

527-CN Master of Psychology (Clinical Neuropsychology)

Year and Campus:	2009																					
Fees Information:	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees																					
Level:	Graduate/Postgraduate																					
Duration & Credit Points:																						
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Course Overview:	<p>The clinical neuropsychology program aims to provide students with the skills to work as a neuropsychologist. Since its inception in the 1970s, the clinical neuropsychology program has emphasised 'hands on' clinical training in the hospital setting. The breadth of this training experience has steadily increased over the years, and students are placed in a wide variety of settings that cover acute care neurology and neurosurgery, psychiatry, geriatrics, rehabilitation, and paediatrics. The placement experience enjoyed by our students is one of the most extensive in the world.</p> <p>The neuropsychological teaching staff is made up of six members at the level of Lecturer, Associate Professor or Professor, and a Placement Co-ordinator. All are full members of the APS College of Clinical Neuropsychologists. Each member is actively involved in the practice of clinical neuropsychology (including supervision of clinical trainees) in a teaching hospital. Collectively, the staff cover the Royal Melbourne Hospital, the Royal Children's Hospital, St. Vincent's Hospital, and the Austin, Heidelberg Repatriation, and Royal Talbot Hospitals (Austin Health), and are therefore well positioned to bring to the teaching situation a high level of clinical and research expertise.</p> <p>The program in clinical neuropsychology aims to provide students with the skills and knowledge necessary for competent practice in a variety of settings, and in relation to a variety of diagnostic problems and management issues. The acquisition of professional skills at a reasonably sophisticated level is the ultimate goal of the program. There is a strong emphasis on the need for world-class clinical research, with a significant number of students producing peer-reviewed publications.</p>																					
Objectives:	The objective of this stream is to provide graduates with the skills to work as professional neuropsychologists. Graduates should obtain a detailed understanding of the affective, behavioural and cognitive manifestations of diseases of the central nervous system, particularly those affecting the brain, in adults and children. Graduates are expected to acquire competence in various approaches to the study of brain disease, including basic and applied clinical sciences, and are expected to acquire an understanding of objective assessment of the many behavioural features of brain diseases.																					
Subject Options:	<p>In order to satisfy the requirements of the Master of Psychology (Clinical Neuropsychology), students must complete the following subjects:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Subject</th> <th>Study Period Commencement:</th> <th>Credit Points:</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>512-900 Research Proposal#</td> <td>Year Long</td> <td>25.000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>512-902 Thesis (Masters/coursework)</td> <td>Semester 1, Semester 2</td> <td>18.750</td> </tr> <tr> <td>512-971 Clinical Neuropsychology Placement 1#</td> <td>Year Long</td> <td>12.500</td> </tr> <tr> <td>512-972 Clinical Neuropsych Placement 2#</td> <td>Year Long</td> <td>37.500</td> </tr> <tr> <td>512-950 Graduate Research Methods</td> <td>Semester 1</td> <td>6.250</td> </tr> <tr> <td>512-952 Neuropsych Assessment over the lifespan</td> <td>Semester 1</td> <td>6.250</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Subject	Study Period Commencement:	Credit Points:	512-900 Research Proposal#	Year Long	25.000	512-902 Thesis (Masters/coursework)	Semester 1, Semester 2	18.750	512-971 Clinical Neuropsychology Placement 1#	Year Long	12.500	512-972 Clinical Neuropsych Placement 2#	Year Long	37.500	512-950 Graduate Research Methods	Semester 1	6.250	512-952 Neuropsych Assessment over the lifespan	Semester 1	6.250
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	512-903 Basic Interventions	Semester 1	6.250
	512-904 Cognitive-Behaviour Therapy	Semester 2	6.250
	512-907 Ethics and Professional Issues	Semester 1	6.250
	512-910 Adv Psychological Assessment & Diagnosis	Semester 2	6.250
	512-914 Advanced Psychopathology	Semester 2	6.250
	512-956 Adult Neuropsychological Disorders	Semester 1	6.250
	512-957 Neuropsychological Rehabilitation	Semester 2	6.250
	512-974 Child Neuropsychological Disorders	Semester 2	6.250
	512-975 Neuroscience: Brain Systms & Higher Fctn	Semester 2	12.500
Entry Requirements:	<p>Eligible applicants for the professional training programs must normally possess a degree including an accredited four-year sequence in psychology (or its equivalent) of at least H2A (or Distinction) standard in the fourth year of study. Admission also depends on supervision and resource availability.</p> <p>Selection is based primarily on the student's academic performance in their fourth-year of study in psychology, with some consideration given to third year performance. The personal suitability of each student as assessed by referees' reports and interview is also taken into account.</p>		
Core Participation Requirements:	<p><p>For the purposes of considering request for Reasonable Adjustments under the Disability Standards for Education (Cwth 2005), and Student Support and Engagement Policy, academic requirements for this subject are articulated in the Subject Overview, Learning Outcomes, Assessment and Generic Skills sections of this entry.</p> <p>It is University policy to take all reasonable steps to minimise the impact of disability upon academic study, and reasonable adjustments will be made to enhance a student's participation in the University's programs. Students who feel their disability may impact on meeting the requirements of this subject are encouraged to discuss this matter with a Faculty Student Adviser and Student Equity and Disability Support: http://services.unimelb.edu.au/disability</p></p>		