



Doctor of Philosophy in Clinical Psychology (International students)

Program code	Commencing in
6026	No Intake
Available at	
Gold Coast Campus, Mt Gravatt Campus	
Duration	
4 years full-time	
Credit points	
360	

Important Notes

From 2022, commencing students are referred to the **Doctor of Philosophy in Clinical Psychology (6028)**.

About this program

This degree integrates the traditional Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) training in research through the preparation of a thesis, with coursework and internship training in theory and techniques in clinical psychology. You will receive the training needed to pursue a specialist career in clinical research settings, including in universities, hospitals, specialist research foundations and government bodies.

The program has been designed to meet the requirements for eligibility for full registration with the Psychology Board of Australia and entry to the Registrar program for the area of practice endorsement in clinical psychology. Completion of the degree also meets the requirements for associate membership of the Australian Psychological Society's College of Clinical Psychologists.

Provisional Registration as a Psychologist with the Psychology Board of Australia

It is a requirement that students enrolled in this program have and maintain either provisional or full registration as a Psychologist with the Psychology Board of Australia via the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) for the duration of the program.

My attendance during the program

Attendance information

This program is offered full-time and part-time on-campus at the Gold Coast and Mt Gravatt campuses.

The first year of the PhD in Clinical Psychology will be a research focused year. Year two of the program (that is, the first year of clinical training) is only offered full-time on-campus. This postgraduate clinical training program requires students to be available for components of the program across the full calendar year. A total of four weeks recreation leave is factored into the calendar year at specific times. The third and fourth years of the clinical program may (with approval of the Program Director (Clinical Psychology) and the HDR Convenor) be completed on a part-time basis.

You will be classed as a part-time student if you are enrolled in less than 30 credit points per trimester. International students must maintain a full-time study load. Students enrolling in this program are required to complete coursework, placement and a dissertation.

Coursework: You are required to attend approximately 12-15 hours of scheduled classes per week. It is expected that if you enrol in these courses you will be available to attend. Some of the classes are offered in full day workshop mode and others are scheduled on a weekly basis. Some classes are also scheduled prior to the start of Trimester 1. Classes may be delivered at the Gold Coast, Mt Gravatt or Logan campuses and students are required to attend the classes at the campus where they are delivered. All classes, seminars and workshops are compulsory.

Placement: Clinical PhD students enrol in research in Year 1 and then during the second year (full-time) and subsequent years (either full-time or part-time) they are required to undertake clinical placements / internships/externships which require up to three days attendance at a specific location. Some placements may be outside of the Brisbane/Gold Coast area (for example,

Northern New South Wales). Each placement must be completed within a maximum of 12 months.

Dissertation: During your enrolment in the research component of this program which include a dissertation it is expected that you will be able to work independently for most of the time. The requirement for on-campus attendance is relatively flexible. However, you will be required to meet regularly with your supervisor and it is recommended that you discuss the on-campus attendance requirements with your supervisor.

Research supervision

Adequate progress toward completion of the research dissertation is one criterion for continuation in the clinical psychology training program. Students in the clinical training program are not required to be supervised by a clinical staff member and applicants are encouraged to review the research interests of all psychology staff in selecting potential supervisors. The research topic must be relevant to, and contribute to the field of clinical psychology.

The research profile of staff members is diverse and expanding rapidly each year. Therefore, it is advisable that applicants determine whether they share a research interest with a psychology staff member. Both clinical and non-clinical staff have published a substantial number of journal publications, books, chapters, and other research reports, as well as papers that have been presented at national and international conferences.

Grant-funded research and related opportunities for students are increasing annually. Students are encouraged and supported to prepare grant proposals independently and in collaboration with members of the staff.

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.

In this program, you will spend time in the work/professional environment undertaking placements at various locations. Placements may be outside of the Brisbane metropolitan/Gold Coast area including northern New South Wales and, very occasionally, interstate or overseas by negotiation. Total work placement (hours): 1000

My career opportunities

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You will have a high level of competence in assessment, treatment and research, and be able to use these skills with individuals who are experiencing psychological distress and disorders. As a professional Psychologist, you will be prepared for entry into a career in academia, administration, research institutes, private practice, departments of health and mental health, child protection agencies and consultative enterprises.

Program accreditation

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The Doctor of Philosophy in Clinical Psychology is accredited by the **Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC)**.

Professional recognition

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Graduates are eligible to apply for general registration as a psychologist with the **Psychology Board of Australia**.

Graduates are eligible to apply for the Psychology Board of Australia **registrar program** in the endorsed area of practice of clinical psychology.

Graduates are eligible for membership of the **Australian Psychological Society**.

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.

What are the fees?

International students

An International student is one who is not:

- an Australian or New Zealand citizen or
- a Pacific Engagement visa holder or
- a person who has Australian permanent resident status.

Indicative annual tuition fee

The indicative annual tuition fee is calculated based on a standard full-time study load which is usually 80 credit points (two full-time trimesters).

The indicative annual tuition fee is based on current conditions and available data and should only be used as a guide. These fees are reviewed annually and are subject to change.

Tuition fees

- An International 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 for students who commence their program prior to 2014 is charged according to the approved program fee for the trimester in which the student commenced the program.
- The tuition fee for students who commence their program from 2014 onwards is charged according to the approved program fee for the trimester in which the student is enrolled.

Program fees for the Doctor of Philosophy in Clinical Psychology (6026)

Fees for this program can be found on the Programs and Courses website in the "Overview and fees" section. Select your commencing year to view your fees.

Changing programs

If an International student changes to a different program they will be subject to the approved program fee for the trimester in which they are enrolled.

Permanent resident status

If an **undergraduate student** obtains permanent resident status in Australia after commencing study in a program, and the student can provide evidence of permanent resident status prior to the census date (of the trimester in which they are enrolled), the student will be provided with a domestic fee-paying place.

The student may then apply for a Commonwealth supported place at the next admission period provided that the student satisfies the conditions for transfer from a domestic fee-paying place to a Commonwealth supported place as set out in the [Undergraduate Programs Admission Policy](#).

If a **postgraduate student** obtains permanent resident status in Australia after commencing study in a program, and the student can provide evidence of permanent resident status prior to the census date (of the trimester in which they are enrolled), the student will automatically be considered for a Commonwealth supported place (subject to availability) or a domestic fee-paying place as applicable for the program.

If a **research student** obtains permanent resident status in Australia after commencing study in a program, and the student can provide evidence of permanent resident status prior to the census date (of the trimester in which they are enrolled), the student will automatically be considered for a Commonwealth Government Research Training Program (RTP) Fee Offset or a domestic fee-paying place as applicable for the program.

Further information

- [Fees and Charges Procedure](#)
 - 3.6 - Fees for International Students
 - 3.9 - Administrative and Miscellaneous Charges
 - [Fees and Charges Schedules](#)
- [Cost of studying in Australia](#)