

2022 Prospectus

POSTGRADUATE PSYCHOLOGY

Postgraduate Psychology Programmes: Coursework and research*

**Clinical Psychology
Health Psychology
Industrial / Organisational Psychology
Psychological Practice**

**School of Psychology
Te Kura Hinengaro Tangata**

***For more information on thesis and project research, see the Postgraduate Handbook for Psychology.**

Route to professional qualifications in Psychology

Students intending to proceed to the Postgraduate Diploma in Psychological Practice must have completed 240 credits of postgraduate study, including a thesis, before applying.

Useful web pages:

Postgraduate study page:	https://www.massey.ac.nz/massey/learning/departments/school-of-psychology/postgraduate-study/postgraduate-study_home.cfm
Postgraduate courses:	https://www.massey.ac.nz/massey/learning/departments/school-of-psychology/postgraduate-study/postgraduate-papers/postgraduate-papers_home.cfm
School of Psychology:	https://psychology.massey.ac.nz/
Massey University:	https://massey.ac.nz
School of Psychology staff:	https://www.massey.ac.nz/massey/learning/departments/school-of-psychology/staff/staff-all.cfm

Academic Advice / Programme Planning

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SECTION ONE – OVERVIEW OF POSTGRADUATE STUDY

Message from Head of School

Kia ora koutou,

Welcome to all of you who are interested in postgraduate study with Te Kura Hinengaro Tangata, the School of Psychology at Massey University

Ours is a large School with three campuses, in Wellington, Palmerston North and Auckland and a strong distance learning programme at postgraduate level. Your lecturers are active researchers, highly committed to their chosen area of scholarship as well as to their role as teachers and mentors. Our interests encompass most of the contemporary fields of psychological inquiry and we have a strong emphasis on applied and professional psychology.

Although we have unique interests, we work collaboratively to create comprehensive and supportive learning environments for students. We value Massey University's commitments to te Tiriti o Waitangi, to distance education, and to meeting the needs of students from diverse backgrounds and circumstances. We believe in the mutual benefit for all cultures of commitments to te Tiriti, as these have direct relevance to the application of psychological knowledge for everyone's well-being in Aotearoa/New Zealand. We encourage the pursuit of psychologies that are informed by indigenous and other culturally diverse perspectives unique to this country. Our respect for diversity also encompasses a variety of approaches to the discovery of new knowledge.

The size and diversity of our School creates an exciting variety of courses and programmes, at Postgraduate level. It can also make for quite a confusing array of opportunities for students, which is why careful attention to this prospectus is so important. In it you will find descriptions of Postgraduate Diplomas, Masters and Doctoral qualifications that are designed for advanced education within our discipline. You will also find information on pathways with professional and applied psychology. In valuing diversity and providing a variety of programmes to meet your personal interests and goals, we also share and encourage serious scholarship, innovative and thoughtful research and a collegial culture within our discipline.

Most of all we want you to enjoy your study with us: postgraduate students are the future of our discipline and we hope you will find postgraduate study as inspiring and fascinating as it has been to all of us.

Ngā manaakitanga,

Prof. Mandy Morgan
Head of School
School of Psychology

Introduction to Postgraduate Psychology

This prospectus describes the postgraduate programmes available in the School of Psychology. The Massey University Calendar contains the official regulations governing programmes and can also be consulted (available online at <https://www.massey.ac.nz/calendar/>).

Links to all of our postgraduate programmes can be found here:

https://www.massey.ac.nz/massey/learning/departments/school-of-psychology/postgraduate-study/general-degrees/general-degrees_home.cfm

A list of the postgraduate courses in psychology is here:

https://www.massey.ac.nz/massey/learning/departments/school-of-psychology/postgraduate-study/postgraduate-papers/postgraduate-papers_home.cfm

Entry Requirements

1. Students must hold an undergraduate degree with a major in PSYCHOLOGY.

Students who already hold a university degree in another discipline can complete the equivalent of a major in psychology by completing the Graduate Diploma in Arts or the Graduate Diploma in Science and Technology (Psychology). **Please refer to the School of Psychology Undergraduate Prospectus or the website** for details on this diploma.

Please Note:

You will not be accepted into the Postgraduate Psychology Programme without these qualifications. **We do not make any exceptions to this requirement.** For some specialised Postgraduate Diplomas the entry requirements may be different (refer to relevant section).

2. Entry into the Postgraduate Programme is also based on prior academic performance.

Your Grade Average is used to determine your eligibility for Postgraduate study.

Please contact our Academic Administrator – Professional Psychology

(psych.admin.pn@massey.ac.nz) if you have questions about entry requirements for specific qualifications.

3. Entry into the PhD Programme normally requires a psychology degree of a First Class or upper Second Class Honours standard.

Generally, students accepted into this programme will be given provisional enrolment for the first year and are required to complete specified work. Intending PhD students should apply to the Massey University Doctoral Research Committee through the Head of School in Psychology, Psych.HoS@massey.ac.nz.

The same criteria for entry apply to students who want to apply for the Doctor of Clinical Psychology. In addition students must have applied to the School of Psychology as per the application procedures outlined in the Clinical Psychology Training Programme Section of this prospectus and gained entry to the DClinPsych.

Full-time or Part-time Study

Most programmes can be completed on either a full-time or part-time basis; however there are strict timeframes that must be adhered to for certain programmes.

Bicultural Focus

As part of Massey University's commitment to Te Tiriti o Waitangi, the Treaty of Waitangi, the School of Psychology is developing a bicultural focus as an integral part of the programmes offered.

