



Bachelor of Psychological Science/Master of Mental Health Practice (Domestic students)

Program code 5697	Entry requirements 68.00	Prerequisites NIL
Available at Gold Coast Campus, Mt Gravatt Campus, Online	ATAR/RANK 2024 (more)	Assumed knowledge Any General or Applied English subject (Units 3 and 4, C)
Duration 4 years full-time	Commencing in Trimester 1	
Credit points 320		
Indicative fee \$10,000.00* per year (more) * 2024 indicative annual CSP fee		



Degree requirements: Students who started Trimester 1 - 2025

For the award of *Bachelor of Psychological Science/Master of Mental Health Practice (BPsychSc/MMentHPrac)*, you must successfully complete 320 credit points, made up of the core courses AND

- 40 credit points of listed Psychology electives or free-choice electives

AND

- **Dissertation pathway:**
 - 30 credit points for the Mental Health dissertation courses; AND
 - 10 credit points of listed Research electives; AND
 - 10 credit points of listed Mental Health electives;

OR

- **Practice pathway:**
 - 20 credit points of listed Mental Health electives.

Note: All students will commence in the Practice stream. Students wishing to complete the Dissertation stream can transfer to that stream when all the following eligibility criteria have been successfully met:

- achievement of a Grade of at least 5 in 7001HSV Foundations of Research Inquiry;
- achievement of a GPA of at least 5.5 for all courses in the program (except Dissertation courses);
- the suitability of the proposed dissertation topic;
- the resources available to support the candidature including availability of appropriate supervision.

Other program requirements You must successfully complete

- no more than 100 credit points of Level 1 courses (the first number of a course code denotes the level).

This degree may be awarded with Distinction where a student achieves a minimum program GPA of 6.5 with no failed courses. The words "This award was achieved with Distinction" will be recorded on the testamur. Progression requirements To be eligible to progress to Year 3, you must successfully meet the following criteria:

1. Gain a GPA of at least 4.0 in the 120 credit points of required Level 1 and Level 2 core Psychology courses.
2. If you fail to meet criteria (1), you will be deemed ineligible for progression to Year 3.
3. If you fail to meet criteria (1), you will be required to transfer to the [Bachelor of Psychological Science \(1012\)](#) or [Bachelor of Psychological Science \(1312\)](#) and meet the degree requirements for that award.

To exit this vertical degree with the Bachelor of Psychological Science, you will be required to complete the 240 credit points for the Bachelor of Psychological Science. If you have graduated with the Bachelor of Psychological Science and are seeking to complete the Master of Mental Health Practice, you will be required to complete the 120 credit points to be eligible for that award.

Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) Level and Type

The [Australian Qualifications Framework \(AQF\)](#) is the national policy for regulated qualifications in Australian education and training. The Bachelor of Psychological Science is accredited as an AQF Level 7 - Bachelor Degree. The Master of Mental

Program learning outcomes

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Program Learning Outcomes communicate to the community the value of the Griffith educational experience as benchmarked against national qualification standards.

Program Learning Outcomes for the **Bachelor of Psychological Science** and **Master of Mental Health Practice** describe the knowledge, skills and the application of knowledge and skills you will acquire through studying the Griffith program of your choice.

Course list: Students starting Trimester 1 - 2025

Course offering information in program structures is a guide only. Please check the actual offering information in the Course Catalogue.

Note: Students must check the prerequisite and incompatible requirements before selecting any course within this program.

Year 1

You must complete the following courses:

Trimester	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 1,3	1001PSY	Core to Program	Introduction to Psychology 1	10
Tri 1,3	1011PSY	Core to Program	Psychology in Professional Contexts	10
Tri 1	1008PSY	Core to Program	Interpersonal Skills	10
Tri 1,2 or 3			Listed Psychology electives OR Free-choice electives	20
Tri 2,3	1002PSY	Core to Program	Introduction to Psychology 2	10
Tri 2,3	1003PSY	Core to Program	Research Methods and Statistics in Psychology	10
Tri 2	1018PSY	Core to Program	Counselling Skills	10

Year 2

You must complete the following courses:

Trimester	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 1	2000PSY	Core to Program	Experimental Design and Analysis	10
Tri 1	2015PSY	Core to Program	Developmental Psychology	10
Tri 1	2007PSY	Core to Program	Biological Psychology	10
Tri 1	7035HSV	Core to Program	Understanding Mental Health : Theories and Practice	10
Tri 2	2006PSY	Core to Program	Cognitive Psychology	10
Tri 2	2008PSY	Core to Program	Social and Cultural Psychology	10
Tri 2	2018PSY	Core to Program	Group Facilitation and Coaching Skills	10
Tri 1,2,3	7001HSV	Core to Program	Foundations of Research Inquiry (Tri 3 online only)f (see Note 1)	10

Note 1: Students who wish to **transfer to the Dissertation pathway** need to achieve a Grade of 5 for 7001HSV and successfully meet all other eligibility criteria (see degree requirements for details).

