

# MASTER OF PROFESSIONAL PSYCHOLOGY (1814)

**Approved Abbreviation:** MProfPsy  
**Western Sydney University Program Code:** 1814  
**AQF Level:** 9

**CRICOS Code:** 088715D

This program applies to students who commenced in 2021 or later.

For Commencement Year 2020 - please refer to 1814.4 - Master of Professional Psychology (<http://handbook.westernsydney.edu.au/hbook/course.aspx?course=1814.4>)

For Commencement Year 2019 - please refer to 1814.3 - Master of Professional Psychology (<http://handbook.westernsydney.edu.au/hbook/course.aspx?course=1814.3>)

For Commencement Year 2018 - please refer to 1814.2 Master of Professional Psychology (<http://handbook.westernsydney.edu.au/hbook/course.aspx?course=1814.2>)

The Master of Professional Psychology is designed to develop competent professional psychologists.

The objective of the Master of Professional Psychology is to provide one year of full time training in the professional practice of psychology sufficient to prepare students for a final year of supervised internship to complete registration requirements.

This program provides key training in ethics, psychopathology and psychological assessment, and therapeutic interventions. These are tailored to a range of mental health care issues, experienced within diverse contexts and across the lifespan and other professional skills including comprehensive training in disability, for the achievement of 50% of the requirements towards full registration as a generalist psychologist. After the completion of this one-year degree and before applying to graduate, students may be invited to undertake the additional, supervised placement hours as an internship. This is an opportunity offered on a competitive basis, arranged by the School in the following year. Post their completion of the M Professional Psychology, the internship year and the National Psychology Examination, students will be eligible for full registration as a Psychologist in Australia.

## Study Mode

One year full-time or two years part-time.

## Program Advice

Program (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/programs/master-professional-psychology/Psychology-PG-ACA@westernsydney.edu.au>) Advice (Psychology-PG-ACA@westernsydney.edu.au)

Prospective students should visit the following websites for general enquiries about this program.

Enquire about this program (<https://enquiry.westernsydney.edu.au/courseenquiry/>) | Local Admission (<https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/future/>) | International Admission (<https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/international/home/apply/admissions/>) |

## Location

| Campus                | Attendance | Mode     | Advice    |
|-----------------------|------------|----------|-----------|
| Bankstown City Campus | Full Time  | Internal | See above |
| Bankstown City Campus | Part Time  | Internal | See above |

## Accreditation

This program is accredited by the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC). The objective of the Master of Professional Psychology is to provide one year of full time training in the professional practice of psychology sufficient to prepare students for a final year of supervised internship to complete registration requirements.

## Inherent Requirements

There are inherent requirements for this program that you must meet in order to complete your program and graduate. Make sure you read and understand the requirements for this program online.

Inherent Requirements ([https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/ir/inherent\\_requirements/inherent\\_requirements\\_for\\_master\\_of\\_professional\\_psychology/](https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/ir/inherent_requirements/inherent_requirements_for_master_of_professional_psychology/))

## Work Integrated Learning

Western Sydney University seeks to enhance student learning experiences by enabling students to engage in the culture, expectations and practices of their profession or discipline. This program includes a placement or other community-based unpaid practical experience.

There is a mandatory work component required for completion of this program. Please contact the Program Advisor listed above for information.

International students should also refer to the link below for more information and a link to the Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students (CRICOS).

Work Integrated Learning (WIL) for international students ([https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/currentstudents/current\\_students/services\\_and\\_facilities/international\\_student\\_support/working\\_in\\_australia/work\\_integrated\\_learning/](https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/currentstudents/current_students/services_and_facilities/international_student_support/working_in_australia/work_integrated_learning/))

## Admission

Admission to the Master of Professional Psychology program is based on academic merit, two referee reports and performance at a selection interview to determine capability for practitioner competency. For domestic students, selection interviews are held between October and December each year; for international students these are held once the application has been received.

Applications from Australian and New Zealand citizens and holders of permanent resident visas must be made via Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) by 31 October at the following link: <http://www.uac.edu.au> (<http://www.uac.edu.au/>)

Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

International applicants must apply directly to Western Sydney University via the International Office

International Office (<https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/international/>)

## Admission Criteria for Master of Professional Psychology

Places will be offered to qualified applicants based on academic merit and interview performance according to the following admission criteria.

- Completion of an Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC) accredited four-year undergraduate Psychology degree within the last 10 years, with an indicative academic achievement, based on entry in previous years, of a grade point average of 5.0 or higher (counting Year 2 to 3 as 50% and Year 4 as 50%).
- Submission of two referees reports; and
- Participation in an interview, by invitation, with the School of Psychology.

No deferrals will be accepted for this program.

### Academic and Professional Referee Reports

Academic and Professional referee reports are to be provided via the Post-Graduate Programs Reference Request System.