Manawatū Campus has Te Rau Aroha, a postgraduate resource space for Māori students, with a study area, access to computers, and opportunities for whanaungatanga. At Albany, Te Puawaitanga is a support network for Māori students, which provides tutorial support for undergraduates, and is developing a research network for Māori postgraduate students.

There is more information about support for Māori students at <https://www.massey.ac.nz/student-life/m%81ori-at-massey/>. It includes study options and also support for Māori students as well as PG and PhD study.

We expect that all participants in our programmes (both staff and students) will recognise that Psychology has an ongoing responsibility, through teaching and research programmes, to promote genuine Māori participation in the discipline in a manner consistent with Māori aspirations and processes. We anticipate building our capacity for bicultural knowledge and practice through active involvement of all staff and students.

Fees

Information about Fees can be obtained from the University web site:

<https://www.massey.ac.nz/fees/>

Alternatively, for further information about fees and allowances contact:

0800 MASSEY
0800 627 739

SECTION TWO: HELPFUL PEOPLE

I hope that all the people you meet in the School of Psychology will be helpful! However, the following are a few people you might deal with more regularly or need for specific help.

Postgraduate Studies Co-ordinator

Dianne Gardner can be consulted on general academic matters including enrolments and applications, course advice, supervisors, initial guidance for choosing Honours or Masters Research topics, and for help with any problems that arise in the course of your studies. If you are having any particular difficulties that are hindering your progress in any way, it is important to seek advice about how to proceed as soon as possible. Please note that co-ordinator roles rotate among academics. However, the email address will not change:

Email: Psych.Grad.Co-ordinator@massey.ac.nz

Academic Administrator

Joanne Stevenson is available to discuss planning for your postgraduate studies and can assist with enrolment queries or administrative matters. You should contact Jo in the first instance for all enquiries:

Email: psych.admin.bn@massey.ac.nz

Director of Clinical Psychology Training / DClinPsych and MClinPsych Co-ordinator

The Director of Clinical Psychology Training and coordinator of the Doctor of Clinical Psychology and Master of Clinical Psychology programmes can be consulted on issues regarding applications and admission criteria for the clinical programme, as well as advice on clinical course work and supervision, arrangement of practica, and issues related to clinical training.

Email: Psych.Clin.Coordinator@massey.ac.nz

Industrial / Organisational (I/O) Psychology Co-ordinator

The I/O Co-ordinator can be consulted on issues regarding the I/O programme:

Email: Psych.IO.Coordinator@massey.ac.nz

Health Psychology Co-ordinator

The Health Psychology coordinator can be consulted about the Health Psychology programme:

Email: Psych.Health.Coordinator@massey.ac.nz

Head of School

Consulting the Head of School is a final recourse for issues that cannot be sorted out at the level of the Thesis Supervisor, Course Co-ordinator, or Postgraduate Co-ordinator. Please contact the Office Manager to arrange an appointment:

Email: Psych.HOSOM@massey.ac.nz

School of Psychology Secretaries

The secretaries for Psychology on **Manawatū Campus** include Melanie Robertson and Anne Ormsby; and Judy Tildesley is the Campus Administrator. Judy can be contacted regarding postgraduate research funds, keys, access cards and other administrative matters on extension: 85071. The Psychology office is located in PLB2.16 and is open for general enquiries between 8.30 a.m. and 4.00 p.m.

The secretary at **Albany** is Janet Mak. Janet can be contacted regarding postgraduate research funds, keys, access cards and other administrative matters on extension: 43116.

For **Wellington** enquiries, please contact Megan Burnett on extension: 63210

Computer Assistance

The computer expert is Harvey Jones. Note that any requests for assistance from him should be directed through your supervisor.

Email: H.Jones@massey.ac.nz

OR

Contact the Information Technology Services Desk: (ext. 82111)

Technical Assistance

Malcolm Loudon and Hung Ton are available to assist across the School. Again, their assistance should be accessed through your supervisor:

Email: M.R.Loudon@massey.ac.nz

Email: H.Ton@massey.ac.nz

Postgraduate student email list

You should subscribe to the postgraduate e-mail list which serves as a virtual notice-board for student and staff. You may request information from other students on this list, and the Postgraduate Co-ordinator will use it to post notices about such things as new scholarship opportunities, school seminars, or information courses. Subscribers may ask questions, request participants for research (e.g. surveys), and share other information relevant to postgraduate study and research.

The procedures for subscribing and unsubscribing are similar.

Send a message as follows to the 'Sympa' listserver, with <LISTNAME> replaced by the name of the list desired.

To: sympa@lists.massey.ac.nz

Put the following in either the 'Subject' or in the body of the message:

SUBSCRIBE <LISTNAME>

Or – if you wish to unsubscribe

UNSUBSCRIBE <LISTNAME>

Example: to subscribe to the Psychology postgraduate email list of 'psych-grad'

subscribe psych-grad

You should be able to subscribe to the psych-grad list by clicking on this [link to subscribe](#),

Messages can be sent to this subscriber list by addressing to: psych-grad@lists.massey.ac.nz

SECTION THREE: TIME LIMITS, WITHDRAWING AND ASSESSMENT

Withdrawing from taught courses

If you decide to withdraw from a taught course, the consequences depend on the date of withdrawal relative to the duration of the course.

https://www.massey.ac.nz/massey/admission/enrolment/change_withdraw_study.cfm

You can find the withdrawal dates for each course by clicking on Course Search and entering the course code number: <https://www.massey.ac.nz/massey/learning/programme-course/course.cfm>.

