Master of Clinical Psychology (PY18)

Entry to this course is competitive. To be considered for admission, applicants should hold an Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC)-approved four years training or its equivalent from QUT or another recognised institution. A minimum requirement for eligibility for entry is a grade point average (GPA) of 5 or above in fourth year, and two referee reports. Referees will be required to comment on the academic and personal suitability of the candidate and their overall level of support for the candidate’s application.

Applicants are shortlisted in priority order on the basis of their GPAs. Shortlisted applicants are required to attend an interview to assess their interpersonal skills in a clinical context. In the case of international applicants, this is conducted via telephone. Admission is based on the candidate’s GPA, interview and referee reports.

In addition to submission of an admission form (PG Form for domestic applicants, F Form for international applicants), applicants are required to submit a PY18/PY50 Questionnaire and two PY18/PY50 Referee Reports. All forms are available at the following website: http://www.studentservices.qut.edu.au/info/forms/

Professional recognition
The course is designed to meet the accreditation requirements of the APAC, the Australian Psychological Society College of Clinical Psychologists, and the Psychologists Board of Queensland, and provides a graduate with eligibility to apply to register as a psychologist in Queensland or any other state or territory in Australia.

Registration requirements
All students seeking registration with the Queensland Psychologists Board as a registered psychologist will be required to register as a psychologist with probationary conditions for the duration of the program.

International Student Entry
International students or applicants from whom English is not the first or native language require an IELTS score of 7.0 (with minimum subscores of 7.0 for listening, reading, writing and speaking) and need certification by the APS that their degree is equivalent to APAC-approved four years training in psychology or its equivalent from QUT or another recognised institution.

Applicants are responsible for obtaining and paying the APS for such certification, at a cost determined by the APS. All applicants are required to attend an interview. In the case of international applicants, this is conducted via telephone.
International students may enrol only in full-time studies.

Further Information
For more information about this course, please contact the School of Psychology and Counselling on phone 07 3138 4822 or email psyc.enquiries@qut.edu.au

Course Structure - Full time

Year 1 Semester 1
- PYN025 Clinical Psychological Interventions 1
- PYN027 Clinical Psychological Assessment
- PYN028 Clinical Psychopathology
- PYN035 Supervised Practicum 1

Year 1 Semester 2
- PYN021 Research Thesis 1
- PYN044 Clinical Psychological Interventions 2
- PYN030 Professional Practice in Clinical Psychology
- PYN036 Supervised Practicum 2

Year 2 Semester 1
- PYN022 Research Thesis 2
- PYN045 Clinical Psychological Interventions 3
- PYN034 Child Psychopathology and Treatment
- PYN037 Supervised Practicum 3

Year 2 Semester 2
- PYN023 Research Thesis 3
- PYN024 Research Thesis 4
- PYN038 Supervised Practicum 4
- PYN039 Health Psychology and Rehabilitation

Health Unit prerequisites/corequisites

For information on prereqs & coreqs visit: www.hlth.qut.edu.au/study/forcurrentstudents/

UNIT SYNOPSES

PYN021 RESEARCH THESIS 1
The aim of the research thesis is to provide you with the opportunity to develop high-level skills in the evaluation, interpretation and application of research. It will also enable you to undertake in-depth research, in a specialised area of psychology and to make a contribution to the professional literature in clinical psychology.

This Unit will focus on introducing you to contemporary research methodologies and program evaluation. In addition, you will be required to develop a research proposal and submit an ethics application involved in undertaking your research, as part of the unit.

Credit points: 12 Campus: Kelvin Grove Teaching period: 2010 SEM-1 and 2010 SEM-2

PYN022 RESEARCH THESIS 2
To ensure high quality practice, psychologists working in the area of clinical psychology are continually required to reflect upon and modify their own practice to incorporate knowledge of the most recent research evidence. This
requires clinical psychologists to have advanced skills in the critical evaluation, interpretation and application of research. The research thesis provides advanced skill development in these areas.

The aim of the research thesis unit is to provide you with the opportunity to develop high-level skills in the evaluation, interpretation and application of research. It will also enable you to undertake in-depth research in a specialised area of psychology and to make a contribution to the professional literature in clinical psychology.

**Prerequisites:** PYN021  Credit points: 12  Campus: Kelvin Grove  Teaching period: 2010 SEM-1 and 2010 SEM-2

**PYN023 RESEARCH THESIS 3**
To ensure high quality practice, psychologists working in the area of clinical psychology are continually required to reflect upon and modify their own practice to incorporate knowledge of the most recent research evidence. This requires clinical psychologists to have advanced skills in the critical evaluation, interpretation and application of research. The research thesis provides advanced skill development in these areas. The aim of the research thesis is to provide you with the opportunity to develop high-level skills in the evaluation, interpretation and application of research. It will also enable you to undertake in-depth research, a specialised area of psychology and to make a contribution to the professional literature in clinical psychology.

**Prerequisites:** PYN022 (can be enrolled in the same teaching period)  Credit points: 12  Campus: Kelvin Grove  Teaching period: 2010 SEM-1 and 2010 SEM-2

**PYN024 RESEARCH THESIS 4**
To ensure high quality practice, psychologists working in the area of clinical psychology are continually required to reflect upon and modify their own practice to incorporate knowledge of the most recent research evidence. This requires clinical psychologists to have advanced skills in the critical evaluation, interpretation and application of research. The research thesis provides advanced skill development in these areas.

The aim of the research thesis unit is to provide you with the opportunity to develop high-level skills in the evaluation, interpretation and application of research. It will also enable you to undertake in-depth research in a specialised area of psychology and to make a contribution to the professional literature in clinical psychology.

