	how often do students get to work with the centre of excellence for youth mental health within the university?	We have placements every year at Orygen and we have students who undertake their research every year with colleagues from the Centre for Youth Mental Health
Q&A from webinar	If I cannot get a professional reference for the clinical psych course, can I use 2 academic? Where I volunteer for professional experience, references are no longer given to volunteers.	Yes, you can.
Q&A from webinar	have students completed the masters of NCP using FEE-HELP?	Please check the fees/ scholarships section of the website for the relevant course you are interested in. You can find information about fee-help here: https://ask.unimelb.edu.au/faq/3777/applying-for-fee-help/
Q&A from webinar	Just to clarify, it was mentioned that a 3 yr undergraduate sequence + 4th yr is required for entry into Masters programs. I have completed a Graduate Diploma in Psychology at UNSW and am currently doing an Honours year at UNSW. Is this sufficient?	Hi there, thanks for your question, please search for an accredited psychology program in apac website via: https://apac.au/accredited-programs/search-a-program/ You will find the updated information.
Q&A from webinar	For the MCP, if I have a WAM of around 80s but have a lot of work experience would I be able to be considered even though my WAM is on the lower end of cut-offs?	Unfortunately probably not- the first shortlisting for interview is based entirely on WAM (with consideration of GAM applications). This is unfortunate, but is the approach taken at most education providers given the large number of applications for entry into tprograms.
Q&A from webinar	How many students are accepted into the Masters of Clinical Psychology? And how many apply?	Over 200 apply each year for fewer than 20 places

Q&A from webinar	I completed my APAC-accredited undergraduate psychology degree 10 years ago (2014), and but am completing an honours degree at a different university. Does that reset the 10 year requirement and will I still be able to apply this or next year?	Yes, it does reset the 10-year rule, and you will be able to apply this year or next.
Q&A from webinar	Can the interviews be done online as I live interstate?	As was just highlighted, there is a strong possibility that interviews will be conducted via a digital platform. More information will be released in the near future.
Q&A from webinar	For MPP applications, do you prefer applicants with more relevant experiences or its just based on WAM, personal statement, referee reports and interviews	We would encourage you to include relevant experiences in your application, for example you can refer to these in your personal statement and interview if you wish.
Q&A from webinar	Do we need to submit a CV and academic transcript for the clinical programs?	Hi there, a CV is not required.
Q&A from webinar	if one does not want to do honours, what are the other fourth year options they can apply to ?	If you do not wish to undertake an honours year in psychology and are a domestic student , you might be interested in applying directly for the Master of Professional Psychology. To be considered for entry into this course, you must, within the last 10 years, have completed an Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC) accredited three-year undergraduate sequence in psychology with a Weighted Average Mark (WAM) of at least H2A (75%) (or equivalent).
Q&A from webinar	Hi is there a way to confirm with UniMelb that the admission team have received our two references from the psychology reference portal. The reason I ask is the reference portal does not provide applicants much details once references are completed.	Please log in to the reference system to check. Generally, our admissions team will make contact if necessary, but if you feel something has gone wrong then you can submit an enquiry to explain the issue and we will get back to you: https://study.unimelb.edu.au/support/contact
Q&A from webinar	Hi there, if I have completed my GDPA, can I still apply for a MPP, and cross credit the year of the GDPA to only have to do one year or the MPP?	Yes! We would discuss advanced standing (the UniMelb term for credit) once you are accepted into the MPP