Time limits for your degree

It is very important that you are aware of the time limits for completion of your degree. The time allowed for completion varies according to the qualification that you are enrolled for and whether you are a part-time or full-time student. Further information regarding Time to Completion of your chosen programme of study can be found at:

<https://www.massey.ac.nz/calendar/>

QUALIFICATION	CREDIT VALUE	TIME TO COMPLETION (ACADEMIC YEARS)
Postgraduate Certificate	60	2 years
Postgraduate Diploma	120	4 years
Bachelor Honours	120	1 year / 3 years*
Masters Degree	120	4 years
	180	5 years
	240	6 years
Doctorate		2-4 years full-time / 3-6 years part-time

*1 year from first year of enrolling full-time and 3 years from first year of enrolling part-time.

Important

It is important to remember that if you choose not to enrol for study in any particular semester, unless you apply for an extension, that time is counted toward your completion date. If you choose to take time out from study, please contact your supervisor in the first instance. For thesis or research projects, you need to be enrolled continuously until you submit your completed thesis or project.

Assessment of coursework

You will be informed early on in each course about the assessment for that course – note that different courses may have very different types of assessment. It is important for you to pay attention to these requirements, as well as the relative contribution of each piece of assessment to the final grade, so that a reasonable plan of study can be made.

Presentation

You are expected to develop word-processing skills and to present assignments in typed format. However, you will not be disadvantaged if for good reason you are unable to present typed assignments, provided that hand-written presentations are clear, legible and of good standard. You are encouraged to discuss any problems relating to access to facilities and the presentation of work with relevant course co-ordinators. All referencing for assignments should be consistent with APA format. The Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association is available from the library.

OWLL has information on referencing using APA style referencing at
<http://owll.massey.ac.nz/referencing/apa-style.php>.

Extensions

You have a right to know the policy for late assignments of each lecturer in each course. These will be communicated directly to you by individual staff members early in the academic year. **If in doubt**, please ask. Staff members vary in their policies; you should direct any queries to the relevant lecturer.

Feedback

Staff are aware of the value to you of prompt feedback and constructive criticism. However, there is variability among staff in terms of the relationship of assigned work to learning objectives and the type of contractual agreement made with you. Co-ordinators of individual courses will be prepared to discuss their policy on the marking and return of assignments early in the academic year. The University policy is that in general, marked assignments should be returned 3 weeks after the due date. However, unpredictable delays in the marking of assignments sometimes occur. In such cases, you should approach the staff member concerned for information about the return of work submitted.

Moderation

Grades with the School of Psychology are subject to three layers of moderation. First, we check within the School that the grades in different courses are fair and reasonable. Second, the External Examiner (see below) may recommend grade changes. Finally, grades may be subject to moderation by the College, who look at all grades for possible errors, grades yet to be finalised and extreme distributions. For these reasons, all grades should be regarded as indicative until officially released by the University at the end of the second semester. For

student information, the indicative grades for the first semester courses are released on the student portal. These grades will give you a good indication of your final grade, but may be changed by the External Examiner or the College.

External Assessment

The School of Psychology has a policy that all postgraduate course work should be externally assessed. Late in the academic year, a senior academic from the Psychology School of another New Zealand university spends time assessing samples of our postgraduate students' assignments and examination work. The external assessor comments on the consistency and standards within and across postgraduate courses. The aim of this process is to provide reassurance that our academic standards are, at least, as high as those at other Schools of Psychology within New Zealand.

The external assessor is also well placed to provide an objective view on any particular piece of work. This can be especially useful in the case of disputed grades which have not been resolved within the School of Psychology. (The usual and required first port of call for such disputes is the Head of School.) **Requests to have specific work looked at by the external assessor should be made via the Head of School.**

Once the College approves grades at the end of the second semester, the University releases them.

Grading System

The School of Psychology uses the following system for grading:

Grade	Grade Point (GP)
A+	9
A	8
A-	7
B+	6
B	5
B-	4
C+	3
C	2
C-	1

1st Class Pass

2nd Class Pass

3rd Class Pass

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graph LR; Aplus[A+] --> One[1st Class Pass]; A[A] --> One; Aminus[A-] --> One; Bplus[B+] --> Two[2nd Class Pass]; B[B] --> Two; Bminus[B-] --> Two; Cplus[C+] --> Three[3rd Class Pass]; C[C] --> Three; Cminus[C-] --> Three;
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SECTION FOUR - DIPLOMAS AND DEGREES

Overview

Graduates in psychology may enrol in:

- Postgraduate Certificates in Arts, Science or Health Science
- Bachelor of Arts with Honours
- Bachelor of Science with Honours
- Postgraduate Diplomas in Arts, Science and Technology, or Health Science
- Master of Arts (coursework, research or thesis only)
- Master of Science (coursework or thesis only)
- Master of Science endorsed in health psychology
- Master of Clinical Psychology (part of the Clinical Psychology training programme)
- Master of Health Science.

The *Bachelors with Honours* programmes can be completed in one year. Gaining First Class Honours or Second Class Honours (Division I) may enable direct entry to the PhD or DClinPsych programme (subject to selection).

