



# Selection Criteria for Masters of Psychology (Clinical) & Doctorate of Psychology (Clinical)

**Applicants will be required to address the relevant criteria in a maximum of two pages. Candidates may attach appropriate appendices to support their application. Please ensure that you refer to the appendices in your application letter.**

**Applicants are required to submit their application in Size 12 Font, Arial Narrow.**

1. A sound academic record including:
  - a. At least 2A Honours or a Minimum GPA of 5.5 or higher in a Postgraduate Diploma in an APAC accredited fourth year program. 1<sup>st</sup> Class honours for DPsych.
  - b. A credit average over the first 3 years of study or equivalent<sup>1</sup>
  - c. A distinction level or better (i.e. 75%) in the fourth year counselling and ethics courses
  
2. A demonstrated professional identity and experience:
  - a. For applicants who have graduated from an Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC) accredited four year sequence in psychology less than 2 years ago, there is evidence of the following:
    - i. Paid or volunteer work in the counselling / human service field;
    - ii. Student / Associate membership of the APS
    - iii. Contribution to the profession
    - iv. Provisional registration<sup>2</sup>
  
  - b. For applicants who have graduated from an APAC accredited four year sequence in psychology more than 2 years ago but less than 5 years ago, there is evidence of the following:
    - i. Registration as a Psychologist by the Psychology Board of Australia
    - ii. Associate Membership of the APS
    - iii. Contribution to the profession
    - iv. Targeted professional development.

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<sup>1</sup> Where an average GPA of 5 has not been achieved there is demonstrated improvement throughout the program

<sup>2</sup> Students can apply to enter the program prior to attaining registration; however, any subsequent offer is conditional to attaining registration. Students **must** be registered prior to commencing the program.

- c. For applicants who have graduated from an APAC accredited four year sequence in psychology more than 5 years ago, and less than 10 years ago, there is evidence of the following:
    - i. Registration as a Psychologist by the Psychology Board of Australia
    - ii. Associate Membership of the APS
    - iii. Contribution to the profession
    - iv. Targeted and continuing professional development.
  - d. According APAC guidelines and the Psychologists Board of Australia legislation, applicants who have graduated from an APAC accredited four year sequence in psychology **more than 10 years ago are ineligible to apply**, as they need to complete additional studies.
3. Favourable referee reports – especially the ability to receive feedback
  4. The applicant has the willingness and a plan to study full-time for the first year of the program. A plan to complete the course of studies in the required time<sup>3</sup>.
  5. A willingness to take placements in the Toowoomba / Darling Downs Region, or other targeted rural location.<sup>4</sup>
  6. A desire to practice in rural centres or with disadvantaged populations upon graduation<sup>5</sup>
  7. Sound clinical reasoning skills including:
    - a. A demonstrated understanding of evidence based practice
    - b. An understanding of risk management in clinical practice
  8. Demonstrated commitment to collegiality and teamwork.
  9. A willingness to attend a face-to-face interview at the USQ Toowoomba campus is required.

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<sup>3</sup> If the applicant is working there is a clear plan to meet practicum requirements outside of the immediate work environment

<sup>4</sup> This will include a willingness to attend group supervision throughout the program

<sup>5</sup> A willingness to work with Indigenous or disadvantaged populations will be highly desirable.