Q&A from webinar	If you have completed an MPP previously and want to apply for the Master of Clinical Psychology, will your marks in the MPP be considered as part of your application?	Hi there, thanks for your question. For the Master of Psychology (Clinical Psychology), the entry score is calculated using a weighted average of third year (Level 3) and fourth year (Level 4) psychology subjects. The average of the fourth year (Level 4) Psychology subjects are weighted by 2 and the average of the third year (Level 3) Psychology subjects are weighted by 1. We will assess any level 4 Psychology subjects from your previous studies.
Q&A from webinar	can we use the same referees for multiple applications here and for other uni applications?	Hey thanks for the question. Yes, you may use the same referees for different applications.
Q&A from webinar	for entry into the masters of clinical or clinical neuropsychology, does having a WAM of 85+ / GPA of 6.80+ almost guarantee being shortlisted?	Hi there, thanks for your question. We kindly encourage you to apply for these two clinical psychology courses if you are interested in.
Q&A from webinar	if one does MPP and then does a grad dip in clinical psych - will this make them a clinical psychologist?	Completion of the MPP works toward generalist registration, and then further completion of the grad dip in clinical psych would work toward becoming a clinical psychologist. After graduation, you are eligible to apply for the registrar program of supervised practice, which can lead to endorsement as a clinical psychologist.
Q&A from webinar	What was the cut-off score for acceptance into the Master of Professional Psychology for the 2024 intake?	between 80 and 87
Q&A from webinar	I have already completed a fourth year in Psychology in Australia, would I still be doing 2 years in MPP or is there any way to fast track?	The standard course duration for the program is two years. However, you can apply for advanced standing which may reduce the required amount of subjects you need to study, if you are eligible. When you apply for the course you can request to transfer any recognised prior learning credits by applying for Advanced Standing (also known as credit or recognition of prior learning). You can also find more information and apply online via the Advanced Standing web page: https://study.unimelb.edu.au/how
Q&A from webinar	Regarding the 10-year rule, the entry requirements for the GradDip (Psych) state "To be considered for entry into this course, you must have an undergraduate degree (or equivalent) in any discipline, with a major **other than psychology**"?	Hi there, thanks for your question. That is correct, we can accept any undergraduate degree but not in psychology major. This course is designed for graduates from other disciplines who are interested in career paths as a registered psychologist or exploring psychology out of interest.

Q&A from webinar	Do the referee reports need to both be from tutors/professors or can they be from volunteer work supervisors (i.e. grief program for kids volunteer work)	Hi there, for referee report report, at least one referee report must be completed by an academic staff member. The second referee report may be completed by academic staff members or by registered clinicians. S o it can be 2 academics. No preference but it should be from someone that knows you.
Q&A from webinar	if the submitted official academic transcript only provides the GPA, would it be recommended to specify a rough average of your WAM for third year and honours?	Hi there, thanks for your question. No matter your transcripts provides GPA or WAM, we need each subject's scores and grading scales, as well as courses name and codes. We need to identify psychology subjects to calculate your WAM.
Q&A from webinar	How much can a GAM application increase someone's competitiveness/WAM by?	Hi there, thanks for your question. GAM may assist you to gain admission into a graduate degree, even if your tertiary marks are below the entry requirements.
Q&A from webinar	what was the WAM cut-off for shortlisting last year?	WAM requirements vary depending on the course. You can confirm this information by checking the 'Entry Requirements' section on the relevant course page. The WAM cut-off also varies from year to year.
Q&A from webinar	I have an undergraduate psychology degree from an international university with a 5-point GPA grading scale. Will I need an official statement from the university converting my GPA to a 100-point scale?	Hi there, thanks for your question. Please provide the official grading scales, no matter GPA or 100-point scale, we will convert into Uni Melbourne grading scales for all applicants.
Q&A from webinar	Can you provide the minimum WAM for clinical masters from last year?	To be considered for entry into the clinical masters course, you must, within the last 10 years, have completed an Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC) accredited four-year undergraduate sequence in psychology (namely, a three-year major in psychology as part of an undergraduate degree, plus a fourth year honours specialisation in psychology or equivalent) with a Weighted Average Mark (WAM) of at least H2A (75%) (or equivalent).
Q&A from webinar	what work experience is looked at favourably e.g, would working at a receptionist and practice manager at a psych clinic, support worker or hairdressing be good?	The work experience of our applicant varies and while a 'background' in a psychology clinic is useful, it's the combination of WAM, interview, personal statement and referee reports that together help assessors make the decision about selecting applicants.