The *Masters* programmes lead to a higher level academic qualification but take longer to complete – a minimum of 1.5 years for the MA and MHIthSc, and a minimum of 2 years for the MSc. These programmes give students greater exposure to research by virtue of the larger research component. This may offer advantages, both for those seeking an academic qualification and for those going on to Doctoral studies who want to gain more research experience first. The MClinPsych is part of the Clinical Psychology training programme.

The *Postgraduate Diplomas* are standalone qualifications of 120 credits of 700 level courses. If satisfactory grades are achieved, they can lead on to a Masters degree by thesis only. **This is the recommended pathway (PGDip + Masters by thesis only) for students who intend to apply for the professional registration pathway, the Postgraduate Diploma in Psychological Practice.**

Prospective candidates for any of these programmes should carefully consider the relative advantages in light of their own requirements.

Routes to Professional Qualifications in Psychology

Students intending to proceed to the *Postgraduate Diploma in Psychological Practice* must complete 240 credits of postgraduate study, including a thesis. Postgraduate options include the Master of Science (MSc 240 credits) OR the BA (Hons) or BSc (Hons) or the Postgraduate Diploma in Arts or Postgraduate Diploma in Science and Technology or Postgraduate Diploma in Health Science, *followed by* a Masters by thesis only (120 credit thesis).

Postgraduate Diplomas (PGDipArts / PGDipScTech / PGDipHlthSc)

These are advanced qualifications in psychology equivalent to the first year of Masters study. They do not have a research component. Courses worth 120 credits are selected from the 700-level psychology courses (**NOTE:** 175.738 *Psychological Research: Principles of Design* is **compulsory** for ALL students and 175.799 *Research report* cannot be taken as part of a Postgraduate Diploma). All requirements of the PGDip must be completed within a maximum of four years.

Honours Degrees [BA (Hons) / BSc (Hons)]

The BA (Hons) or BSc (Hons) in Psychology take one-year of full-time study or can be spread over two or three years of part-time study. Honours students complete courses to the value of 90 credits (including 175.738 *Psychological Research: Principles of Design*) from the list of 700 level psychology courses, and a research report (175.799 *Research report*) of 30 credits. Students can progress to a Masters by thesis only, if they have sufficient grades.

The research project component details the outcome of an empirical investigation conducted by the student. The investigation may deal with original research, or may be a replication. The independent research carried out within the Honours degree is sufficient for students to progress onto a PhD in Psychology so long as they achieve at least Second Class (Division I) Honours.

Masters Degrees (MA, MSc, MHlthSc)

Master of Arts (MA)

The MA in Psychology comprises 180 credits. It is a 1.5 year programme of full-time study but may be completed part time. MA students complete 700 level psychology courses (including 175.738 *Psychological Research: Principles of Design*), and a research report or thesis. Two options are available: a coursework pathway (smaller research component) and a research pathway (larger research component). For more information:

<https://www.massey.ac.nz/programme/?id=93119&mc=PPSYC>

The *coursework* pathway comprises:

- 120 credits of 700-level courses
- a 60-credit research report.

The *research* pathway comprises:

- 60 credits of 700-level courses
- Thesis Part I (60 credits) and Thesis Part II (60 credits).

All requirements must be completed within four years.

For those considering advanced study (e.g., doctoral level), or the *Postgraduate Diploma in Psychological Practice*, we strongly recommend completing either the 240 credit Master of Science, or a Postgraduate Diploma (in Arts, Science and Technology, or Health Science) followed by a Masters by thesis only for a total of 240 credits.

A Master of Arts degree of 180 credits (research pathway) does not meet the entry criteria for professional training programmes.

ALL students are encouraged to begin looking for potential supervisors for their research projects and theses as soon as is practical. The School may not always be able to provide supervision in a topic area or to provide a specific staff member for supervision of a project or thesis.

Master of Science (MSc)

The MSc in Psychology is a two-year programme of full-time study (but may be completed part-time). Masters students complete 120 credits of 700-level psychology courses (including 175.738 *Psychological Research: Principles of Design*) in the first year, and a Thesis of 120 credits in the second year. For more information:

<https://www.massey.ac.nz/programme/?id=92431&mc=PPSYC>

All requirements must be completed within four years of first enrolling for the MSc by Thesis only.

Students interested in the Health Psychology endorsement **must** enrol in the MSc programme.

ALL students are encouraged to begin looking for potential supervisors for their research projects and theses as soon as is practical. The School may not always be able to provide supervision in a topic area or to provide a specific staff member for supervision of a project or thesis.

Students who enrol for a thesis or research report course must have a supervisor arranged and an Agreement to Supervise form (available from the School website) completed before their enrolment will be approved.

Master of Health Science (MHlthSc)

The MHlthSc in Psychology is available to students who have successfully completed a Bachelor of Health Science with a major in psychology. It is a 1.5 year programme of full-time study, but may be completed part time. Further details are here:

<https://www.massey.ac.nz/programme/?id=93379&mc=PPSYC>

ALL students are encouraged to begin looking for potential supervisors for their research projects and theses as soon as is practical. The School may not always be able to provide supervision in a topic area or to provide a specific staff member for supervision of a project or thesis.

Students who enrol for a thesis or research report course must have a supervisor arranged and an Agreement to Supervise form (available from the School website) completed before their enrolment will be approved.

Doctoral Degrees

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

The PhD degree is an advanced research degree . The prerequisite for entry is normally an Honours or Masters degree in Psychology, of First Class or Second Class (Division I) standard. Applicants must arrange supervision and approval before applying to the University Doctoral Research Committee.

