



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

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



### About this program

In this integrated vertical degree, you'll gain a thorough grounding in the application of clinical, development, biological, cognitive, social, and organisational psychology. You'll then build on this broad knowledge base with studies in the growing specialist area of mental health practice. You'll learn the latest evidence-based research and specialised knowledge about health services for people with mental illness. You'll collaborate with consumers, carers, and mental health professionals in your studies so that you're prepared for a profession in various settings where mental health knowledge is essential.

When undertaking the Master of Mental Health Practice, students will be able to complete either a Dissertation stream or Practice stream. Students completing the Dissertation stream will complete a research dissertation on an area of interest in the mental health field. This will provide students with the knowledge and skills for conducting independent research projects and the research experience necessary for those who wish to pursue a PhD or Master of Philosophy. For those students not interested in research, the Practice stream which includes coursework only may be preferred. All students will commence in the Practice stream. Students wishing to complete the Dissertation stream can transfer to that stream when all eligibility criteria have been successfully met.

### My attendance during the program

#### Attendance information

The Bachelor of Psychological Science courses are delivered via blended mode at the Gold Coast, Mount Gravatt campuses and Master of Mental Health Practice courses are delivered online. Students who wish to undertake the optional course 7048HSV Professional Practice should note the on-site attendance requirements. You would generally expect to commit 100 - 150 hours per trimester to study for each course you are enrolled in. This would involve attending scheduled (i.e. set timetabled) online lectures and on-campus small group active learning classes, as well as engaging in asynchronous (non-timetabled) online learning modules and independent study and assessment completion. Scheduled classes may be set during the day and evening throughout the week.

Students may take a reduced study load. You will be classed as a part-time student if you enrol in less than 30 credit points per trimester. This may affect entitlement to Centrelink benefits. International students must maintain a full-time study load.

#### Student Income Support

**Student Income Support is only available to students studying full time in the Bachelor of Psychological Science component (first three years of the program).**

To be classed as a full-time student, you are required to enrol in a minimum number of credit points each standard study period. The minimum credit points for full-time enrolment in this program is 30 credit points.

Trimester 1 and Trimester 2 are deemed standard study periods. As Trimester 3 is a non-standard study period, continuing students moving from one year to the next will not be required to study during this trimester to be eligible for student income

support.

Domestic students who commence in Trimester 3 may be eligible for student income support from the onset of study provided they are enrolled full-time in this study period.

Please refer to the [Australian Government website](#) for more details.

**Please note: The Master of Mental Health Practice (final year of the program) is not eligible for student income support.**

### **Work-integrated learning**

Work-integrated learning activities (professional placements) integrate theoretical learning with its application in the workplace. The inclusion of work-integrated learning activities in the degree program demonstrates Griffith's commitment to preparing its graduates for success in their working life.

Students may choose to complete work-integrated learning in 7048HSV Professional Practice (which has on-site attendance requirements), but it is not compulsory.

## **My career opportunities**

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You'll be ready for a range of opportunities in the health workforce such as community support workers, case managers, peer support workers, disability workers and other mental health support roles.

## **Program accreditation**

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The Bachelor of Psychological Science is accredited by the [Australian Psychology Accreditation Council \(APAC\)](#).

## **Professional recognition**

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As a Bachelor of Psychological Science graduate, you will be eligible for Affiliate Membership of the [Australian Psychological Society](#). Further study is required to qualify for provisional registration as a Psychologist.

## **Placement requirements**

### **Professional Practice requirements**

There are placements associated with this program and before undertaking professional experience placements, all students in this program are required to have completed the following by the end of their first trimester of study:

- Vaccinations and Health Tests
- Licenses and Certificates
- Online Training
- Health Placement Requirements

Students should refer to the **checklist of professional practice requirements for their Health discipline** on the [Health Placement Support Hub](#) for full details of the requirements regarding professional placement to ensure that they meet eligibility for placement.

## **Pathways to further study**

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A further year of study that leads to the award of [Bachelor of Psychological Science \(Honours\) \(2004\)](#) is available to students who meet the specified requirements for admission to the Honours program.

Students who have successfully completed the Master of Mental Health Practice (Dissertation stream only) may be eligible for admission to the Master of Philosophy (MPhil) or Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) subject to the specified requirements for candidature in the [Higher Degree Research Policy](#).

## **What are the fees?**

### **Commonwealth supported students**

- The indicative fee represents the expected average fee for an annual full-time study load (80 credit points). This is based on average study patterns across courses and the Australian Government's broad discipline areas (student contribution bands). A student's actual annual fee may vary in accordance with his or her choice of majors and electives. The Australian Government sets student contribution amounts on an annual basis.

- [Find out more...](#)

### **Fee-paying undergraduate (domestic) students**

These fees are only applicable to domestic students who are not Commonwealth supported including:

- Full-fee paying domestic students who commenced their program prior to 2009.
- International students who have been approved to pay domestic tuition fees after obtaining Australian or New Zealand citizenship or permanent residency or a permanent humanitarian visa and who have not obtained a Commonwealth supported place.

#### **Tuition fees**

- A fee-paying undergraduate student pays tuition fees.
- Students are liable for tuition fees for the courses they are enrolled in as at the census date.
- The tuition fee is charged according to the approved program fee for the trimester in which the student is enrolled.
- [Find out more...](#)

#### **FEE-HELP**

Eligible undergraduate fee-paying students may defer their tuition fees by taking out a FEE-HELP loan which is part of the Higher Education Loan Program (HELP). Payment of the loan is via the taxation system when income reaches a specified level.

- [Higher Education Loan Program \(HELP\)](#)

#### **Further information**

- [Calculating tuition fees](#)
- [Calculating your EFTSL](#)
- [Fees and Charges Procedure](#)
  - [3.2 - Fees for Undergraduate Students \(Non-international\)](#)
  - [Fees and Charges Schedules](#)
- [Financial help and support](#)