Q&A from webinar	Would we be able to know the minimum mark that was required to make the interview shortlist in previous years?	The minimum mark to be shortlisted for an interview in previous years has varied so it's difficult to give a definite 'minimum' cut-off as such, but as the demand for places and the number of applicants far exceeds the number of offers that we can make every year, it's a very competitive process to be shortlisted and every year, the minimum cut-off varies according to the pool of applicants. Very generally though, cut-offs tend to be in the range of an over 80 WAM.
Q&A from webinar	can someone that has completed a bachelors with a psych major (rather than the grad dip) still apply for the advanced graduate diploma?	That depends on the bachelor's degree that you have completed. If you have completed a Arts, Science or Biomedicine, you can apply to the Honours program rather than the Grad Dip advanced. However if your UG degree is not from any of these disciplines (eg commerce instead..) you can then apply via the graduate diploma advanced.
Q&A from webinar	What separates someone who gets a CSP place and someone who doesn't?	hi there - as there are limited CSP places, applicants will be assessed based on their academic merit and performance at the interview and the highest ranking ones will be awarded the CSP. hope that helps
Q&A from webinar	some applications are asking for our academic transcripts. when will we have transcripts available?	If you are currently studying, please include the most recent record of your previously completed studies when you apply. When you complete your current course, you can upload your final academic transcript.
Q&A from webinar	Are the interviews conducted in-person?	hi as Prof Lisa just highlighted, this will be determined very soon as there is the possibility of conducting the interviews this year via a digital platform. Information will be available really soon - so do check the website for information
Q&A from webinar	is the WAM calculated by the University of Melbourne or is it something our institution has to calculate and we upload with our application?	Hi there, thanks for your question. The WAM will be calculated by the University of Melbourne Admissions team. You just need to upload all your transcripts.
Q&A from webinar	Are there particular selection criteria that is considered more favourably in the personal statement?	Hi there, thanks for the question. It was covered in the webinar
Q&A from webinar	How many times can one take the national psychology exam? Is it pass/fail?	Please check the website for the most up to date information regarding the exam: https://www.psychologyboard.gov.au/Registration/National-psychology-exam.aspx
Q&A from webinar	How can one become a clinical psychologist after MPP?	The Masters of Professional Psychology is a part of the 5+1 pathway and successful completion of the Master of Professional Psychology allows registration as a Generalist Psychologist once you have completed the internship and the national psychology exam. To become a Clinical Psychologist, further study would be required later, for example via the Graduate Diploma in Clinical Psychology.

Q&A from webinar	Are graduates of the Master of clinical psych not considered to be clinical psychologists after finishing their masters course (to work in a hospital) if they don't complete 2 yrs of endorsement? And does the endorsement need to be in hospital?	Master of Clinical Psych programs can register as psychologists but must complete 2 years of supervised practice to be endorsed for full registration, plus have passed the Psych exam to be endorsed as a full psychologist and work in a hospital.
Q&A from webinar	When checking accredited psychological programs in apac should we only apply for Accreditation without Conditions ones?	All courses listed on APAC are accredited either wholly without conditions or with some conditions, so it's a personal choice but choosing to apply for a courses that's currently listed as 'accredited with conditions' doesn't mean that the course is not recognised or valid. It usually means that APAC is just waiting on a few conditions to be met before giving final accreditation status.
Q&A from webinar	For students wishing to complete a combined Masters of Clinical Psychology/PhD pathway, should this motivation be outlined in the personal statement? Or should we only talk about the Masters program itself in the personal statement.	Hi Rachael, It's recommended that applicants write as 'complete' a personal statement as possible. So we recommend that you talk about Masters but also talk about your motivation for PhD as evidence of future aspirations & why are always great to see!
Q&A from webinar	If all the masters programs offer general registration does the kind of program just give us the opportunity to seek endorsement in that particular area or can one for example switch from educational to clinical for endorsement?	Hi there, thanks for the question. The master's program does guide you towards a specific endorsement, and switching from one specialty to another (like from Educational to Clinical) would usually involve additional steps beyond what the initial master's program provides
Q&A from webinar	Hi, if I interested in neurological disorders and assisting clients who experience distress as a result of them, would you say that the Master of Clinical Psychology or the Master of Clinical Neuropsychology would be better to study ?	Either course could be relevant for this area, I would recommend checking the course website for each program: Neuropsychology Masters: https://study.unimelb.edu.au/find/courses/graduate/master-of-psychology-clinical-neuropsychology/#nav Clinical Psychology Masters: https://study.unimelb.edu.au/find/courses/graduate/master-of-psychology-clinical-psychology/

Q&A from webinar	After completing the MPP and becoming a registered general psychologist is studying the Graduate Diploma in Clinical Psychology the only pathway of becoming a clinical psychologist?	No- you could also apply for entry into the Master of Clinical Psychology program
Q&A from webinar	For MPP graduates do students of graduate diploma in Clinical psychology study the remaining courses in the master of clinical psychology that was not covered in the MPP program?	Yes- that's the way it works really. Including placements
Q&A from webinar	The Master of Clinical psychology graduates become general psychologists and still need to do 2 years of endorsement to be a clinical psychologist? can they do the 1 year of Graduate Diploma in Clinical Psychology instead?	According to AHPRA, there are four pathways to area of practice endorsement. These mostly involve completing a postgraduate qualification approved for endorsement, proceeding to complete a registrar program, and then obtaining area of practice endorsement on general registration. An alternative pathway (for those who already have general reg) is to undertake a bridging qualification. website: https://psychology.org.au/psychology/careers-and-studying-psychology/studying-psychology/study-pathways
Q&A from webinar	Do MPP graduates only need to do 1 year of Graduate Diploma in Clinical Psychology to become a clinical psychologist or do they still need to do the 2 yr endorsement after that?	Hi there, thanks for the question. Even with the Graduate Diploma in Clinical Psychology, MPP graduates still need to complete the two-year registrar program to become endorsed as clinical psychologists.
Q&A from webinar	So a Master of Professional Psychology graduate transition to becoming Clinical Psychologists will need to also do a bridging program (i.e. Graduate Diploma in Clinical Psychology. What is the registrar program they need to complete?	That is correct, the Professional Masters leads toward generalist registration, whereas clinical registration will require further study and training. You can find further information regarding the registration options here: https://www.psychologyboard.gov.au/Registration.aspx
Q&A from webinar	applying to melbourne's MPP requires references. The referencing site requires a \$45 to access the services. Is	Hi there, two referee reports are required to be submitted via the referee report portal. No other way unfortunately.

