

Personal Statement

School of Psychology

APPLICANT TO COMPLETE:

Name:	
Address:	
Email:	
Phone Number:	

If you have already completed a Masters in Professional or equivalent such as 4 + 2 psych pathway (see pathways below) you are eligible to apply for the 6th year stand-alone Clinical Masters and can tick the box below:

1. APAC Masters Degree (Coursework) –This includes courses such as Masters in Professional Psychology, Masters in Psychology (e.g., Health), and DPsych. For this pathway, applicants need to address each of the selection criteria below to show how their course provided sufficient foundational training. These must have been completed no longer than in the past 10 years.
2. 4+2 pathway – this requires a minimum 12 months practice as a registered psych with no conditions (so, at a minimum, applicants must be 2+ years post degree). Applicants need to obtain a signed statement from a registered psychologist (preferably a clinical psychologist, see standards below) that they observed and assessed the applicant’s competencies and are satisfied that they meet Level 3 standards. Applicants must have been registered within the past 10 years.

Selection Criteria: Applicants will be ranked based on:

- Academic performance, including grade point average, qualifications, and/or applied research experience. Competitive applicants typically have (a) achieved a 2A honours or higher (or equivalent) and/or (b) distinctions/high distinctions for a psychology masters by coursework.
- Applied clinical experience and documented history of professional development
- Two referee reports (preferably one psychologist supervisor and one academic). Competitive 4+2 pathway applicants typically have a clinical psychologist referee.
- Interview performance
- Demonstrated achievement of level 3 competencies (see below)

(Reference:

https://apac.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/APAC-Accreditation-Standards_v1.2_rebranded.pdf or details)



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Qualification Summary:

Please include all relevant qualifications including (if applicable) honours, post-grad, graduate diploma.

Qualification(s)	Institution	Date Completed	GPA/CWA

Relevant Work Experience (including volunteer positions):

- Employment in a professional psychology related role
- Volunteer experience in a relevant role for more than 12 months
- Volunteer experience in a relevant role for less than 12 months
- No Work or Volunteer experience

Details

Organisation	Position	Duration (hours per week)	Start and Finish Dates (Month/Year)

Professional Development:

Organisation	Position	Duration/Hours	Dates (Month/Year)



Checklist - Master of Psychology (Clinical)

- One professional and one personal reference uploaded to HODSPA
- Academic Transcript (Included in Application)
- CV - including clinical experience, training and professional development
- Personal Statement
- Included proof of APAC Masters Degree (For Pathway One)
- Signed Statement from a Registered Clinical Psychologist (For Pathway Two)
- Selection Criteria (No more than 250 words per Criterion)



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Master of Psychology (Clinical) – Selection Criteria

Please describe your experience in each of the five areas with a maximum of 250 words each.

1. Perform appropriate standardised psychological testing, as part of a broader assessment of mental health, to assess and interpret aspects of functioning.

2. Identify psychological disorders using a recognised taxonomy.



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3. Conduct professional interviews and assessments and synthesise information from multiple sources, including assessment of risk, to formulate a conceptualisation of the presenting issues to determine the most appropriate interventions, including management of risk.



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4. Apply and/or implement appropriate empirically supported interventions for mental disorders across the lifespan and monitor clients' progress and intervention outcomes.

5. Engage in self-reflective professional practice, taking account of the impact of your values and beliefs, and taking appropriate actions as a result.



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On the following page, please provide a statement of no more than 350 words indicating your professional goals and current research experience.