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Clinical Psychology Practical Placement 1

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General Information

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Credit points 4
Prerequisites PSYC985 and PSYC986 and PSYC987
Corequisites PSYC988 and PSYC989
Co-badged status
Unit description This unit is the first practical placement unit for the Master of Clinical Psychology program and is conducted in the Macquarie University Psychology Clinic on campus. It provides the opportunity to put theory/techniques gained in coursework units into practice and develops the provisional psychologist's identity as a Clinical Psychologist. Activities include face-to-face assessment and treatment of genuine clients; professional administrative tasks such as risk management, note keeping and report writing; and supervision activities, both individual and group. By the time students finish this first placement unit, they will have gained basic competencies in 10 domains as 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://www.mq.edu.au/study/calendar-of-dates

Learning Outcomes

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

> Demonstrate reasonably developed depth and breadth of 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.
Demonstrate 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.
Demonstrate the entry level capabilities required of practising clinical psychologists, along with the professional and personal skills for assessing continuous development needs.

General Assessment Information

Please refer to manual to the Psychology Clinic Procedures Manual for further information. Adherence to the Psychology Clinic Manual is a requirement of the Placement. The Clinic Manual is a live document that may be updated in line with regulatory or university changes at anytime.

Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Hurdle	Due
Weekly supervision	33%	Yes	throughout the placement
Mid Placement Review (MPR)	33%	Yes	50-80 client contact hours
End of Placement Review (EPR)	34%	Yes	120-130 client contact hours

Weekly supervision

Due: **throughout the placement**
Weighting: **33%**
This is a hurdle assessment task (see assessment policy for more information on hurdle assessment tasks)

Case Management under close supervision; formative assessment and treatment skills; professional conduct; self-reflection; ethics and communication skills including report writing.

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Mid Placement Review (MPR)

Due: **50-80 client contact hours**
Weighting: **33%**
This is a hurdle assessment task (see assessment policy for more information on hurdle assessment tasks)

This is a hurdle assessment. This is a mid-placement assessment of competency, conducted In the placement setting with the 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 2.5 out of 5 on each domain.

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End of Placement Review (EPR)

Due: **120-130 client contact hours**
Weighting: **34%**
This is a hurdle assessment task (see assessment policy for more information on hurdle assessment tasks)

This is a hurdle assessment. This is an end of-placement assessment of competency, conducted in the placement setting by the 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 defined as a score of 3 out of 5 on each domain.

On successful completion you will be able to:

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Delivery and Resources

Attendance at the Macquarie University Psychology Clinic for placement completion.

One lecture prior to commencement as part of orientation to the clinic.

One online set of 7 learning modules to be completed prior to commencement.

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.

Unit Schedule

Attendance at the Clinic is negotiated but requires 2-3 days per week availability.

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). 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.)*

Undergraduate students seeking more policy resources can visit the 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).

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 shown in *iLearn*, 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.

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 improve your marks and take control of your study.

- Workshops
- StudyWise
- Academic Integrity Module for Students
- Ask a Learning Adviser

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

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.

Graduate Capabilities

PG - Capable of Professional and Personal Judgment and Initiative

Our postgraduates will demonstrate a high standard of discernment and common sense in their professional and personal judgment. They will have the ability to make informed choices and decisions that reflect both the nature of their professional work and their personal perspectives.

This graduate capability is supported by:

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Assessment tasks

- Weekly supervision
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PG - Discipline Knowledge and Skills

Our postgraduates will be able to demonstrate a significantly enhanced depth and breadth of knowledge, scholarly understanding, and specific subject content knowledge in their chosen fields.

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PG - Critical, Analytical and Integrative Thinking

Our postgraduates will be capable of utilising and reflecting on prior knowledge and experience, of applying higher level critical thinking skills, and of integrating and synthesising learning and knowledge from a range of sources and environments. A characteristic of this form of thinking is the generation of new, professionally oriented knowledge through personal or group-based critique of practice and theory.

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PG - Research and Problem Solving Capability

Our postgraduates will be capable of systematic enquiry; able to use research skills to create new knowledge that can be applied to real world issues, or contribute to a field of study or practice to enhance society. They will be capable of creative questioning, problem finding and problem solving.

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PG - Effective Communication

Our postgraduates will be able to communicate effectively and convey their views to different social, cultural, and professional audiences. They will be able to use a variety of technologically supported media to communicate with empathy using a range of written, spoken or visual formats.

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PG - Engaged and Responsible, Active and Ethical Citizens

Our postgraduates will be ethically aware and capable of confident transformative action in relation to their professional responsibilities and the wider community. They will have a sense of connectedness with others and country and have a sense of mutual obligation. They will be able to appreciate the impact of their professional roles for social justice and inclusion related to national and global issues

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