	this a requirement ? is there other ways to get references?	
Q&A from webinar	what pathways can you take to clinical psych. and do most of the scholarships for these programs - when do they start. What is commonwealth supported spaces?	Applicants will need to have completed an accredited fourth year of study in Psychology (ie, an undergraduate major in Psych, followed by Honours in Psych) to apply for the program. Fees and scholarships information can be found on the course page here: https://study.unimelb.edu.au/find/courses/graduate/master-of-psychology-clinical-psychology/fees/#nav
Q&A from webinar	If someone has completed a 4-year sequence more than 10 years ago, they are asked to complete the GradDip, but the entry requirement for the GradDip states applicants should not have a prior psychology major?	Hi there, thanks for your question. The entry requirements for Graduate Diploma of Psychology is, you must have an undergraduate degree (or equivalent) in any discipline, with a major other than psychology. Please find more information in: https://study.unimelb.edu.au/find/courses/graduate/graduate-diploma-in-psychology/entry-requirements/#nav
Q&A from webinar	Did I hear correctly that the Graduate Diploma in Clinical Psychology is only full fee paying, and doesn't have CSP options? Thank you	Yes you got it right, only full fee for Graduate Diploma in Clinical Psychology. https://study.unimelb.edu.au/find/courses/graduate/graduate-diploma-in-clinical-psychology/fees/#nav
Q&A from webinar	What is 2 yrs of endorsement? Is it paid? Can you do it in few different areas?	The 2 years of endorsement refers to the 2 year period after you complete your Masters course then work as a registrar in a relevant area of practice for endorsement,
Q&A from webinar	how competitive is MPP? lowest WAM considered?	Hi there, thanks for your question. MPP is one of our competitive courses, lowest WAM could be verified each year. To your notice, for the Master of Professional Psychology, the entry score is calculated using a weighted average of second year (Level 2) and third year (Level 3) psychology subjects. The average of the third year (Level 3) Psychology subjects are weighted by 2 and the average of the second year (Level 2) Psychology subjects are weighted by 1.
Q&A from webinar	Are grades and experience viewed equally, or are grades viewed more higher in applications	Thank you for your question. Grades are generally viewed as more relevant for ranking. Although it is a case-by-case basis for how much impact experience will have.
Q&A from webinar	how many applications generally received a year for MPP	over 100
Q&A from webinar	Can MPP graduates open up a private practice?	Thanks for your question. Yes, once they are full registered (can't open up a practice while on provisional registration!)

Q&A from webinar	Where else has MPP? (2+3) How much is CSP and full fees for MPP?	the Masters of Professional Psychology is a part of the 5+1 pathway and successful completion of the Master of Professional Psychology allows registration as a Generalist Psychologist once you have completed the internship and the national psychology exam. You can find fees information on the course web page here: https://study.unimelb.edu.au/find/courses/graduate/master-of-professional-psychology/fees/#nav
Q&A from webinar	Is it possible to become a clinical psychologist after master of educational psych? How?	the Masters of Professional Psychology is a part of the 5+1 pathway and successful completion of the Master of Professional Psychology allows registration as a Generalist Psychologist once you have completed the internship and the national psychology exam. You can find fees information on the course web page here: https://study.unimelb.edu.au/find/courses/graduate/master-of-professional-psychology/fees/#nav
Q&A from webinar	Do the master of clinical psychology students study the courses run in MPP?	Hi there, thanks for your question. Please find the course structure for the Master of clinical Psychology in: https://study.unimelb.edu.au/find/courses/graduate/master-of-psychology-clinical-psychology/structure/#nav The course structure for MPP in: https://study.unimelb.edu.au/find/courses/graduate/master-of-professional-psychology/structure/#nav
Q&A from webinar	Hi, for domestic students, would it increase the chances of intake if one applies for both CSP and full fee paying places? Thanks for clarifying!	Hey, thanks for the question! You only need to submit one application. Applying for both doesn't matter since all eligible will automatically be considered for CSP or full fee places.
Q&A from webinar	Is there an advantage if someone has studied Honours before doing a PhD or is it ok to do a PhD later on after completing the Master of Professional Psychology program?	hi in Australia, in order to pursue a PhD, you will need to have completed a piece of major research and thesis (normally through the honours). so a PhD is not needed to complete the masters coursework program. For many who would like to eventually embark on research work or academia work, then pursuing a PhD would be critical. So certainly if you have completed a masters program and decides to pursue the academia or research pathway then certainly embark on a PhD from there.
Q&A from webinar	with MPP can you still apply if you are currently doing 4th year and then just get recognition of prior learning and just do the 5th year?	Yes.
Q&A from webinar	although we are submitting a personal statement in our applications, am I correct in assuming that it has no bearing on our likelihood of being short listed?	Shortlisting is based on a combination of a number of factors including academic merit, interviews, personal statement & referee reports. So personal statements have a part to play in assessing applications.

