# Master of Clinical Psychology

The Master of Clinical Psychology builds upon the latest psychotherapy process and outcome research findings and uses an integrative approach to training students in assessment and treatment of mental health problems and disorders. This approach assists students to develop a flexible and client-focused approach to practice, consistent with contemporary standards for evidence-based practice in clinical psychology.

Students learn to conceptualise and treat clinical presentations using relational psychodynamic, cognitive-behavioural, systemic, and narrative therapeutic approaches. Graduates of this course have the knowledge and competence to provide assessment and treatment across the lifespan.

## Entry requirements

### Academic entry requirements

A completed recognised four year bachelor degree in psychology completed within the last ten years with a minimum grade point average (GPA) score of 5.5 (on QUT’s 7 point scale); and

A minimum fourth year psychology units grade point average (GPA) of 5.5 (on QUT’s 7 point scale) in your psychology bachelor degree; and

The bachelor degree is accredited by the [Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC)](http://apac.edu.au) as a four year training (or equivalent). For example, QUT’s [Bachelor of Behavioural Science (Honours Psychology)](http://www.qut.edu.au/courses/bachelor-of-behavioural-science-honours-psychology) degree.

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The Australian Psychological Society advises the average processing time is eight weeks, therefore applicants with overseas qualifications need to seek certification by no later than July.

### Additional entry requirements

1. Ask two referees to provide us with confidential reports via the [Psychology Reference System](http://www.psychologyreference.com) and for you to share those reports with QUT by 30 September; This system is the same across many Australian universities. To be

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**Rachael Bellair**  
**Real graduate**

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able to use the system, you will need to have an active annual subscription. The cost is $25.00 and can be paid for through the "My Account" section in the payment tab. It is recommended that one report be from your fourth-year thesis supervisor.

2. Successful questionnaire (PDF file, 336 KB)
3. Successful interview

Additional information
Entry to this course is competitive. Applicants are shortlisted in priority order on the basis of their GPA, referee reports and questionnaire. Shortlisted applicants will be contacted in mid-October to attend an in-person interview at the Kelvin Grove campus or via telephone or skype in late October/early November to assess their interpersonal skills in a clinical context. Admission is based on GPA, interview, questionnaire and referee reports.

Closing date
Entry into this course is competitive and applications have an early closing date of 30 September of the previous year.

Minimum English requirements
Students must meet the English proficiency requirements.

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Course structure
The coursework component of this program provides training on how to assess and diagnose clinical presentations. It provides unique training on how to conceptualise and treat a broad range of child and adult clinical presentations from relational psychodynamic, cognitive-behavioural, and systemic narrative therapeutic approaches.

Clinical placements begin in the first semester with an internship spanning the first year. Students complete the internship under intense supervision at the specialised Psychology and Counselling Clinic at QUT’s Kelvin Grove campus. During the internship, students gain experience in assessing and treating a range of clinical cases across the lifespan.

Once students are deemed competent through the internship, they continue their clinical training with external placements in hospitals, community agencies and a variety of child and adult mental health settings.

To undertake the supervised practice, students need to provide evidence of provisional registration as a psychologist with the Psychology Board of Australia and hold a current blue card as required by the Commission for Children and Young People and Guardian Act (2000).

Careers and outcomes
This course provides the academic foundation for a career in clinical psychology. Clinical psychologists are employed in a wide range of health and counselling services and are also able to work as independent (private) practitioners. Clinical psychology may also provide a springboard for other careers, subject to additional or complementary training.

Please note that while successful course completion leads directly to general registration as a psychologist, endorsement as a clinical psychologist requires an additional period of approved supervised practice. Please see http://www.psychologyboard.gov.au for further information.

On endorsement, graduates may apply for specialist positions as clinical psychologists and enjoy increased scope of practice and more flexible arrangements under Medicare, when working in private practice settings.

Professional recognition
Graduates are eligible to apply for registration as a psychologist in Australia. The course meets the accreditation requirements of the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC), the Australian Psychological Society College of Clinical Psychologists and the Psychology Board of Australia.

Combined study program option
Students in this course may be able to complete a study program that combines QUT’s Master of Clinical Psychology in a partially part-time mode with concurrent (but staggered) completion of the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD). This allows students completing the Masters degree to develop their PhD proposal and work towards milestones required for PhD project. The explicit linking of research across the two programs provides a powerful synergy. Contact our psychology course enquiries team to talk about your options.

Download a combined study course flyer (PDF, 231.19KB) for details of the combined program structure.

Course requirements
There are requirements that you will need to meet as a student in this course. You will need to identify these requirements and ensure you allow sufficient time to meet them. Some of these requirements have associated costs.

Information is available from the Additional course requirements and costs website.