Candidates are engaged in research for the duration of the programme. There is no course work unless specified by the supervisor during the first year of provisional enrolment. Candidates may be granted permission to be employed in a full-time job, provided that the job allows the candidate to continue studies and research. Normally, the consent of both the candidate's employer and the University's Doctoral Research Committee is required and candidates will be required to enrol part-time.

The School has available, from time to time, Graduate Assistant positions suitable for students wishing to pursue a PhD. In addition, some casual assistance work is also available on an hourly basis.

A number of scholarships are available to candidates for Doctoral programmes. Enquiries about Graduate Assistant positions and funding for PhD students should be directed to the Head of School.

If you would like further information about PhD study, please contact the Head of School:

Head of School
School of Psychology
Massey University
Private Bag 11 222
Palmerston North 4442
New Zealand

Phone: +64 6 356 9099 ext 85065
Fax: +64 6 355 7966
Email: Psych.PhD.Coordinator@massey.ac.nz

Doctor of Clinical Psychology (DClinPsych)

The Doctor of Clinical Psychology programme provides training that leads to the professional identity of a clinical psychologist. Training is currently offered at the Manawatū, Albany, and Wellington campuses. Students who are accepted into the DClinPsych programme complete

either an Honours degree **OR** Masters degree to a level of Second Class Honours (Division I) or better, followed by a three year **full-time** course of study in the Doctoral programme. **For full details on this qualification, please refer to the Clinical Psychology Training section of this prospectus.**

Admission to Clinical Psychology Training is decided by a Selection Committee. The competitive selection process will normally occur towards the end of the Honours **OR** Masters year. However, occasionally provisional admission to the Clinical Programme can occur after the completion of the Bachelors degree.

The website and a link to the programme manual are here:

https://www.massey.ac.nz/massey/learning/departments/school-of-psychology/postgraduate-study/general-degrees/specialisations/clinical-psychology/clinical-psychology_home.cfm

If you would like further information about the DClinPsych programme, please contact the Director of Clinical Psychology Training on Psych.Clin.Coordinator@massey.ac.nz.

To obtain more information on Doctoral Study, download from the web site below or contact:

Doctoral Research Committee Secretary
Massey University
Private Bag 11 222
Palmerston North 4442
New Zealand

Phone: +64 6 356 9099

Email: doctoral.office@massey.ac.nz

Web site: <https://www.massey.ac.nz/phd/>

SECTION FIVE - SPECIALISATIONS AND FOCUS AREAS IN PSYCHOLOGY

Psychology is a very diverse discipline with many different specialisations. Undergraduate psychology degrees are designed to give students a broad overview of the discipline. At postgraduate level many students decide to specialise in one area of psychology. The School of Psychology offers postgraduate students defined schemes of study in three applied areas: Health, Clinical, or Organisational Psychology. Students can also focus on Critical Psychology and Experimental Psychology.

Students do not have to specialise and are free to select their courses from the full range of 700 level courses within the Honours / Masters list.

There is information on postgraduate programmes and specialisations here:

https://www.massey.ac.nz/massey/learning/departments/school-of-psychology/postgraduate-study/general-degrees/general-degrees_home.cfm

Programmes in Emergency Management

In its broadest sense, Emergency Management focuses on the organisation of communities to respond to disasters, survive them, rebuild social structures and infrastructure, and sustain and preserve life. In collaboration with the Joint Centre for Disaster Research, the School of Psychology offers the following programmes in Emergency Management:

- Graduate Certificate in Emergency Management:
<https://www.massey.ac.nz/programme/?id=93494>
- Graduate Diploma in Emergency Management:
<https://www.massey.ac.nz/programme/?id=93115>
- Postgraduate Diploma in Emergency Management:
<https://www.massey.ac.nz/programme/?id=93493>
- Master of Emergency Management:
<https://www.massey.ac.nz/programme/?id=93491>

Health Psychology

What is Health Psychology?

Health Psychology seeks to understand the psychological processes underlying health and illness and to apply this knowledge to enhance health, improve health care and develop health-related policies. It can be applied across the lifespan, to the promotion of health, prevention of illness and to improving outcomes for those who are ill. Massey recently celebrated 30 years of Health Psychology, making this one of the most established Health Psychology programmes in the country. Students are from across the country and are supported as a community of learners through an online site and monthly drop in sessions with the programme director. They are also invited to join the International Society for

Critical Health Psychology, website <https://ischp.net/>. To subscribe to this list, send an email to: sympa@lists.massey.ac.nz with the following in either the subject or body of their email:
SUBSCRIBE ISCHP

Further information about health psychology at Massey is here:

https://www.massey.ac.nz/massey/learning/departments/school-of-psychology/postgraduate-study/general-degrees/specialisations/health-psychology/health-psychology_home.cfm

Application for the MSc with an Endorsement in Health Psychology

Prospective students need at least a grade average of B+ (6) and should apply for entry to the MSc using the University application process. Application information, including information specific to Health Psychology, is here:

<https://www.massey.ac.nz/massey/learning/departments/school-of-psychology/postgraduate-study/application-processes/application-process.cfm>

Academic Enquiries for this Specialisation

Enquiries about this specialisation should be directed to:
Psych.Health.Coordinator@massey.ac.nz.

Industrial / Organisational Psychology

What is Industrial / Organisational Psychology?

