



THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME AUSTRALIA

# Master of Professional Psychology

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*School of Arts & Sciences*

***The Master of Professional Psychology (MPP) at The University of Notre Dame Australia is a one-year full time program that offers psychology graduates a 5th year of study as an essential step towards accreditation as a general psychologist. This program is an Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC) accredited Level 3 program of study. The program focuses on the integration of theory and professional practice and allows students to develop the advanced knowledge, skills, capabilities and attributes required for the safe and ethical practice of psychology.***

**Why study this degree?**

Through a combination of coursework, research and supervised placements, this program will enable you to 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.

## **Program summary**

### **First semester of study**

- PSYC5002 Ethics, Practice and Counselling Skills
- PSYC5007 Psychological Assessment
- PSYC5008 Psychological Interventions
- PSYC5004 Professional Psychology Placement A

### **Second semester of study**

- PSYC5005 Professional Psychology Placement B
- PSYC5006 Professional Psychology Research Project (project)
- Elective options (select 2)\*:
  - PSYC5001 Educational and Developmental Psychology
  - PSYC5000 Clinical Psychology
  - PSYC5003 Organisational Psychology
  - PHIL6210 Philosophy and the human person\*\*

\* University of Notre Dame students, who has previously completed the University Core Curriculum in undergrad and/or Honours, can choose two electives

**\*\* Students entering the program from other universities will need to complete PHIL6210 as the University of Notre Dame core and choose one elective**

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Full details of the program requirements are contained in the in Program Requirements ([https://www.notredame.edu.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0025/339/in-Professional-Psychology.pdf](https://www.notredame.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0025/339/in-Professional-Psychology.pdf)).

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More information regarding courses can be found at the course descriptions pages Fremantle (<https://www.notredame.edu.au/about/schools/fremantle/arts-and-sciences/course-descriptions>) Sydney (<https://www.notredame.edu.au/about/schools/sydney/arts-and-sciences/course-descriptions>).

*Please note: The availability of these courses is indicative only and may be subject to change.*

### **Entry requirements**

To be eligible for admission to The University of Notre Dame Australia, all applicants must meet the University's minimum requirements for admission for postgraduate programs (<https://www.notredame.edu.au/study/admission-requirements>).

### **Specific Program Requirements for Admission**

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

- 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 (70%)
- 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)
- Demonstrate suitability to undertake the course as evidenced by satisfactory:
  1. Referee reports (1 x academic and 1 x professional) and
  2. Interview (based on ranking)

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.

Applicants who have successfully completed subjects at another University, which are relevant to the selected program of study, may be eligible for Advanced Standing (<https://www.notredame.edu.au/study/applications-and-admissions/recognition-of-prior-learning>).

## **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
9. Design and execute a substantial research project relevant to the professional practice of psychology

## **Practical component**

The Master of Professional Psychology includes 300 practicum hours that are spread over one year. In Professional Psychology Practice A, students will complete 120 hours of practicum, consisting of observations and simulated practice activities. In Professional Psychology Practice B, students will complete 180 hours in an external placement with a partner organisation. Fitness to practice and inherent requirements apply. Students are required to register as provisional psychologists with the Psychology Board of Australia before commencing the program.

## **Real-world experience**

You will learn from academics who are industry leaders and, through our practicum placements, you will gain real professional experience and make valuable contacts with potential employers.

## **Supervision**

During your practicum, you will receive regular individual and group supervision by psychologists holding board approved supervisor status with the Psychology Board of Australia for the practicum component of the training. This program meets the minimum of 300 hours of practicum in the 5<sup>th</sup> year of study, set out by the Psychology Board of Australia and APAC.

## **Research focus**

This program offers a capstone research project that meets APAC standards. This project offers student to investigate a small professional psychology research project and is coordinated and supervised by an appropriately qualified academic staff member.

## **Mode of study and assessment**

The Master of Professional Psychology is offered on campus, as full-time or part-time study.

## **Fees and costs**

This Program has the following loan scheme(s) available for eligible students:

### **Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP)**

A Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP) is a place at a university where the Australian Government pays part of your fees. This part is a subsidy, not a loan, and you don't have to pay it back. However, this subsidy does not cover the entire cost of your study. Students must pay the rest, which is called the 'student contribution amount'.

In a Commonwealth Supported Place, your fees are subsidised by the Australian Government. Your fees will be split into two portions:

The Commonwealth contribution, which is the portion paid by the Australian Government.

The student contribution, which is the portion you pay. You may choose to pay upfront or defer your student contribution with a HECS-HELP Loan. The [HECS-HELP loan scheme \(https://www.studyassist.gov.au/preview-link/node/106/5de65e70-6656-4297-a79d-19fd4a6deadd\)](https://www.studyassist.gov.au/preview-link/node/106/5de65e70-6656-4297-a79d-19fd4a6deadd) assists eligible students with the payment of all, or part, of their tuition fees, not including additional study costs such as accommodation or textbooks. Your HECS-HELP debt will be indexed each year in line with the Consumer Price Index.

Eligible students will be offered a CSP – you do not need to apply.

## International Full-Fee Paying

Tuition costs depend on an international student's study load and discipline. Fees are payable each semester at least four weeks prior to the commencement of your program.

For indicative fees and information on how to pay, including Government loan schemes and our online calculator, visit our [Fees, costs and scholarships page](https://www.notredame.edu.au/study/fees-costs-and-scholarships) (<https://www.notredame.edu.au/study/fees-costs-and-scholarships>).

## More information

### Considering your uni options?

Talk to one of our career advisors for a [personalised advice session](https://calendly.com/d/dmr-5gg-c2h) (<https://calendly.com/d/dmr-5gg-c2h>). Our advisors provide support while choosing a program of study and completing our application process. **[Book my session. \(https://calendly.com/d/dmr-5gg-c2h\)](https://calendly.com/d/dmr-5gg-c2h)**

For more information, please contact our Prospective Students Office.

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**APPLY DIRECT ↗**

## **Need help? Ask Notre Dame**

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**Duration:** 1 year full-time or equivalent part-time

**Duration type:** Full time; Part time

**Campus:** Fremantle; Sydney

**Study mode:** On campus

**Commencement:** Semester 1

**Program code:** 5166

**Fee:** Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP); International  
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This program is accredited by Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC) and is pending approval by the Psychology Board of Australia.

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