Master of Clinical Psychology (PY18)

Year offered: 2011
Admissions: Yes
CRICOS code: 052769J
Course duration (full-time): 4 semesters
Course duration (part-time): 8 semesters
Domestic Fees (indicative): 2011: CSP $2,721 per semester (indicative)
International Fees (indicative): 2011: $11,125 (indicative) per semester
Domestic Entry: February (closing date for applications is 1 October of the previous year in which you are applying for entry)
International Entry: February (closing date for applications is 1 October of the previous year in which you are applying for entry)
Total credit points: 192
Standard credit points per full-time semester: 48
Standard credit points per part-time semester: 24
Course coordinator: Enquiries to psyc.enquiries@qut.edu.au or phone 07 3138 4520
Campus: Kelvin Grove

Professional recognition
The course meets the requirements for accreditation by the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council and the Australian Psychological Society College of Clinical Psychologists. Graduates meet the requirements for registration by the Psychology Board of Australia.

The Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) requires that graduates demonstrate English language skills at IELTS level 7 or equivalent before being considered for professional registration. For further information visit the AHPRA website: http://www.ahpra.gov.au/Registration/Registration-Process/Registration-Requirements.aspx

Please refer to the Psychology Board of Australia website: http://www.psychologyboard.gov.au/Registration-Standards.aspx for additional information on the Board's Registration Standards.

Limits on grades of 3
A new policy concerning grades of 3 came into effect from 1 January 2009 (QUT MOPP C/5.2). With effect from this date grades of 3 are no longer considered a conceded or low pass but are classified as a fail grade. Any grades of 3 awarded prior to 1 January 2009 retain the conceded pass status and will be counted for graduation purposes up to the maximum number of grades of 3 permitted for your course. Grades of 3 incurred in units that commence after 1 January 2009 will not count towards your degree. Further information is available on the Student Services website.

Further Information
For more information about this course, please contact the School of Psychology and Counselling on phone 07 3138 4520 or email psyc.enquiries@qut.edu.au

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PYN025 Clinical Psychological Interventions 1
PYN027 Clinical Psychological Assessment

Year 1 Semester 2
PYN030 Professional Practice in Clinical Psychology
PYN044 Clinical Psychological Interventions 2

Year 2 Semester 1
PYN028 Clinical Psychopathology
PYN045 Clinical Psychological Interventions 3

Year 2 Semester 2
PYN021 Research Thesis 1
PYN039 Health Psychology and Rehabilitation

Year 3 Semester 1
PYN035 Supervised Practicum Stage 1
PYN034 Childhood Psychopathology and Treatment

Year 3 Semester 2
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PYN036 Supervised Practicum Stage 2

Year 4 Semester 1
PYN023 Research Thesis 3
PYN037 Supervised Practicum Stage 3

Year 4 Semester 2
PYN024 Research Thesis 4
PYN038 Supervised Practicum Stage 4

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: 2011 SEM-1 and 2011 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: 2011 SEM-1 and 2011 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.

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Prerequisites: PYN022 (can be enrolled in the same teaching period) Credit points: 12 Campus: Kelvin Grove Teaching period: 2011 SEM-1 and 2011 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:** 2011 SEM-1, 2011 SEM-2 and 2011 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:** 2011 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:** 2011 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:** 2011 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:** 2011 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:** 2011 SEM-1

**PYN035 SUPERVISED PRACTICUM STAGE 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:** 2011 SEM-1

**PYN036 SUPERVISED PRACTICUM STAGE 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:** 2011 SEM-2

**PYN037 SUPERVISED PRACTICUM STAGE 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:** 2011 SEM-1, 2011 SEM-2 and 2011 SUM

**PYN038 SUPERVISED PRACTICUM STAGE 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
Kelvin Grove  **Teaching period:** 2011 SEM-1, 2011 SEM-2 and 2011 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:** 2011 SEM-2

**PYN044 CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGICAL INTERVENTIONS**

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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:** 2011 SEM-2

**PYN045 CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGICAL INTERVENTIONS**

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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:** 2011 SEM-1