



Doctor of Philosophy in Clinical Psychology (Domestic students)

Program code	Offered in
6003	No Intake
Available at	
Gold Coast Campus, Mt Gravatt Campus	
Duration	
4 years full-time 7 years part-time	
Credit points	
340	

Why choose this program?

This program has been withdrawn and will not be available to commencing (new) students after Trimester 1-2018. New students are referred to [Doctor of Philosophy in Clinical Psychology \(6026\)](#) which will be offered from 2019.

This degree integrates the traditional PhD training in research through the preparation of a thesis, with coursework and internship training in theory and techniques in clinical psychology. You will receive the training needed to pursue a specialist career in clinical research settings, including in universities, hospitals, specialist research foundations and government bodies.

The program has been designed to meet the requirements for eligibility for full registration with the Psychology Board of Australia and entry to the Registrar program for the area of practice endorsement in clinical psychology. Completion of the degree also meets the requirements for associate membership of the Australian Psychological Society's College of Clinical Psychologists.

Provisional Registration as a Psychologist with the Psychology Board of Australia

It is a requirement that students enrolled in this program have and maintain either provisional or full registration as a Psychologist with the Psychology Board of Australia via the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) for the duration of the program.

My attendance during the program

Attendance information

This program is offered full-time and part-time on-campus at the Gold Coast and Mt Gravatt campuses.

The first year of the PhD in Clinical Psychology will be a research focused year. Year two of the program (that is, the first year of clinical training) is only offered full-time on-campus. This postgraduate clinical training program requires students to be available for components of the program across the full calendar year. A total of four weeks recreation leave is factored into the calendar year at specific times. The third and fourth years of the clinical program may (with approval of the HDR Convenor) be completed on a part-time basis.

You will be classed as a part-time student if you are enrolled in less than 30 credit points per trimester. International students must maintain a full-time study load. Students enrolling in this program are required to complete coursework, placement and a dissertation.

Coursework: You are required to attend approximately 12-15 hours of scheduled classes per week. It is expected that if you enrol in these courses you will be available to attend. Some of the classes are offered in full day workshop mode and others are scheduled on a weekly basis. Some classes are also scheduled prior to the start of Trimester 1. Classes may be delivered at the Gold Coast, Mt Gravatt or Logan campuses and students are required to attend the classes at the campus where they are delivered. All classes, seminars and workshops are compulsory.

Placement: Clinical PhD students enrol in research in Year 1 and then during the second year (full-time) and subsequent years (either full-time or part-time) they are required to undertake clinical placements / internships/externships which require up to three days attendance at a specific location. Some placements may be outside of the Brisbane/Gold Coast area (for example, Northern New South Wales). Each placement must be completed within a maximum of 12 months.

Dissertation: During your enrolment in the research component of this program which include a dissertation it is expected that you will be able to work independently for most of the time. The requirement for on-campus attendance is relatively flexible. However, you will be required to meet regularly with your supervisor and it is recommended that you discuss the on-campus attendance requirements with your supervisor.

Research supervision

Adequate progress toward completion of the research dissertation is one criterion for continuation in the clinical psychology training program. Therefore, it is advisable that applicants determine whether they share a research interest with a psychology staff member. While students in the clinical training program are not required to be supervised by a clinical staff member and applicants are encouraged to review the research interests of all psychology staff in selecting potential supervisors. The research topic must be relevant to, and contribute to, the field of clinical psychology.

The research profile of staff members is diverse and expanding rapidly each year. Both clinical and non-clinical staff have published a substantial number of journal publications, books, chapters, and other research reports, as well as papers that have been presented at national and international conferences.

Grant-funded research and related opportunities for students is increasing annually. Students are encouraged and supported to prepare grant proposals independently and in collaboration with members of the staff.

Work-integrated learning

Work-integrated learning activities (professional placements) integrate theoretical learning with its application in the workplace. The inclusion of work-integrated learning activities in the degree program demonstrates Griffith's commitment to preparing its graduates for success in their working life.

In this program, you will spend time in the work/professional environment undertaking placements at various locations. Placements may be outside of the Brisbane metropolitan/Gold Coast area including northern New South Wales and, very occasionally, interstate or overseas by negotiation.

My career opportunities

My career opportunities

You will have a high level of competence in assessment, treatment and research, and be able to use these skills with individuals who are experiencing psychological distress and disorders. You will also be able to use these skills in other settings, such as in forensic psychological practice.

As a professional psychologist, you will be prepared for entry into a career in academia, administration, research institutes, private practice, departments of health and mental health, child protection agencies and consultative enterprises.

Program accreditation

Program accreditation

The Doctor of Philosophy in Clinical Psychology is accredited by the [Australian Psychology Accreditation Council \(APAC\)](#).

Professional recognition

Professional recognition

The program meets registration requirements for Psychologists in Australia. It is also intended that graduates will qualify for membership of the [Australian Psychologists Society \(APS\)](#) and be able to qualify for associate membership of the College of Clinical Psychologists of the Australian Psychological Society (APS).

For registration as a Psychologist, the [Psychology Board of Australia](#) requires applicants for whom English is not the first or native language to submit evidence to the Board of competency in both oral and written communication in English.

Applicants who have not completed Grade 12 in Australia or have not completed six years of continuous education in a recognised country must meet the AHPRA English language requirements. Please visit the [Psychology Board of Australia](#) website for further English language requirements information.

Placement requirements

Before I enrol

- Criminal History Check
- Immunisation and Health Record
- Working with Children Check (Blue Card)

Professional placements

- Griffith University Health and Safety Induction

- Griffith University Student Deed Poll
- New South Wales Health placement requirements (including mandatory training)
- Provisional registration
- Queensland Health placement requirements

There are placements associated with this program. Students should refer to the **checklist of pre-placement and placement requirements for their Health discipline** on the **Fit for Placement website** for full details of the requirements regarding clinical placement to ensure that they meet eligibility for placement.

Note: In the event that there is a difference between the contents published on the Fit for Placement website and the program-specific information published on the Degree and Career Finder/Programs and Courses websites, or where information published on the Fit for Placement website is not in accordance with University Policy, the Degree and Career Finder/Programs and Courses website contents and University Policy shall override the information on the Fit for Placement website.

What are the fees?

Additional fee information

Domestic research candidates

Domestic candidates who are admitted to this Higher Degree Research (HDR) program are exempt from tuition fees. Candidates will be provided a Commonwealth Government Research Training Program (RTP) Fee Offset supplemented by tuition fee support from Griffith University.