Q&A from webinar	will a reference be considered less if it is from a family member. for example if one has done fieldwork placement at an organisation and the experience was invaluable, but the general manager was my mother and she would comment on my suitability?	Ideally you could find someone else that worked closely with you during that fieldwork, that could offer a more neutral recommendation. But it won't be counted against you.
Q&A from webinar	what is the difference between a Honours program and Graduate diploma in psych (advanced)?How do I know which to apply to? (I hold a bachelors of science)	Hi there, both Graduate Diploma (Advanced) and Honours programs are the fourth year program. The course structure is the same across all four Psychology fourth year programs. https://study.unimelb.edu.au/find/courses/graduate/graduate-diploma-in-psychology-advanced/entry-requirements/#nav
Q&A from webinar	Hi! Do we receive payment in our placements, and if not, is it realistic to have part time work alongside study?	Placements not paid, it is recommended students do not work more than 8 hours per week due to the rigours of the course
Q&A from webinar	I have worked as a course coordinator/lecturer at a University in Sydney teaching Research Design and Statistics in Health Science faculties, as well as publishing papers. Would I still have to sit these subjects?	We would discuss possibility of advanced standing/credit with you once you are accepted into one of our programs.
Q&A from webinar	If I have a postgraduate diploma in counselling studies - will i have a better chance of getting into the master of professional psychology	Hi there, our assessment based solely on your APAC accredited three-year undergraduate sequence in psychology. To be considered for entry into MPP, you must, within the last 10 years, have completed an Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC) accredited three-year undergraduate sequence in psychology with a Weighted Average Mark (WAM) of at least H2A (75%) (or equivalent).
Q&A from webinar	If applying for multiple programs do you need to submit multiple personal statements?	Yes, you need to provide a tailored personal statement for each program that requires one.
Q&A from webinar	is it possible to submit proof of APS submission to the university in the event that APS hasn't gotten back to me about the	Hi there, yes you can provide APS proof of submission at the application submit stage. Deadline to upload your APS outcome is by 15 Sept.

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Q&A from webinar	For MCP, does your WAM only include fourth year units (e.g., your final Honours score) or does it also include third year units (and if so, does this also include units that were not psychology related)?	Hi there, we take 3rd yr and 4th yr Psych subjects into consideration. For more info please see https://study.unimelb.edu.au/find/courses/graduate/master-of-psychology-clinical-psychology/entry-requirements/#nav
Q&A from webinar	Any tips and tricks for writing our personal statement and for standing out in the interview?	Please provide a personal statement of no more than 500 words which outlines your interest in this course and your relevant skills. Further advice will be provided in the webinar
Q&A from webinar	Just to clarify - I finished my psychology major as part of a Health Science degree 11 years ago as part of my undergrad. I have an Honours 1st Class, but in Health Science. Does this mean I would need to do the diploma as Im outside the 10 year gap	Hi there, thanks for your question. Based on the 10 years' rule, if your undergraduate degree is over 10 years, you need to complete a postgraduate degree within 10 years.
Q&A from webinar	If I was halfway through a master of clinical psychology program / MPP at a different university, will I be able to get credit for these degrees at unimelb?	We don't offer direct transfers, so you will need to submit a new application and meet all entry requirements. However, if you have completed studies in a related degree or qualification at the same level (e.g., graduate degree, diploma, or certificate) with subjects that overlap with those in our course structure, you may be eligible for Advanced Standing (Credit for Prior Learning). We would have this conversation with you once you are accepted into our program.
Q&A from webinar	How many international slots are there for the Masters of Clinical Psychology and Educational/Developmental Psychology? What is the international quota like each year? Thank you!	The international student numbers vary from year to year- for the Clinical Psychology program it is ~3 students/year
Q&A from webinar	To be eligible for the Master of Clinical Psychology, is it necessary to have done big research project/thesis in your	Hi there, our assessment is based on 3rd yr and 4th yr of APAC accredited four-year undergraduate sequence in psychology. More info on entry requirements please visit https://study.unimelb.edu.au/find/courses/graduate/master-of-psychology-clinical-psychology/entry-requirements/#nav