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Year 3

You must complete the following courses:

Trimester	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 1	3018PSY	Core to Program	Behaviour Change Skills (offered Tri 2 from 2025)	10
Tri 1	3003PSY	Core to Program	Survey Design and Analysis	10
Tri 1,2 or 3			Listed Psychology electives OR Free-choice electives	20
Tri 1,3	7002HSV	Core to Program	Applied Counselling	10
Tri 2	3009PSY	Core to Program	Abnormal Psychology (offered T1 from 2025)	10
Tri 2	3006PSY	Core to Program	Psychological Assessment of Individual Differences	10
Tri 2	7036HSV	Core to Program	Consumer, Carer, and Community Engagement in Mental Health	10

Year 4

You must complete one of the following streams:

Students who wish to **transfer to the Dissertation pathway** need to achieve a Grade of 5 for 7001HSV and successfully meet all other eligibility criteria (see degree requirements for details).

Trimester	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 1			Dissertation stream	80
			OR	
Tri 1			Practice stream	80

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Dissertation

Year 4

You must complete the following courses:

Trimester	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 1	7052HSV	Core to Program	Mental Health and Co-occurring Conditions	10
Tri 1,2	8200HSV_P1	Core to Program	Dissertation Part 1	10
Tri 1,2 or 3			Listed Research elective	10
Tri 1,2	7048HSV	Core to Program	Professional Practice (see Notes 1 & 2)	10
			OR	
Tri 1,2	7033HSV	Core to Program	Interdisciplinary Professional Ethics	10
Tri 1,2	8200HSV_P2	Core to Program	Dissertation Part 2	10
Tri 2	7037HSV	Core to Program	Contemporary Mental Health Practice	10
Tri 1,2	8200HSV_P3	Core to Program	Dissertation Part 3	10
Tri 1,2 or 3			Listed Mental Health elective	10

Note 1: Students who wish to undertake 7048HSV Professional Practice should note the placement includes on-site work in an organisation (200-hours) and you must complete preparation for placement requirements in the trimester immediately prior to enrolling in 7048HSV.

Note 2: Students who wish to undertake 7048HSV Professional Practice must complete it in their last year of study.

Practice

Year 4

You must complete the following courses:

Trimester	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 1	7052HSV	Core to Program	Mental Health and Co-occurring Conditions	10
Tri 1	7001CSR	Core to Program	Contemporary Suicide Prevention Practice 1	10
Tri 1,2 or 3			Listed Mental Health elective	20
Tri 1,2	7007HSV	Core to Program	Independent Study 1 (not offered from T2-2020)	10
			OR	
Tri 2	7041HSV	Core to Program	Advocacy and Leadership	10
Tri 2	7321AHS	Core to Program	Person-Centred Planning	10
Tri 2	7037HSV	Core to Program	Contemporary Mental Health Practice	10
Tri 1,2	7048HSV	Core to Program	Professional Practice (see Notes 1 & 2)	10
			OR	
Tri 1,2	7033HSV	Core to Program	Interdisciplinary Professional Ethics	10

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Note 2: Students who wish to undertake 7048HSV Professional Practice must complete it in their last year of study.

Electives (4 available)

Free-choice electives

You may select free-choice electives from the list below or any **Undergraduate free-choice elective/s** offered across the University provided prerequisites are met. If you require guidance please liaise with your Program Director.

When selecting a course, you are responsible for checking the campus and mode of offer. If the course is an in-person offering, you must be able to attend classes on the campus of offer.

