



# PSYC8983

## Clinical Psychology Practical Placement 3

Session 1, Weekday attendance, North Ryde 2020

*Department of Psychology*

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## General Information

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Credit points

10

Prerequisites

(PSYC985 or PSYC8985) and (PSYC986 or PSYC8986) and (PSYC987 or PSYC8987) and (PSYC988 or PSYC8988) and (PSYC989 or PSYC8989)

Corequisites

(PSYC981 or PSYC8981) and (PSYC982 or PSYC8982)

Co-badged status

Unit description

This unit is the third practical placement unit for the Master of Clinical Psychology program and is conducted in an external clinical service under the supervision of Adjunct Fellows of Macquarie University. The placement has an overall workload of 300 hours, and provides the opportunity to further develop students' intermediate competencies in Clinical psychology as demonstrated in Practical Placement 2 in another setting with increasing independence. Activities include face-to-face assessment and treatment of genuine clients of the service; professional administrative tasks such as risk management, note keeping and report writing; and supervision activities, both individual and group as required and available in the service. A range of general clinical work with adults and children is mandatory and may include anxiety, depression, trauma, personality disorders and medical problems, as well as practice working in different therapeutic approaches. Students are required to complete at least a thousand hours across all placements in the program to meet accreditation requirements. By the time students finish Practical Placement 3, they will have further developed competencies in 10 domains identified by the accrediting body APAC as Core Competencies to become a Clinical Psychologist.

## Important Academic Dates

Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at <https://students.mq.edu.au/important-dates>

## Learning Outcomes

**ULO1:** Apply depth and breadth of well-developed knowledge and scholarly

understanding required of clinical psychologists in determining client needs and designing and implementing evidence-based interventions

**ULO2:** Demonstrate higher level critical thinking skills in their ability both to generate and evaluate new, professionally-oriented knowledge

**ULO3:** Communicate effectively across a wide range of client groups, colleagues and other professionals, using a variety of formats to function empathically within and across cultures and life stages

**ULO4:** Apply knowledge of the legislative frameworks relevant to clinical psychologists and undertake practice according to professional standards and the Psychology Board of Australia's code of ethics

**ULO5:** Demonstrate the entry level capabilities required of practising clinical psychologists, along with the professional and personal skills for assessing continuous development needs

## Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Hurdle	Due
<u>End of placement review (EPR)</u>	30%	Yes	At completion of placement
<u>Samples of case reports</u>	10%	Yes	At completion of placement
<u>Weekly Supervision (WIL)</u>	30%	Yes	approximately one hour per day on placement
<u>Mid-placement review (MPR)</u>	30%	Yes	Approximately half way through the placement

### End of placement review (EPR)

Assessment Type <sup>1</sup>: Work-integrated task

Indicative Time on Task <sup>2</sup>: 2 hours

Due: **At completion of placement**

Weighting: **30%**

**This is a hurdle assessment task (see [assessment policy](#) for more information on hurdle assessment tasks)**

This is an end of placement assessment of competency, conducted in the placement setting with the field supervisor using a standardised, validated competency assessment (CYPRS) tool.

Feedback is on developing competency to a Pass level on each of eleven domains, with Pass specified as a score of 4 out of 5 on each domain. The field supervisor provides recommendation to the placement coordinator who reviews the evaluation form including log book and samples of

work, to determine the awarding the final grade.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Apply depth and breadth of well-developed knowledge and scholarly understanding required of clinical psychologists in determining client needs and designing and implementing evidence-based interventions
- Demonstrate higher level critical thinking skills in their ability both to generate and evaluate new, professionally-oriented knowledge
- Communicate effectively across a wide range of client groups, colleagues and other professionals, using a variety of formats to function empathically within and across cultures and life stages
- Apply knowledge of the legislative frameworks relevant to clinical psychologists and undertake practice according to professional standards and the Psychology Board of Australia's code of ethics
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## Samples of case reports

Assessment Type <sup>1</sup>: Report

Indicative Time on Task <sup>2</sup>: 2 hours

Due: **At completion of placement**

Weighting: **10%**

**This is a hurdle assessment task (see [assessment policy](#) for more information on hurdle assessment tasks)**

This hurdle assessment requires students to submit three samples of a case report, formulation and complete case notes of each client, together with the end of placement review.