	undergraduate degree? (Done in USA and a thesis was not part of my degree) If so, would I be at a great disadvantage for selection?	
Q&A from webinar	What is the intake for international students in each course?	Hi there, not all courses are offered to International students. Master of Psychology (Clinical Psychology) and Master of Psychology (Clinical Neuropsychology) has one intake per year, and that's in January.
Q&A from webinar	Why would one study MPP after completing Honours? (since they can do a masters program instead)	It depends on your interest. Not all applicants are interested in working as clinical psychologists or neuropsychologists. They may prefer to work as generalist psychologists (at least to begin with), so may wish to study MPP. Other reasons to study MPP instead of different types of masters may be that you want to pursue a career where a Masters level qual in psychology is valuable eg advertising, behavioural research etc. In such cases, the MPP is a valuable option.
Q&A from webinar	so if we were interested in treating clients with adhd / asd for example, would clinical neuropsych be a better fit than clinical psych?	Both courses could certainly be applicable. Clinical Neuropsychology would be a great choice as it deeply explores an understanding of the affective, behavioural and cognitive manifestations of diseases of the central nervous system, particularly those affecting the brain, in adults and children. This includes developmental and neurological conditions, as well as adhd and asd.
Q&A from webinar	Is MPP not open to international students?	Hi there, thanks for your question. Master of Professional Psychology is a 2 years' full time studies for Domestic students only.
Q&A from webinar	Do all Masters in Psychology programmes require a 4th year Honours equivalent?	Hi there, thanks for your question. Master of Professional Psychology requests you have completed an Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC) accredited three-year undergraduate sequence in psychology with a Weighted Average Mark (WAM) of at least H2A (75%) (or equivalent), within the last 10 years.
Q&A from webinar	If I completed my undergraduate psychology degree 10 years ago, but is currently completing an honours year right now at a different university, will that reset the 10 year requirement and will I still be able to apply next year or the next?	I am going to say tentatively yes, the AHPRA/PsychBoard general registration standard (available at Psychology Board website) says: The minimum qualification required to be qualified to apply for general registration is: a) a four-year accredited sequence of study in psychology that has been approved by the Board as providing a qualification for registration in the profession, that has been completed within the last ten years
Q&A from webinar	if i'm applying for both masters of clinical psych and masters of clinical neuropsych, would I need to submit a personal statement for both courses if they are included in the one	If you can provide a personal statement for each course that would be fantastic.

	application, regardless of which course is first or second preference?	
Q&A from webinar	For honours graduates, is there any difference from non-honours graduates when undertaking MPP? Since we have gotten some of those credit points already.	Hi, entry into MPP requires 2nd and 3rd yr Psych subjects. If you have completed 4th yr subjects, you will be eligible for some credit exemptions.
Q&A from webinar	For Jacqueline: what does intervention look like for neuropsych? As someone who does not want to just do assessment, I was under the assumption it is not common for neuropsychs to do intervention/treatment and see clients regularly for this?	Thanks for your question. Intervention can range from cognitive rehabilitation, to mood and anxiety counselling, or adjustment and coping therapy, with the patient or their partners/family. Neuropsychologists are commonly doing this in private practice and rehabilitation settings; it is less common in the acute hospital setting.
Q&A from webinar	International Students: a 3-year BA in psychology from Germany without 1+ Year experience. Is starting my Master's in clinical psychology after 3 years of BA possible? Thank you!	If your previous studies were completed outside of Australia, you will need to provide an APS assessment to verify that your qualifications are equivalent to an Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC) accredited four-year undergraduate sequence in psychology undergraduate degree.
Q&A from webinar	My previous university (in Australia) does not use WAM but GPA. I have a Second Class Honours Division A, is that considered WAM 75?	We will use your GPA and convert it to a UoM equivalent. But the final result is dependent on the grading scale your university uses, and what the breakdown is for GPA.
Q&A from webinar	Hi! Does the University of Melbourne prioritise offers (In clinical psych) for students who have previously completed their study at the university?	Hi there, thanks for your question. We assess each application fairly, no matter you are Uni Melbourne graduates or non Uni Melbourne graduates.
Q&A from webinar	I know there is a 8-hour minimum working during the degree, how have former students supported themselves during study?	Thanks for your question. Quick clarification! It is actually an 8 hour MAXIMUM. Former students have often saved up in previous years to get a financial buffer or have support from their families/partners. Our programs are quite demanding and intensive, so it isn't feasible to engage in more than a small amount of outside part time work while studying.