Trimester	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 1,3	1008CCJ	Free-choice Elective	Social Problems - (In)Equality and (In)Justice (Tri 3: Online)	10
Tri 1	1021PSY	Free-choice Elective	Applied Psychology	10
Tri 1	1088LHS	Free-choice Elective	First Peoples	10
Tri 1	1977MED	Free-choice Elective	Introduction to Health Promotion	10
Tri 1	3033PSY	Free-choice Elective	Psychological Perspectives on Cultural Diversity	10
Tri 1,2	1001EHR	Free-choice Elective	Work and Employability (not offered from 2021)	10
			courseLineOperator	
Tri 1,3	1007GBS	Free-choice Elective	The Future of Work	10
Tri 2	1014HSV	Free-choice Elective	Introduction to Social Theory	10
Tri 2	1028HSV	Free-choice Elective	Equity and Diversity	10
Tri 2	1105QCM	Free-choice Elective	Music, Mind and Brain (not offered from 2021)	10
Tri 2	3105QCM	Free-choice Elective	Music, Mind and Brain	10
Tri 1,2 or 3	1019LHS	Free-choice Elective	Foundations of Academic Writing (not offered from 2023)	10
			courseLineOperator	
Tri 1,2 or 3	1029LHS	Free-choice Elective	Foundations of Academic Writing	10
Tri 2,3	1061LHS	Free-choice Elective	Ideas, Issues and Inquiry (not offered from 2021)	10
Tri 2,3	1205MED	Free-choice Elective	Health Challenges for the 21st Century	10
Tri 3	3023HSV	Free-choice Elective	Working with Family Violence	10
Tri 1	2032HSV	Free-choice Elective	First Peoples and Social Justice	10
Tri 2	2026LHS	Free-choice Elective	Sociology of Youth	10
Tri 2	2010HSV	Free-choice Elective	Community Practice Approaches	10
Tri 2	2026HSV	Free-choice Elective	Childhood: Early Years	10
Tri 1	3015CCJ	Free-choice Elective	Youth Justice (not offered from 2024)	10
Tri 1,3	3024HSV	Free-choice Elective	Contemporary Issues in Ageing	10
Tri 1,2	3121MED	Free-choice Elective	First Peoples Health and Practice	10
Tri 1,2	3002LFC	Free-choice Elective	Community Internship and Partnerships for SDGs	10

Listed Psychology electives

Trimester	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 1	1009PSY	Listed Elective 3	Introduction to Psychological Science and Society (not offered from 2019)	10
			courseLineOperator	
Tri 1,3	1011PSY	Listed Elective 3	Psychology in Professional Contexts	10
Tri 1	1021PSY	Listed Elective 3	Applied Psychology	10
Tri 1	2016PSY	Listed Elective 3	Personality Psychology	10
Tri 1	2020PSY	Listed Elective 3	Career Psychology and Counselling	10
Tri 2	3019PSY	Listed Elective 3	Cognitive Neuropsychology	10
Tri 1	3005PSY	Listed Elective 3	Counselling Theory and Practice	10
Tri 2	1010PSY	Listed Elective 3	Positive Psychology	10
Tri 2	2010PSY	Listed Elective 3	Health Psychology	10
Tri 2	3021PSY	Listed Elective 3	Adolescent Development	10
Tri 1	3033PSY	Listed Elective 3	Psychological Perspectives on Cultural Diversity	10

Listed Mental Health electives

Students must have completed 240 credit points in the Bachelor of Psychological Science prior to enrolling in Mental Health Listed electives.

Trimester	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 2	7012HSV	Listed Elective	Human Services : Law and Social Policy	10
Tri 1	7103CCJ	Listed Elective	Mental Disorder and Crime	10
Tri 2	7041HSV	Listed Elective	Advocacy and Leadership	10
Tri 1	7005CSR	Listed Elective	Suicide Assessment Tools	10
Tri 1	7006CSR	Listed Elective	Approaches to People Experiencing Suicidal Distress	10
Tri 1	7015HSV	Listed Elective	Disability Theories and Approaches	10
Tri 1,2	8021NRS	Listed Elective	Health Leadership and Management	10
Tri 2	7004HSV	Listed Elective	The Lived Experience of Disability	10
Tri 2	7009HSV	Listed Elective	Health and Ageing Across the Lifespan (not offered in 2019)	10
Tri 2	7007CSR	Listed Elective	Ethical and Cultural Dimensions of Suicidal Behaviour	10
Tri 2	8049NRS	Listed Elective	Perinatal Mental Health (offered in even years only from 2020)	10
Tri 1,2	7033HSV	Listed Elective	Interdisciplinary Professional Ethics	10
Tri 2	7049HSV	Listed Elective	Trauma Integrated Practice with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples	10
Tri 2	7175EDN	Listed Elective	Understanding Autism	10
Tri 2	7178EDN	Listed Elective	Managing Behaviours that challenge	10
Tri 3	8052NRS	Listed Elective	Applied Learning and Teaching for Health Professionals	10

Listed Research electives

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Trimester	Course code	Requirement	Course title	CP
Tri 1	7312MED	Listed Elective 2	Epidemiology: Principles and Practices	10
Tri 1,2	7007HSV	Listed Elective 2	Independent Study 1 (not offered from T2-2020)	10
Tri 1,2	6002HLS	Listed Elective 2	Quantitative Research	10
Tri 1,3	6005MED	Listed Elective 2	Applied Research Statistics and Meta-Analysis	10
			courseLineOperator	
Tri 1,2	6003MED	Listed Elective 2	Advanced Research Statistics (not offered from 2021)	10
Tri 1,2	7018NRS	Listed Elective 2	Qualitative Research	10
Tri 1,2	7021NRS	Listed Elective 2	Research Evidence and Practice (not offered from 2021)	10

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