On successful completion you will be able to:

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- Demonstrate higher level critical thinking skills in their ability both to generate and evaluate new, professionally-oriented knowledge
- Communicate effectively across a wide range of client groups, colleagues and other professionals, using a variety of formats to function empathically within and across cultures and life stages

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## Weekly Supervision (WIL)

Assessment Type <sup>1</sup>: Work-integrated task

Indicative Time on Task <sup>2</sup>: 50 hours

Due: **approximately one hour per day on placement**

Weighting: **30%**

**This is a hurdle assessment task (see [assessment policy](#) for more information on hurdle assessment tasks)**

Students participate in case management and intervention under close supervision of field supervisors appointed as Macquarie University Adjunct Fellows. Students will be assessed on several skills including formative assessment and treatment skills; professional conduct; self-reflection via log book; ethics and communication skills including professional report writing. At the end of placement a declaration form confirming hours is also required.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Apply depth and breadth of well-developed knowledge and scholarly understanding required of clinical psychologists in determining client needs and designing and implementing evidence-based interventions
- Demonstrate higher level critical thinking skills in their ability both to generate and evaluate new, professionally-oriented knowledge
- Communicate effectively across a wide range of client groups, colleagues and other professionals, using a variety of formats to function empathically within and across cultures and life stages
- Apply knowledge of the legislative frameworks relevant to clinical psychologists and undertake practice according to professional standards and the Psychology Board of Australia's code of ethics
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## Mid-placement review (MPR)

Assessment Type <sup>1</sup>: Work-integrated task

Indicative Time on Task <sup>2</sup>: 1 hours

Due: **Approximately half way through the placement**

Weighting: **30%**

**This is a hurdle assessment task (see [assessment policy](#) for more information on hurdle assessment tasks)**

This is a mid-placement assessment of competency, conducted in the placement setting with the field supervisor using a standardised, validated competency assessment (CYPRS) tool.

Feedback is on developing competency to a Pass level on each of eleven domains, with Pass specified as a score of 3.5 out of 5 on each domain.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Apply depth and breadth of well-developed knowledge and scholarly understanding required of clinical psychologists in determining client needs and designing and implementing evidence-based interventions
- Demonstrate higher level critical thinking skills in their ability both to generate and evaluate new, professionally-oriented knowledge
- Communicate effectively across a wide range of client groups, colleagues and other professionals, using a variety of formats to function empathically within and across cultures and life stages
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<sup>1</sup> If you need guidance or support to understand or complete this type of assessment, please contact the Learning Skills Team

<sup>2</sup> Indicative time-on-task is an estimate of the time required for completion of the assessment task and is subject to individual variation

## **Delivery and Resources**

Attendance at an external field placement setting.

Successful completion of MPR in Psychology Clinic Placement Psy 950 before commencement.

As a professional public facing unit, field placements require Professional attire, and must provide your own stationery.

Travel to and from placements are by Student arrangement.

Use of a student's own car on the placement are at the student's own risk and students are required to have a registered vehicle with comprehensive insurance.

As a regulated Health Profession, Psychology placements require Registration with the Psychology Board of Australia, a National Criminal Record Check, Working with Children Check to be maintained throughout the placement.

For NSW Health placements, verification within the Clinconnect system has to be achieved and maintained for the duration of the placement. See Field Placement Manual for details.

## Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central](https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central) (<https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central>). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

- [Academic Appeals Policy](#)
- [Academic Integrity Policy](#)
- [Academic Progression Policy](#)
- [Assessment Policy](#)
- [Fitness to Practice Procedure](#)
- [Grade Appeal Policy](#)
- [Complaint Management Procedure for Students and Members of the Public](#)
- [Special Consideration Policy](#) (**Note:** *The Special Consideration Policy is effective from 4 December 2017 and replaces the Disruption to Studies Policy.*)

Students seeking more policy resources can visit the [Student Policy Gateway](https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/student-policy-gateway) (<https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/student-policy-gateway>). It is your one-stop-shop for the key policies you need to know about throughout your undergraduate student journey.

If you would like to see all the policies relevant to Learning and Teaching visit [Policy Central](https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central) (<https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central>).

## Student Code of Conduct

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: <https://students.mq.edu.au/study/getting-started/student-conduct>

## Results

Results published on platform other than [eStudent](#), (eg. iLearn, Coursera etc.) or released directly by your Unit Convenor, are not confirmed as they are subject to final approval by the University. Once approved, final results will be sent to your student email address and will be made available in [eStudent](#). For more information visit [ask.mq.edu.au](https://ask.mq.edu.au) or if you are a Global MBA student contact [globalmba.support@mq.edu.au](mailto:globalmba.support@mq.edu.au)

## Student Support

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit <http://students.mq.edu.au/support/>

## Learning Skills

Learning Skills ([mq.edu.au/learningskills](http://mq.edu.au/learningskills)) provides academic writing resources and study strategies to improve your marks and take control of your study.

- [Workshops](#)
- [StudyWise](#)
- [Academic Integrity Module for Students](#)
- [Ask a Learning Adviser](#)

## Student Enquiry Service

For all student enquiries, visit Student Connect at [ask.mq.edu.au](http://ask.mq.edu.au)

If you are a Global MBA student contact [globalmba.support@mq.edu.au](mailto:globalmba.support@mq.edu.au)

## Equity Support

Students with a disability are encouraged to contact the [Disability Service](#) who can provide appropriate help with any issues that arise during their studies.

## IT Help

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit [http://www.mq.edu.au/about\\_us/offices\\_and\\_units/information\\_technology/help/](http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/).

When using the University's IT, you must adhere to the [Acceptable Use of IT Resources Policy](#). The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.