Q&A from webinar	Hello, is it recommended that those applying to a masters of clinical psychology should have organised a potential supervisor upon application submission?	hi there - for the masters program, there is no need to have organised a potential supervisor at the point of application. This is critical only if you are planning to apply to a PhD or research program .
Q&A from webinar	If I have sent three referees because of the different ref requirements for Clinical vs Educational & Developmental, how should I ensure that the correct referees (preferred Academic reference and Professional) are paired to the correct preferences?	Hi, all three referees will be tagged to both courses for the selection committee (if you are shortlisted, you will be in a combined interview, that's one interview for two courses)
Q&A from webinar	Is it correct that for the Masters of Educational and Developmental Psychology you specifically require x2 academic references? (not x1 academic and x1 professional reference)	That's correct. You will need to provide two academic referee reports.
Q&A from webinar	although we are submitting a personal statement in our applications, am I correct in assuming that it has no bearing on our likelihood of being short listed?	That's correct- the shortlisting is based entirely on WAM (and Gam application consideration). This is unfortunate but is the approach taken by most education providers across Australia given the large number of applications to our programs.
Q&A from webinar	Where do students enrolled in the MCP programme complete their placements? Do we get to work with Orygen and/or headspace?	Although UniMelb does work with Orygen and Headspace and our students do get placements there, we aim for the placements to be in different settings than the student might have previously had placements in or work in, with a focus on public mental health placement experience. Additionally, the placement supervisor will have clinical psychology endorsement which may be different than supervisors to date- this can provide a different perspective on the work being undertaken.
Q&A from webinar	What percentage of accepted applicants into Masters of Clinical Psychology are international students?	Hi there - in general, our cohort size per intake for the masters of clinical psychology is very small - only around 18 places. most of the spots are Commonwealth supported places which means that there are very few places for international students. Normally less than 5 places in each cohort for international students

Q&A from webinar	do people with a 75 wam usually get selected for the interview stage?	WAM requirement vary depending on the course. You can confirm this information by checking the 'Entry Requirements' section on the relevant course page. The cutoff scores for interviews may vary from year to year depending on the competitiveness and number of applications received.
Q&A from webinar	is there any benefit/need to contact supervisors about projects for masters applications (would this help in interview)?	No, there is no need to contact Supervisors about projects prior to the interview. If asked, you can certainly indicate your project interest area in the interview but the interview is not about that so no advantage to be gained from contacting supervisors beforehand.
Q&A from webinar	I may have missed this at the start but how many places are available in the masters of clin psyc program each year, and roughly how many students apply each year?	The number of places available in each masters program may vary from year to year. In 2024, there were 18 places available in the Clinical masters, 13 places in the Neuropsychology masters, and 17 places in the professional psychology.
Q&A from webinar	If I have applied for multiple preferences, are they considered in tandem? Will I have to attend a separate interview for each if both shortlisted?	Hi there, if you are shortlisted for an interview, you will be going to a "combined interview" for all courses.
Q&A from webinar	how often does UniMelb accept students with 2nd upper-class honours? what stands out in their applications?	Hi there - generally a 2nd upper honours would mean that the student has done really well academically. However each cohort is different and results could vary from year to year in terms of the scores. As such we would encourage you to do as well as you can. referee reports are critical and if you get shortlisted for an interview, that is where you can also stand out in your performance. hope this helps
Q&A from webinar	If the Graduate Diploma in Clinical Psychology is full fee paying, are we able to cover these on FEE-Help, or is that considered CSP and so not eligible? Bit confused by this part, thank you.	Hi, there's no CSP for this course, please refer to this page for tuition fee, https://study.unimelb.edu.au/find/courses/graduate/graduate-diploma-in-clinical-psychology/fees/#nav
Q&A from webinar	I have completed a Master of Science in Psychology in New Zealand - would I be eligible for the MPP programme, and if so, how long would it take?	Hi there, thanks for the question. To be considered for entry into this course, you must, within the last 10 years, have completed an Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC) accredited three-year undergraduate sequence in psychology with a Weighted Average Mark (WAM) of at least H2A (75%) (or equivalent). For further information, you can check: https://study.unimelb.edu.au/find/courses/graduate/master-of-professional-psychology/entry-requirements/#nav