Post-Graduate Program Reference Request System (<https://www.psychologyreference.org/>)

### Additional Requirements for Successful Applicants

There are some additional requirements you must meet before you can commence the program as detailed in the Western Sydney University inherent requirements for the Master of Professional Psychology program. These are detailed at the following link: [https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/ir/inherent\\_requirements/inherent\\_requirements\\_for\\_master\\_of\\_professional\\_psychology](https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/ir/inherent_requirements/inherent_requirements_for_master_of_professional_psychology) ([https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/ir/inherent\\_requirements/inherent\\_requirements\\_for\\_master\\_of\\_professional\\_psychology/](https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/ir/inherent_requirements/inherent_requirements_for_master_of_professional_psychology/))

### Additional Requirements for Domestic Applicants with International Qualifications

- International qualifications must be assessed by the Australian Psychological Society (APS) and deemed equivalent to an Australian 4 year sequence in psychology (including an honours equivalent research thesis component);
- Applicants who have undertaken studies in other countries may have to provide proof of proficiency in English. Details of minimum English proficiency requirements and acceptable proof can be found on the international office website and include the additional admission requirements of:

IELTS (Academic) - 7.0 overall score with a minimum 7.0 in each subtest

TOEFL Internet based test - 100 (writing = 27 and all other subtests = 22)

### International Applicants

Places will be offered to qualified applicants based on academic merit and interview performance according to the following admission criteria.

- International qualifications must be assessed by the Australian Psychological Society (APS) and deemed equivalent to an Australian 4 year sequence in psychology (including an honours equivalent research thesis component);
- International qualifications will be assessed by the International office at Western Sydney University
- Details of minimum English proficiency requirements and acceptable proof can be found on the international office website (International Office) and include the additional admission requirements of:

IELTS (Academic) - 7.0 overall score with a minimum 7.0 in each subtest

TOEFL Internet based test - 100 (writing = 27 and all other subtests = 22)

### Additional information for international applicants

Assessment of international qualifications by the APS can be applied for at the following: <https://www.psychology.org.au/membership/qualifications/>

International students applying to the University through the International Office need to have their applications submitted no later than 31 October of each year. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

Positions for the Master of Professional Psychology program will be offered based on outcomes from academic criteria, English proficiency and the interview process, including consideration of referee reports and professional experience and capacity as for other applicants.

### Special Requirements

Full or provisional registration with the Psychology Board of Australia; A Criminal Record Check; A National Police Certificate; Prohibited Employment Declaration or a Working with Children Check Student Declaration; Child Protection training seminar.

## Program Structure

Qualification for this award requires the successful completion of 80 credit points which include the subjects listed below.

## Recommended Sequence

| Course                                                                                                                                   | Title                                                       | Credit Points |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| <b>Year 1</b>                                                                                                                            |                                                             |               |
| <b>Autumn session</b>                                                                                                                    |                                                             |               |
| BEHV 7014                                                                                                                                | Core Skills and Ethical Practice                            | 10            |
| BEHV 7015                                                                                                                                | Core Therapeutic Modalities                                 | 10            |
| BEHV 7029                                                                                                                                | Psychopathology: Theory and Practice                        | 10            |
| BEHV 7003                                                                                                                                | Assessment: Cognitive Functions                             | 10            |
| <b>Credit Points</b>                                                                                                                     |                                                             | <b>40</b>     |
| <b>2H session</b>                                                                                                                        |                                                             |               |
| BEHV 7025                                                                                                                                | Professional Psychology Placement                           | 0             |
| <b>Credit Points</b>                                                                                                                     |                                                             | <b>0</b>      |
| <b>Spring session</b>                                                                                                                    |                                                             |               |
| BEHV 7035                                                                                                                                | Psychological Approaches to Disability: Theory and Practice | 10            |
| BEHV 7001                                                                                                                                | Advanced Therapeutic Modalities                             | 10            |
| BEHV 7005                                                                                                                                | Child Clinical Psychology                                   | 10            |
| BEHV 7012                                                                                                                                | Clinical Research Methods                                   | 10            |
| Students may graduate with the Master of Professional Psychology at this point. A second, limited places internship year may be offered. |                                                             |               |
| <b>Optional Year 2</b>                                                                                                                   |                                                             |               |
| <b>1H Session</b>                                                                                                                        |                                                             |               |
| BEHV 7039                                                                                                                                | Professional Psychology Internship 1                        | 0             |
| <b>2H Session</b>                                                                                                                        |                                                             |               |
| BEHV 7040                                                                                                                                | Professional Psychology Internship 2                        | 0             |
| <b>Credit Points</b>                                                                                                                     |                                                             | <b>40</b>     |
| <b>Total Credit Points</b>                                                                                                               |                                                             | <b>80</b>     |