Industrial / Organisational Psychology, sometimes referred to as Work Psychology, Organisational Psychology, or Occupational Psychology, applies psychological theories, principles and models to organisations and people who are or who want to be in work. Industrial / Organisational psychologists contribute to organisational and employee success through a wide range of activities such as career guidance and support, coaching , recruitment and selection , employee engagement, organisational change, team and leadership development, motivation, job satisfaction, health and safety in the workplace, and the overall health and wellbeing of employees.

There is a free online practitioner community called IOnet which students are welcome to join, and the Industrial Organisational Special Interest Group (IOSIG) hosts regular events in Auckland and Christchurch which are also open for students to attend at a discounted rate. Membership of IOnet and attendance at events are wonderful opportunities for students to network with practitioners. In addition, job opportunities are regularly posted to IOnet, so interested students should join to take advantage of those opportunities when they arise. To join IOnet, click on: <https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/ionet> then click on “subscribe to this group” link and follow the instructions.

Information about I/O psychology is here:

https://www.massey.ac.nz/massey/learning/departments/school-of-psychology/postgraduate-study/general-degrees/specialisations/industrial-organisational-psychology/industrial-organisational-psychology_home.cfm

Enquiries for this Specialisation

Enquiries about this specialisation should be directed to:

Joanne Stevenson
Academic Administrator – Professional Psychology
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Email: psych.admin.bn@massey.ac.nz

Application information is here:

<https://www.massey.ac.nz/massey/learning/departments/school-of-psychology/postgraduate-study/application-processes/application-process.cfm>

Clinical Psychology

What is Clinical Psychology?

Clinical Psychology is an applied branch of the discipline which uses psychological techniques to help people solve a wide variety of mental, physical, behavioural and relationship problems. The Clinical Psychology Training Programme at Massey University is a professional programme which trains students to become registered clinical psychologists. Students enrolled in the Postgraduate Diploma, the BA or BSc (Hons) and the MA, MSc or MHlthSc degrees can apply for 700 level courses in this area, although priority is **always** given to students who have been selected for the Clinical Training Programme. Students who are intending to apply for the Clinical Training Programme at a later stage are advised to choose courses from this specialisation at 700 level, but must be aware that enrolment approval into these courses is not guaranteed. For more information, see Section Five of this prospectus. More information about clinical psychology is here:

https://www.massey.ac.nz/massey/learning/departments/school-of-psychology/postgraduate-study/general-degrees/specialisations/clinical-psychology/clinical-psychology_home.cfm

Academic Enquiries for this Specialisation

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Focus Areas in psychology

Critical Psychology

Critical psychology explores how human action is culturally, socially and historically situated and the dynamics between knowledge and power in society. It is one of the strengths of our postgraduate programme. Key courses include: 175.718 *Postmodernism and Psychology*; 175.720 *Advanced Psychology of Women*; 175.743 *Health: The Social Context*, 175.739 *Health Psychology: Understanding Health and Illness*, and 175.744 *Health Psychology: Promoting Health*; 175.725 *Advanced Social Psychology*. Staff in the school also supervise a range of critical thesis topics at the Honours, Masters and PhD levels.

The broad range of recent staff and student research includes: health promotion; eating disorder recovery; digital lives, apps and health identities; women's health and body image; men's health; media and health; medicalisation and pharmaceuticalisation; socio-economic and cultural differences in health; precarity and wellbeing; urban Māori and cultural transitions; Tongan cultural responses to intimate partner violence; violence against women; human security; emotion, positive aging; grief, suicidal bereavement; sex work; premenstrual change; postfeminism and masculinities; discrimination and trans-sexualities; political protest; interface between law and psychology in communities; living wages and

sustainable livelihoods; people living with [dis]abilities online; community care; poverty reduction; social services research; and welfare policy.

As is evident in this list of thesis topics, critical psychology encompasses both scholarly criticisms and applied endeavours to addresses a range of social issues.

- Students interested in this area should contact Darrin Hodgetts: D.J.Hodgetts@massey.ac.nz, or Sarah Riley S.Riley@massey.ac.nz for critical psychology as it applies to health.
- Students interested in critical psychology and how it applies to the inequities in the conditions of everyday lives should contact the Hearth Research Cluster (particularly regarding violence against women and sexual violence). Contact Leigh Coombes for more information: L.Coombes@massey.ac.nz.
- Students interested in critical psychology as it applies to health can find further details at [MSc \(Psychology with endorsement in Health Psychology\) - Massey University](#), or contact Psych.Health.Coordinator@massey.ac.nz.

Below are links to some of the applied critical psychology scholarship that is currently being conducted by staff and students. These include two international projects designed to address issues of in-work poverty and various related [in]securities:

- Project GLOW (Global Living Organisational Wage): <https://projectglow.net/>
- Project SAFE (Security Assessment for Everyone): <https://project-safe.net/>

Experimental Psychology

Research in experimental psychology tends to be theory-driven, meaning researchers are interested in building and testing explanations for psychological phenomena, improving our understanding of human nature and developing evidence-based practices within psychology and related disciplines (e.g., education, public health).

The experimental psychologists at Massey are a friendly bunch who have research strengths in the areas of affective neuroscience, cognition, and social psychology. They actively collaborate with a variety of other disciplines including public health, sports and exercise science, food and nutrition, education, and biological sciences. Research supervision in experimental psychology can be undertaken with the following people in the school:

- Heather Kempton (cognition and emotion, mindfulness)
- Matt Williams (climate change, meta-psychology, conspiracy theories)
- Stephen Hill (embodied cognition, cognition and the environment)
- Ute Kreplin (affective neuroscience)
- Michael Philipp (social psychology, facial expressions)
- Aaron Drummond (media psychology, gambling, aggression/violence, climate change)
- Corinne Bareham-Waldock (attention and consciousness).

