



# PSYN8903

## Clinical Neuropsychology Practical Placement III

Session 2, Special circumstance, On location at placement 2020

*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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Credit points

10

Prerequisites

Admission to MClinNeuro and (PSYN840 or PSYN8840) and (PSYN855 or PSYN8855) and (PSYN853 or PSYN8853)

Corequisites

PSYN8902

Co-badged status

Unit description

This unit enables students to further develop the skills acquired in PSYN8902. The unit, with an overall workload of approximately 250 hours, provides students with supervised practical experience in conducting neuropsychological assessments including case formulation, interviewing, testing, scoring, test interpretation, report writing and (where appropriate) verbal feedback. At this stage students should be approaching independence on the more routine or uncomplicated assessments. Students should be able to move from the history to formulation of hypotheses and selection of tests. Students should also be approaching independence in writing reports in which integration of data from the history, test results and behavioural observations is achieved. The ability to recognise implications for diagnosis and/or management and to make appropriate recommendations should be developing at this stage. 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, using a variety of formats, 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>Mid-placement review (MPR)</u>	30%	Yes	Approximately half way through the placement
<u>Case log book</u>	10%	Yes	Due on placement completion
<u>Weekly Supervision (WIL)</u>	30%	Yes	Approximately one hour per every two days on placement

Name	Weighting	Hurdle	Due
<a href="#">End of placement review (EPR)</a>	30%	Yes	Due on completion of placement

## 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 supervisor using an online tool. Feedback is on developing competency to a Pass level. An average score of at least 7 out of 10 in at least 2 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, using a variety of formats, 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.

## Case log book

Assessment Type <sup>1</sup>: Log book

Indicative Time on Task <sup>2</sup>: 7 hours

Due: **Due on placement completion**

Weighting: **10%**

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

At the completion of 12-14 cases, these must be compiled into a log book and presented to the

Placement Coordinator.

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, using a variety of formats, 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 <sup>1</sup>: Work-integrated task

Indicative Time on Task <sup>2</sup>: 40 hours

Due: **Approximately one hour per every two days 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, assessment and intervention under close supervision of field supervisors appointed as Macquarie University Adjunct Fellows. 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. At the end of placement, a declaration form confirming hours is also required.

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, using a variety of formats, 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 (EPR)

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

Indicative Time on Task <sup>2</sup>: 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 7 out of 10 in at least 3 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. The field supervisor provides recommendation to the placement co-ordinator who reviews the evaluation form including log book and case logs, to determine the awarding of the final grade.

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, using a variety of formats, 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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<sup>1</sup> 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.

<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 the field placement for two days minimum over 12 weeks on average for placement completion.

Need to have completed NSW Health training modules.

As a professional public facing environment , the field 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 and Health Verification be conducted prior to placement commencement and maintained across all placements.

## 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](http://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 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](http://ask.mq.edu.au)

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