The Master of Psychology (Clinical) trains psychology graduates in clinical psychology to meet the requirements for registration to practise as psychologists.

The program has three major components—coursework in professional and clinical psychology, supervised practicum placements, and a research project and thesis. Coursework delivery is via a combination of lectures, seminars, practical exercises, written assignments, and skills demonstration and practice.

Practicum placements involve you working as a provisional psychologist, under appropriate supervision, in a range of settings beginning in the University's Psychology Clinic. Your work is assessed through written reports, case presentations, professional portfolios and observation by supervisors and the course coordinator.

The research project involves a review of relevant literature leading to a research question, design and conduct of an appropriate study, data collection and analysis, and preparation of a thesis consisting of the literature review and a report of the research study. The thesis is assessed by independent examination. Visit Study Psychology for more information.

USC’s postgraduate psychology programs are taught at the Thompson Institute. A hub for mental health research, teaching and clinical services, this world-class facility is located at Birtinya, minutes from the Sunshine Coast University Hospital. The Institute’s focus is to address mental health issues in the community, particularly those affecting our youth, adolescents and older community members.

Accreditation
Accredited by The Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC). Graduates of the Master of Psychology (Clinical) are eligible to apply to the Psychology Board of Australia (PsyBA) for general registration via the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA).

Professional recognition
Graduates are eligible for Associate Membership of the Australian Psychological Society’s College of Clinical Psychologists.

Admission requirements
The entry requirements for admission to the Master of Psychology (Clinical) are:

- Successful completion of an APAC accredited four-year degree or fourth year in Psychology in the last 10 years.
- An upper second class Honours (2A) OR psychologists with demonstrated equivalent experience and compliance with PsyBA CPD requirements.
- Applicants must have provisional or general registration as a psychologist with the Psychology Board of Australia via the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA).

Master of Psychology (Clinical) offers a limited number of places.

Gain the qualification you need to become a psychologist
How to apply
To apply for the Master of Psychology (Clinical), submit the completed application form and personal statement form to USC. You must also request two referees (one academic and one professional) provide USC with reports using the online Psychology Reference system. For more information visit Application forms.

International students please refer to the International students - how to apply.

Applications for Semester 1, 2021 close on 2 October 2020.
PROGRAM STRUCTURE

Required courses (16) 192 units

PSY700 Advanced and Transcultural Counselling
PSY701 Advanced Psychological Assessment and Reporting
PSY702 Clinical Psychological Practice 1
PSY703 Practicum Placement 1
PSY704 Advanced Research Design and Methods
PSY705 Clinical Psychological Practice 2
PSY706 Practicum Placement 2
PSY707 Research Project 1
PSY750 Ethical Professional Practice of Psychology
PSY751 Clinical Psychological Practice 3
PSY752 Practicum Placement 3
PSY753 Research Project 2
PSY754 Clinical Health Psychology and Psychopharmacology
PSY755 Research Project 3
PSY756 Research Project 4
PSY757 Practicum Placement 4

Note: Program structures are subject to change. Not all USC courses are available on every USC campus.