Students who wish to focus on experimental psychology for their Honours or Masters degree should consider taking 175.746 *Psychological Research: Quantitative Data Analysis*. In

addition to coursework, the experimental psychology staff encourage students to develop practical research skills and professional proficiencies through our regular seminars, research meetings, and attendance at academic conferences.

SECTION SIX – THE POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN PSYCHOLOGICAL PRACTICE

For entry into the Postgraduate Diploma in Psychological Practice, we strongly recommend completing a Postgraduate Diploma followed by a Masters by thesis only for a total of 240 credits, or the 240 credit Master of Science.

A Master of Arts degree of 180 credits (coursework or research) *does not* meet the entry criteria for this programme.

Overview of Specialisation

The Postgraduate Diploma in Psychological Practice (PGDipPsychPrac) provides a professional qualification to prepare interns to register under the Psychologist Scope of the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance (HPCA) Act.

Registered psychologists work in a variety of applied settings. This programme is ideal for mature students who have relevant workplace experience and academic preparation matched to their intended career path.

The programme may be of particular interest to individuals wishing to work in fields such as addiction, disability, domestic violence, families, geropsychology, health, or youth, but a broad range of possibilities exist for internship under this programme.

Useful information about this programme can be found at:

https://www.massey.ac.nz/massey/learning/departments/school-of-psychology/postgraduate-study/general-degrees/psych-practice/psych-practice_home.cfm.

Academic Enquiries for this Specialisation

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SECTION SEVEN - CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY TRAINING

Introduction to Clinical Psychology Training

The courses offered reflect our School's commitment to incorporate a range of perspectives. The staff involved in teaching clinical training have a wide range of experience and interests, and approach clinical work from different theoretical frameworks. It is hoped that during their involvement in training, students will formulate an approach to understanding human behaviour which has a strong theoretical base and which can serve as a guide in their professional career. Clinical training is based on the scientist-practitioner model, which emphasises the need for clinical psychologists to have a strong research background as well as clinical skills. We also have a commitment to the principles embodied in the Treaty of Waitangi and aim to produce clinicians who are sensitive to the needs of people from diverse backgrounds and across the lifespan.

It is intended that Clinical Psychology Training at Massey University, in common with most clinical training in New Zealand, will produce clinicians capable of working in any clinical setting, or at least that their training will not preclude their working in any setting. For this reason the programme requires a broad base of experience and does not allow for special conditions to be established for the assessment of students who want to complete their internship in a particular speciality area.

Clinical Psychology Training provides a course of training that leads to the professional identity of a clinical psychologist. Massey University offers two pathways to registration in clinical psychology, the clinical doctorate (DClinPsych) and the Master of Clinical Psychology (MClinPsych). The training is currently offered at the Manawatū, Albany, and Wellington campuses.

Students who are accepted into the DClinPsych programme must have completed **EITHER** an Honours **OR** Masters degree with a 120 credit thesis including the pre-requisite courses, **OR** the Master of Arts (coursework pathway), prior to entry to a three year course of study in the Doctoral programme.

Students who are accepted into the MClinPsych programme must have already completed **EITHER** a Masters degree with a 120 credit thesis **OR** a PhD in Psychology, including the pre-requisite courses, prior to entry followed by the two year course of study that comprises the MClinPsych.

Information about clinical psychology is here:

https://www.massey.ac.nz/massey/learning/departments/school-of-psychology/postgraduate-study/general-degrees/specialisations/clinical-psychology/clinical-psychology_home.cfm

Information about applying for clinical psychology training is here:

<https://www.massey.ac.nz/massey/learning/departments/school-of-psychology/postgraduate-study/application-processes/how-to-apply-for-clinical-psychology-training.cfm>

Academic Enquiries for this Specialisation

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Palmerston North 4442

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SECTION EIGHT – FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT POSTGRADUATE STUDY IN THE SCHOOL OF PSYCHOLOGY

Please remember that acceptance into Postgraduate Diploma, Honours or Masters Programmes does not guarantee your acceptance into specific courses. Several 700 level courses in the School of Psychology have enrolment limits. It is advisable to enrol for your courses as early as possible in order to maximise your chances of being accepted into a specific course on your preferred campus. The clinical courses have restricted numbers and as such those students selected for Clinical Training will have places reserved in these courses.

1. Am I eligible for acceptance into the Postgraduate Programme in Psychology at Massey?

In order to be accepted into the Postgraduate Programme, you must have obtained an undergraduate degree with a major in Psychology, or its equivalent. If you have an undergraduate degree but do not have a major in Psychology, you can enrol in the Graduate Diploma in Arts or Graduate Diploma in Science and Technology, at Massey University and take eight undergraduate courses which will give you the equivalent of a Psychology major. If you do not possess an undergraduate degree with a major in Psychology or its equivalent, you are not eligible for entrance into the Postgraduate Programme for any degree other than the MPhil, under special circumstances and only with the permission of the Head of School. You are also not eligible to take interest courses without a degree in Psychology or its equivalent.