**Prerequisites:** PYN023 (can be enrolled in the same teaching period)  Credit points: 12  Campus: Kelvin Grove  Teaching period: 2010 SEM-1, 2010 SEM-2 and 2010 SUM

**PYN025 CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGICAL INTERVENTIONS 1**
The broad aim of this unit is to cover fundamental aspects of psychological change with adults and children and to introduce you to the theoretical orientation and practical skills involved in cognitive-behaviour therapy. An associated aim is to integrate theory, research and practice, and to encourage students to articulate the link between these areas.

**Credit points:** 12  **Contact hours:** 3 hours per week  **Campus:** Kelvin Grove  **Teaching period:** 2010 SEM-1

**PYN027 CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT**
This unit is designed to build on undergraduate training in psychological assessment. The understanding of theoretical perspective in psychological assessment is reinforced. A range of assessment techniques and tests, supported by research, are taught. The unit will explore some of the contextual issues which may have an impact upon the clinical assessment of Indigenous Australians, and outline some important principles of culturally safe clinical assessment. Further, you will also learn the ethical and legal issues involved in psychological assessment.

**Credit points:** 12  **Contact hours:** 3 per week  **Campus:** Kelvin Grove  **Teaching period:** 2010 SEM-1

**PYN028 CLINICAL PSYCHOPATHOLOGY**
This unit provides the student with a foundation and critical awareness of the development and phenomenology of psychological disorders. The unit undertakes a systematic study of the mechanisms and etiology of psychological disorders in individuals across the lifespan.

**Credit points:** 12  **Contact hours:** 3 per week  **Campus:** Kelvin Grove  **Teaching period:** 2010 SEM-1

**PYN030 PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE IN CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY**
Clinical psychology practice involves a unique process which requires an understanding of special roles, power relationships, boundaries and ethical principles in order to safeguard client rights. This unit presents an overview of ethical, legal and professional issues encountered in practice, and also emphasises the role of supervision in addressing these.

**Credit points:** 12  **Contact hours:** 3 per week  **Campus:** Kelvin Grove  **Teaching period:** 2010 SEM-2

**PYN034 CHILDHOOD PSYCHOPATHOLOGY AND TREATMENT**
This unit provides students with a sound understanding of the aetiology, diagnosis and management of emotional and behavioural disorders in children. Emphasis is placed on understanding the child within the context of the family and
the wider community, and the critical evaluation of the evidence for different strategies for assessing and managing the mental health needs of children and their families.

**Credit points:** 12  **Contact hours:** 3  **Campus:** Kelvin Grove  **Teaching period:** 2010 SEM-1

**PYN035 SUPERVISED PRACTICUM 1**
This unit provides students with the opportunity to develop psychodiagnostic assessment and clinical skills. Students undertake 250 hours of psychological practice including at least 60 hours of direct client contact in the QUT Psychology Clinic.

**Assumed knowledge:** Registration with probationary conditions or full registration with the Psychology Board of Australia is assumed

**Credit points:** 12  **Campus:** Kelvin Grove  **Teaching period:** 2010 SEM-1

**PYN036 SUPERVISED PRACTICUM 2**
This unit provides students with the opportunity to build on PYN035 and to develop psychodiagnostic assessment and clinical skills. Students undertake 250 hours of psychological practice including at least 100 hours of direct client contact in the QUT Psychology Clinic.

**Prerequisites:** PYN035  **Assumed knowledge:** Registration with probationary conditions or full registration with the Psychology Board of Australia is assumed

**Credit points:** 12  **Campus:** Kelvin Grove  **Teaching period:** 2010 SEM-1 and 2010 SEM-2

**PYN037 SUPERVISED PRACTICUM 3**
This core unit of the Master of Clinical Psychology course is intended to provide students with the opportunity to build on previous placements and to develop higher level psychodiagnostic assessment and clinical skills.

**Prerequisites:** PYN036  **Credit points:** 12  **Campus:** Kelvin Grove  **Teaching period:** 2010 SEM-1, 2010 SEM-2 and 2010 SUM

**PYN038 SUPERVISED PRACTICUM 4**
This core unit of the Master of Clinical Psychology course builds on PYN037 and provides the opportunity to develop advanced psychodiagnostic assessment and clinical skills.

**Prerequisites:** PYN037  **Credit points:** 12  **Campus:** Kelvin Grove  **Teaching period:** 2010 SEM-1, 2010 SEM-2 and 2010 SUM

**PYN039 HEALTH PSYCHOLOGY AND REHABILITATION**
This unit develops core skills and understanding in health psychology and rehabilitation within a clinical psychology context. It includes modules in health psychology, behavioural medicine, rehabilitation and psychopharmacology. An integrated and scientific approach with the recognition of the importance of an evidence based perspective is used to explore the application of the principles in clinical situations.

**Credit points:** 12  **Contact hours:** 3  **Campus:** Kelvin Grove  **Teaching period:** 2010 SEM-2

**PYN044 CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGICAL INTERVENTIONS 2**
The aim of this unit is to provide you with a theoretical grounding and practical skills in brief psychodynamic and interpersonally-based psychotherapies and their application within an integrative framework.

**Prerequisites:** PYN025  **Credit points:** 12  **Contact hours:** 3 hours per week  **Campus:** Kelvin Grove  **Teaching period:** 2010 SEM-2

**PYN045 CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGICAL INTERVENTIONS 3**
This core unit covers the theories and skills of systemic, narrative and solution-focussed approaches required for relationship counselling and family therapy. The unit has a practical emphasis on common child-focussed and adult-focussed problems. The unit will examine the implications of each of the approaches from an evidence-based practice perspective.

**Prerequisites:** PYN044  **Credit points:** 12  **Contact hours:** 3 hours per week  **Campus:** Kelvin Grove  **Teaching period:** 2010 SEM-1