Q&A from webinar	I am going to be returning to Melbourne from London on the 18th of January, which is 5 days after the start date for the MCP. Would this be a problem, or is there a way around this (e.g online for a few days).	Hi, as the MCP starts early in the year , the cohorts are small, there is a strong emphasis on all new students being in country in-person to start studies together. The sessions are not run online, so you will need to be in Melbourne from 13 January 2025. Thanks for your understanding!
Q&A from webinar	How much is the csp fee for the Master of Professional Psychology at Melbourne Uni?	You can confirm the fees for the program here: https://study.unimelb.edu.au/find/courses/graduate/master-of-professional-psychology/fees/#nav
Q&A from webinar	If I have completed my fourth year at a different university, will my WAM be scaled down compared to unimelb graduates?	Your WAM will be measured according to the grading scale of the school you attended.
Q&A from webinar	Can you transfer for the master of professional psychology to the master of clinical psychology after completing it?	You can apply for the Master of Clinical Psychology later, but this will be treated as a new application (not a transfer)
Q&A from webinar	My son will complete 3 yrs BA in psychology from India. Need to know whether he can start masters in clinical psychology after 3 years BA . Otherwise please explain in detail.	Our Clinical Masters require completion of the equivalent of an APAC accredited fourth year in Psychology. To check if your son's previous study meets this requirement, you can request an assessment from APS: https://psychology.org.au/about-us/what-we-do/assessing-overseas-qualifications
Q&A from webinar	does a grad dip involve research like honours?	Hi there, students undertake most of the same subjects and attend most of the same classes as students completing the accredited undergraduate major in Psychology, with the exception of two compulsory advanced level subjects that replace the two compulsory Level 3 subjects in the undergraduate major. The two advanced level subjects recognise the graduate status of the students and specify learning outcomes consistent with an AQF Level 8 qualification, particularly in relation to research methods
Q&A from webinar	Hi, What would the workload be like for the Graduate Diploma of Clinical Psychology? Is it possible to enrol in the Masters of clinical psychology after completing the MPP and receive credit from	The workload qn was answered during the webinar- go back and take a listen! Yes- graduates of the MPP are eligible to apply for entry into the Clinical Psychology Masters program. Advanced standing (credit) may be given- but this is determined on a case-by-case basis once someone is accepted into the clinical Psychology program.

	the MPP to reduce units/subjects?	
Q&A from webinar	in the event that APS does not get back to us about our degree accreditation but we have already submitted our degrees, what can we do? would this affect our application? I received my degree from the National university of Singapore, if it helps	Hi there, thanks for your question. If you completed your previous studies outside of Australia, you will need to provide an APS assessment result for further admission steps. Otherwise, you may need to consider applying for the next intake.
Q&A from webinar	Will there be online options for the orientation/ first week of classes for the master of clinical psychology? As I'll be overseas at the time	Hi there, unfortunately no online classes or orientation. On campus attendance is a requirement
Q&A from webinar	can someone that has completed a bachelors with a psych major (rather than the grad dip) apply for the advanced graduate diploma as well as honours?	Hi the graduate diploma advanced and the honours program is the 4th year program and are therefore similar. so you should only apply to either the honours or the graduate diploma advanced based on your UG degree. If you have a Bachelor in Arts, Science or Biomedicine, you should be applying to the honours degree.
Q&A from webinar	What happens if you've completed honours at unimelb and then do the MPP? Do you need to repeat subjects or can you shorten your degree?	Hi there, yes you will be eligible for some credit exemptions. We would have this conversation with you once you are accepted into our program
Q&A from webinar	Do all these programs teach us how to run assessments, and what is the process of doing psych assessment as a career as opposed to researching/practicing with clients?	All of the programs cover content related to both assessments and intervention/treatment. All - bar the GDCLinPsych- have completion of a research thesis or study as a core completion requirement. How you choose to apply the knowledge and competencies learnt during the programs is completely up to you- and there are plenty of different career options for people who complete our programs. The Australia Psychological Society may be able to provide more information.

Q&A from webinar	Considering that applicants for the Grad Dip of Clinical Psychology are already registered psychologists who have likely been practicing for some time, how much weight is given to professional experience for this course compared to academic results?	As explained in the webinar and elsewhere, selection into the GDCLinPsych does not take into consideration academic achievement at this point.
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