2. I think I have the equivalent of a major in Psychology, but I'm unsure. What can I do?

If you send a cover letter and a copy of your university transcript, we can look over your qualifications and assess your standing. However, this will take some time; do not send in such a request and expect a reply in less than three (3) weeks. Therefore, if you have questions about your eligibility it is vital that you send such queries well in advance of any University deadlines for course enrolment. Finding out about enrolment deadlines and making an application WELL IN ADVANCE of such deadlines is the **student's responsibility**. Please send your queries to:

Joanne Stevenson: psych.admin.bn@massey.ac.nz

3. I only wish to take a few courses in Psychology, either as part of another degree or to enhance my professional training. Is this possible?

If you are pursuing another Postgraduate degree you may opt to take some Postgraduate courses within the School of Psychology. This can be arranged by writing a letter to the Postgraduate Co-ordinator requesting approval. If you want to take one or two courses in the School of Psychology to enhance your professional development this is also possible. Interested persons should send a letter to the Postgraduate Studies Co-ordinator detailing

their qualifications and reasons for wishing to take the particular course(s). Approval to take these interest courses will be granted if the qualifications are deemed suitable; **students without an undergraduate degree in Psychology or its equivalent generally are not eligible to take postgraduate courses in psychology.** Written requests to take courses for interest or as part of a degree from another university should arrive at the School well in advance of the University deadlines for enrolment wherever possible. Please note that some Postgraduate courses within the School have a maximum limit on the number of students, and that normally students accepted into the Psychology Programme will have preference in obtaining a place in these courses.

4. Must I enclose a transcript with my application for postgraduate study?

If you are a Massey University graduate and supply us with your ID number, we will retrieve your transcript for you for the application review process. If you are not a Massey University graduate you **MUST** supply an original or verified copy of your university transcript(s) when prompted to on enrolment.

5. Should I enclose a resumé, CV or other details about my qualifications?

The information we request on the application form (academic grades, qualifications, honours, etc.) is all that we require to process your application. Since we are admitting people to an academic programme of study, we feel that the best indicators of the ability to successfully complete such a programme are past academic performance and achievement. A transcript is sufficient for our purposes and additional documentation **SHOULD NOT BE SENT.** However, it may be that applicants have been away from academic study for some time, and so it is quite important to list any recent academic work, certification classes, and so on, in the appropriate place on the application form.

6. How are applicants chosen for the Postgraduate programme?

Applicants are chosen based on a weighted grade average formula. If you have questions about your grade average, please contact the Academic Administrator – Professional Psychology.

If you are admitted to a postgraduate programme you are not necessarily guaranteed a place in your preferred courses or guaranteed your preferred thesis supervisor. This is because our postgraduate class size for many courses is limited, and we have only a finite number of staff available to provide research supervision.

7. What if I am unsuccessful?

Unsuccessful applicants may wish to consider taking additional undergraduate courses to increase their grade average and demonstrate current levels of achievement in their academic study. **Many students who were initially unsuccessful in their application have later been admitted for Postgraduate study after taking additional courses and performing well.** However, taking such courses offers no guarantee of acceptance into the programme the following year.

8. Can I study part-time?

You can study part-time for most diplomas & degrees at the postgraduate level. Students wishing to enrol part-time should be mindful of the time frames to complete postgraduate study:

- ◆ BA or BSc Honours: 1 year full-time, 3 years part-time
- ◆ MA or MHLthSc: 1.5 years full-time, (maximum of 5 years without Distinction / Merit)
- ◆ MSc: 2 years full-time, 5 years part-time (6 years without honours)
- ◆ Postgraduate Diploma in Arts or Science and Technology or Health Science (Psychology): 1 year full-time, 3 years part-time (4 years without Distinction / Merit)
- ◆ PhD: 2 - 4 years full-time, 3 - 6 years part-time

NB: The Doctor of Clinical Psychology can ONLY be undertaken on a full-time basis.

9. Can I study from off-campus?

Postgraduate courses can be completed off-campus. Some postgraduate courses are offered in “Block Mode” which requires students to be on campus for either one or two weeks during the semester, while the bulk of studying and assignments are completed at home. Students should be aware that attendance at the on-campus contact workshop portions of Block Mode courses is **compulsory**.

The Masters Thesis and Research Projects for the Honours degree may also be completed at a distance. Supervision at a distance should involve some form of regular contact. This contact may be by telephone, fax, skype, email and occasional visits to the campus where your supervisor is located. Individual meetings with research supervisors on campus at negotiated intervals are also required; such regularly scheduled meetings are mandatory when pursuing the PhD.

Students need to be aware that the **DClinPsych** is a **FULL-TIME** programme of study which requires **compulsory weekly** attendance on-campus. It may only be taken internally.

10. How much will it cost?

Information about Fees can be obtained from the University web site:

<https://www.massey.ac.nz/fees/>

Alternatively, for further information about fees and allowances contact:

0800 MASSEY (0800 627 739)

Registration as a Psychologist

For information regarding registration, students should contact the New Zealand Psychologists' Board with regard to regulations about becoming a Registered Psychologist. Contact details are available on:

<http://www.psychologistsboard.org.nz/contact-us>

Students should be aware that Massey currently offers three supervised practice routes for people wanting to register as a psychologist: The PGDipPsychPrac, the DClinPsych and the MClinPsych.

Scholarships

Students wishing to apply for Scholarships should visit the web site:

<https://www.massey.ac.nz/scholarships/>

OR **Phone:** 0800 MASSEY (0800 627 739)
Email: [Contact@massey.ac.nz](mailto>Contact@massey.ac.nz)

Most application forms are available from online or from Contact Centres at Massey University Auckland, Palmerston North and Wellington.