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MPP

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2 AMENDMENTS

Amendments to these requirements will be made in accordance with the General Regulations.

3 PURPOSE

These Program Requirements set out the approved requirements for the Master of Professional Psychology.

4 OVERVIEW

4.1 Campus Availability

The Master of Professional Psychology has been approved for delivery on the Fremantle and Sydney campuses.

4.2 Student Availability

The Master of Professional Psychology is available for enrolment to domestic Students and international Students with a student visa.

4.3 Australian Qualifications Framework

The Master of Professional Psychology is accredited by the University as a Level 9 AQF qualification.

4.4 Duration

(i) The Volume of Learning for the Master of Professional Psychology is one (1) year of equivalent full-time study.

(ii) An option to complete this Program part-time is available.

(iii) An accelerated option to complete the Program is not available.

4.5 Maximum Duration

The maximum period of time within which a student is permitted to complete the Master of Professional Psychology Award is 5 years (including any periods of approved leave of absence) from the date on which they were first enrolled into the program by the University.

4.6 Study Mode

The Master of Professional Psychology is offered in Internal Study mode.

4.7 Professional Accreditation

The Master of Professional Psychology is accredited with the Australian Psychology Accrediting Council (APAC) as a level 3 program for pathway to full registration.

5 ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

5.1 University Admission Requirements

To be eligible for admission to The University of Notre Dame Australia, all applicants must meet the [University's minimum requirements for admission](#). The requirements for admission are detailed in the University's Policy: *Admissions*.

5.2 Specific Program Requirements for Admission

To be eligible for admission to the program, an applicant must meet the following requirements:

1. Completion of an Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC) accredited 4-year sequence of study in Psychology within the last 10 years, with a minimum of Second-Class Honours Division B or equivalent;
2. Be eligible for provisional registration as a psychologist (NB students must obtain and provide evidence of provisional registration from the Psychology Board of Australia before commencing the program and maintain it over the course of their program);
3. Demonstrate suitability to undertake the course as evidence by satisfactory:
 - a. Referee reports (1 x academic and 1 x professional); and
 - b. For short-listed candidates, interview with the selection committee.

Please note that the application process is competitive, and the university can only accept a limited

number of students into the program due to supervision requirements. This means that not all applicants who meet the minimum eligibility requirements will necessarily be interviewed. Short listing will take into consideration academic achievement and professional suitability.

Students who have obtained their qualifications outside Australia must have their qualifications assessed prior to applying for this program and prior to applying for registration with the psychology board of Australia. The Australian psychological society (APS) provides this assessment service for the board and the assessment assists the board in determining if the student's qualifications are equivalent to an 'approved qualification.' However, the final decision on equivalence rests with the board.

If you obtained your qualifications outside Australia please submit evidence of your APS equivalency with your application.

We welcome and encourage Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants to apply.

6 PRACTICUM OR INTERNSHIP REQUIREMENTS

- 6.1** The Master of Professional Psychology includes 300 practicum hours that are spread over one year. In the Professional Psychology Practice A, students will complete 120 hours of practicum. In the Professional Psychology Practice B, students will complete 180 hours in an external placement with a partner organisation. Students must be registered as provisional psychologists to complete simulated and direct client work. Fitness to practice and inherent requirements apply.

7 PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

7.1 Program Description

The Master of Professional Psychology (MPP) at Notre Dame is a one-year program that offers psychology graduates a 5th year of study as an essential step towards accreditation as a general psychologist. The program focuses on the integration of theory and professional practice allowing graduates to develop the advanced knowledge, skills, capabilities, and attributes required for the safe and ethical practice of psychology.

Through a combination of coursework, research, and supervised placements, you will develop advanced knowledge and skills in psychological assessment, intervention, research, and practice. With an emphasis on the integration of science practice with critical thinking, ethics and the consideration of cultural diversity, this program prepares you for professional practice in psychology based on quality client care and psychological services focused on the whole human person.

7.2 Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the Master of Professional Psychology graduates will be able to:

1. Apply professional, ethical, legal, and cultural standards and competencies to the practice of psychology
2. Apply advanced theoretical knowledge and evidence-based, scientific methods to solve complex research and practice-based problems in professional psychology
3. Effectively employ professional communication, in oral and written formats, across a wide range of audiences in a culturally safe manner;
4. Collaborate effectively with clients and other service providers;
5. Apply advanced knowledge and skills to engage in ethical and safe psychological assessment under appropriate supervision;
6. Employ advanced knowledge and skills to engage in ethical and safe psychological interventions under appropriate supervision;
7. Engage in self-reflective professional practice to evaluate, maintain, and improve professional competence;
8. Utilise advanced knowledge and skill to interact and work with clients across the lifespan and from diverse cultural settings, in culturally safe ways, including those from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander backgrounds; and
9. Design and execute a substantial research project relevant to the professional practice of psychology.

7.3 Required Courses

To be eligible for the Award of Master of Professional Psychology students must complete a minimum of 200 Units of Credit, which includes the following required courses:

- 25 Units of Credit from one (1) Core Curriculum Course; and
- 150 Units of Credit from six (6) compulsory Psychology Courses.

7.4 Elective Courses

To be eligible for the Award of Master of Professional Psychology students must complete a minimum of 200 Units of Credit, which includes the following elective courses:

- 25 Units of Credit from one (1) elective Course.

7.5 Course substitutions

Course substitutions must be approved by the Head of School or delegate.

8 DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of these Requirements, the following terms are defined in the General Regulations:

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| • Leave of Absence | • Pre-requisite Course | • Co-requisite Course |
| • Major | • Minor | • Specialisation |
| • Units of Credit | • Elective | • General Elective |

END OF REQUIREMENTS

APPENDIX A: PROGRAM PLAN

Master of Professional Psychology	Units of Credit
Core Curriculum Course	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• PHIL6210 Philosophy and the Human Person	25
Required Psychology Courses	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• PSYC5002 Ethics, Practice and Counselling Skills• PSYC5007 Psychological Assessment• PSYC5008 Psychological Interventions• PSYC5006 Professional Psychology Research Project• PSYC5004 Professional Psychology Placement A• PSYC5005 Professional Psychology Placement B	150
Elective Courses	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• PSYC5001 Educational and Developmental Psychology;• PSYC5000 Clinical Psychology; or• PSYC5003 Organisational Psychology.	25
Total Units of Credit	200