Doctor of Psychology (Clinical) (PY50)

Year offered: 2011
Admissions: Yes
CRICOS code: 059989G
Course duration (full-time): 3 years
Course duration (part-time): 6 years
Domestic Fees (indicative): 2011: Full fee tuition $7,375 (indicative) per semester
International Fees (indicative): 2011: $10,875 (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: 288
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

Registration Requirements
Students who are not already registered with the Psychology Board of Australia will be required to register with the Board as a psychologist with probationary conditions for the duration of the program. Students should apply to the Board as soon as possible to ensure that registration is completed prior to commencement of the program.

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.

Advanced Standing
Advanced standing of up to a maximum of 144 credit points may be granted to candidates who have completed an appropriate masters qualification or its equivalent. Credit will not be granted for previously completed research work.

Course Structure
The doctorate comprises 24 units made up of 10 professional coursework units, 8 research units and 6 practicum units.

Course Articulation
Doctorate students who successfully complete the requirements of the masters course may exit with a Master of Clinical Psychology.

Further Information
For more information about this course, please contact the School of Psychology and Counselling on +617 3138 4520 or email psyc.enquiries@qut.edu.au

Full-time course structure

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Year 3, Semester 2

PYN036 Supervised Practicum Stage 2

PYN053 Advanced Integrative Psychotherapy

OR

PYN054 Advanced Assessment Across the Lifespan

Note: It is expected that PYN053 and PYN054 will be offered in alternate years

Year 5, Semester 1

PYN038 Supervised Practicum Stage 4

PYN052-5 Research Thesis (Part 5)

Year 5, Semester 2

PYN052-6 Research Thesis (Part 6)

Year 6, Semester 1

PYN041 Supervised Practicum Stage 5

PYN052-7 Research Thesis (Part 7)

Year 6, Semester 2

PYN042 Supervised Practicum Stage 6

PYN052-8 Research Thesis (Part 8)

Potential Careers:
Psychologist.

UNIT SYNOPTSES

PYN025 CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGICAL INTERVENTIONS

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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.

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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  Campus: 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

PYN041 SUPERVISED PRACTICUM STAGE 5
This unit aims to enhance professional knowledge and skills in the practice of clinical psychology, awareness of ethical guidelines and professional conduct through supervised clinical practice (250 hours including 120 hours of direct client contact) within an area of specialisation.
Prerequisites: PYN038  
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, 2011 SEM-2 and 2011 SUM

PYN042 SUPERVISED PRACTICUM STAGE 6
This unit aims to enhance professional knowledge and skills in the practice of clinical psychology, awareness of ethical guidelines and professional conduct through supervised clinical practice (250 hours including 120 hours of direct client contact) within an area of specialisation  
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, 2011 SEM-2 and 2011 SUM

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: 2011 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: 2011 SEM-1

PYN052 RESEARCH THESIS (PART 1)
This unit has 8 parts completed over years 2 and 3 full-time or years 3 to 6 part-time of the course. Students undertake in-depth research on a topic in clinical psychology and develop high-level skills in the evaluation, interpretation and application of research. They are required to submit a thesis or a 5,000 word literature review plus two prepared articles that report the research in a form that can be submitted for publication in an appropriate scholarly journal.  
Credit points: 12  
Campus: Kelvin Grove  
Teaching period: 2011 SEM-1 and 2011 SEM-2

PYN052 RESEARCH THESIS (PART 8)
See the description for PYN052-1  
Credit points: 12  
Campus: Kelvin Grove  
Teaching period: 2011 SEM-1, 2011 SEM-2 and 2011 SUM

PYN052 RESEARCH THESIS (PART 7)
See the description for PYN052-1  
Credit points: 12  
Campus: Kelvin Grove  
Teaching period: 2011 SEM-1 and 2011 SEM-2

PYN052 RESEARCH THESIS (PART 2)
See the description for PYN052-1  
Credit points: 12  
Campus: Kelvin Grove  
Teaching period: 2011 SEM-1 and 2011 SEM-2

PYN052 RESEARCH THESIS (PART 4)
See the description for PYN052-1  
Credit points: 12  
Campus: Kelvin Grove  
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PYN052 RESEARCH THESIS (PART 5)
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Teaching period: 2011 SEM-1 and 2011 SEM-2

PYN052 RESEARCH THESIS (PART 6)
See the description for PYN052-1  
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Campus: Kelvin Grove  
Teaching period: 2011 SEM-1 and 2011 SEM-2

PYN052 RESEARCH THESIS (PART 3)
See the description for PYN052-1  
Credit points: 12  
Campus: Kelvin Grove  
Teaching period: 2011 SEM-1 and 2011 SEM-2

PYN053 ADVANCED INTEGRATIVE PSYCHOTHERAPY
This unit provides an advanced understanding of the mechanisms of change, supported by empirical evidence and research methodologies, within an integrative psychotherapy framework. Content includes analysis of the assumptions and processes of therapist-client communication and the ways in which the reciprocal nature of communication affects the therapeutic process.  
Credit points: 12  
Campus: Kelvin Grove

PYN053 ADVANCED INTEGRATIVE PSYCHOTHERAPY
This unit provides an advanced understanding of the mechanisms of change, supported by empirical evidence and research methodologies, within an integrative psychotherapy framework. Content includes analysis of the assumptions and processes of therapist-client communication and the ways in which the reciprocal nature of communication affects the therapeutic process.  
Prerequisite(s): Enrolment in PY50 or permission of the Unit Coordinator  
Credit points: 12  
Campus:
Carseldine  Teaching period: 2007 SEM-2

PYN054 ADVANCED ASSESSMENT ACROSS THE LIFESPAN
This unit covers theory and skills associated with the assessment of specialised populations across the lifespan. The unit emphasises the research and practice of advanced assessment techniques. The focus is on advanced assessment of specialised populations including the elderly (e.g. memory), child development (e.g. attention and memory) and persons affected by brain injury. You will build upon your understanding of neurophysiology and neuroanatomy, and brain disorders affecting higher functions. The unit covers advanced research on human development, executive function, spatial processing, language, memory, attention and emotion, across the lifespan.

Credit points: 12  Campus: Kelvin Grove