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Department of Psychology

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Notice

As part of [Phase 3 of our return to campus plan](#), most units will now run tutorials, seminars and other small group learning activities on campus for the second half-year, while keeping an online version available for those students unable to return or those who choose to continue their studies online.

To check the availability of face-to-face and online activities for your unit, please go to [timetable viewer](#). To check detailed information on unit assessments visit your unit's iLearn space or consult your unit convenor.

General Information

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Prerequisites

Admission to MClinNeuro

Corequisites

(PSYN8840 or PSYN840) and (PSYN8853 or PSYN853) and (PSYN8855 or PSYN855)

Co-badged status

Unit description

This is the first Supervised Practical Placement unit and comprises an overall workload of approximately 250 hours under the close supervision of a qualified field supervisor at the Macquarie University Psychology Clinic. As such it provides the opportunity to put theory/ techniques gained in coursework units into practice. In this unit students will be developing their knowledge of relevant clinical conditions, and the advantages and disadvantages of particular neuropsychological assessment procedures. Students should have the ability to seek the relevant knowledge, if this is not already available, and to begin to generate hypotheses about what to expect. Students will also begin to develop interviewing, interpretation and report writing abilities, providing them with solid foundational skills to pursue external placements. Students are required to complete at least a thousand hours across all placements in the program to meet accreditation requirements.

Important Academic Dates

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

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

ULO1: Apply neuropsychological knowledge and scholarly understanding to determine client needs and design and implement evidence based interventions.

ULO2: Communicate effectively across a wide range of client groups, colleagues and other professionals, taking into account developmental and cultural considerations

ULO3: Demonstrate knowledge of the legislative frameworks relevant to clinical neuropsychologists and undertake practice according to professional standards and the Psychology Board of Australia's code of ethics.

ULO4: Demonstrate the entry level capabilities required of practising clinical neuropsychologists, including the professional and personal skills for assessing continuous development needs.

General Assessment Information

Placements may occur in a variety of settings where psychological services are provided to clients. Students on placement must meet the psychology discipline's fitness to practice requirements as well as adhere to all the guidelines provided in placement manuals and any other specific policy and procedures provided by a provider hosting an external placement.

Students must comply with any instructions given by a supervisor including any request to pause or terminate a placement. If requested to leave a placement, students must notify the Course clinical placement coordinator within 24 hours. Following notification, a review of the circumstances leading to the request will be investigated. If the circumstances indicate that request was solely because of issues with the placement provider an alternate placement will be arranged. Alternatively if the request was made because of concerns regarding the student, the issue will be managed according to the University's procedures.

Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Hurdle	Due
<u>Case log book</u>	10%	Yes	Due on completion of placement
<u>Mid-placement review</u>	30%	Yes	Due approximately half way through placement
<u>End of placement review</u>	30%	Yes	Due on completion of placement
<u>Weekly Supervision (WIL)</u>	30%	Yes	Approximately one hour of supervision per day on placement

Case log book

Assessment Type ¹: Log book

Indicative Time on Task ²: 7 hours

Due: **Due on completion of placement**

Weighting: **10%**

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

At the completion of 10 cases, these must be compiled into a log book and presented to the Supervisor.

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- Communicate effectively across a wide range of client groups, colleagues and other professionals, taking into account developmental and cultural considerations
- Demonstrate knowledge of the legislative frameworks relevant to clinical neuropsychologists and undertake practice according to professional standards and the Psychology Board of Australia's code of ethics.
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Mid-placement review

Assessment Type ¹: Work-integrated task

Indicative Time on Task ²: 1 hours

Due: **Due approximately half way through 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 supervisor using an online tool. Feedback is on developing competency to a Pass level. An average score of at least 2 out of 10, in at least 2 of the 4 overall skill domains (i.e. assessment skills, clinical skills, report writing and professional skills) is required to pass. A score below this will result in the unit being failed.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Apply neuropsychological knowledge and scholarly understanding to determine client needs and design and implement evidence based interventions.
- Communicate effectively across a wide range of client groups, colleagues and other professionals, taking into account developmental and cultural considerations
- Demonstrate knowledge of the legislative frameworks relevant to clinical

neuropsychologists and undertake practice according to professional standards and the Psychology Board of Australia's code of ethics.

- Demonstrate the entry level capabilities required of practising clinical neuropsychologists, including the professional and personal skills for assessing continuous development needs.

End of placement review

Assessment Type ¹: Work-integrated task

Indicative Time on Task ²: 2 hours

Due: **Due on 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 supervisor. This review is conducted using an online tool. An average score of at least 2 in at least 3 of 4 overall skill domains (i.e. assessment skills, clinical skills, report writing and professional skills) is required to pass the placement. A score below this will result in the unit being failed.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Apply neuropsychological knowledge and scholarly understanding to determine client needs and design and implement evidence based interventions.
- Communicate effectively across a wide range of client groups, colleagues and other professionals, taking into account developmental and cultural considerations
- Demonstrate knowledge of the legislative frameworks relevant to clinical neuropsychologists and undertake practice according to professional standards and the Psychology Board of Australia's code of ethics.
- Demonstrate the entry level capabilities required of practising clinical neuropsychologists, including the professional and personal skills for assessing continuous development needs.

Weekly Supervision (WIL)

Assessment Type ¹: Work-integrated task

Indicative Time on Task ²: 90 hours

Due: **Approximately one hour of supervision 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 assessment under close supervision of

supervisors in the Macquarie University Psychology Clinic. Students will be assessed on formative assessment and testing skills; professional conduct; self-reflection via log book; ethics and communication skills including professional report writing.

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¹ If you need help with your assignment, please contact:

- the academic teaching staff in your unit for guidance in understanding or completing this type of assessment
- the [Writing Centre](#) for academic skills support.

² 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 the Macquarie University Psychology Clinic for placement completion.

One lecture prior to commencement as part of Clinic orientation.

One set of online (7) certificates to be completed.

Completion of "Know your supervisee activity" before starting the placement

As a professional public facing unit, the clinic placement requires Professional attire, and provide your own stationery

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

Vaccination requirements must also be completed prior to commencement.

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 or if you are a Global MBA student contact 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) provides academic writing resources and study strategies to help you improve your marks and take control of your study.

- [Getting help with your assignment](#)
- [Workshops](#)
- [StudyWise](#)
- [Academic Integrity Module](#)

The Library provides online and face to face support to help you find and use relevant information resources.

- [Subject and Research Guides](#)
- [Ask a Librarian](#)

Student Services and 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.

Student Enquiries

For all student enquiries, visit Student Connect at ask.mq.edu.au

If you are a Global MBA student contact globalmba.support@mq.edu.au

IT Help

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit 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.