

Master of Educational Psychology/Doctor of Philosophy

Develop advanced research skills while studying to be an educational psychologist practitioner by completing a PhD in educational psychology.

Overview

In this combined course you will complete 100 points of coursework in the first year (or equivalent for part time students), followed by an additional 150 points throughout the final three years, along with an 80,000 word PhD thesis. You'll gain training to work as an educational psychologist with expert skills in counselling, psychological assessment, research methods, intervention, group work, consultation and multidisciplinary team work, along with advanced research skills.

With a focus on early childhood development, learning issues, mental health, life transitions and promoting wellbeing across the lifespan, you'll gain grounding in the theoretical, conceptual and empirical foundations of educational psychology. You will complete a minimum of 1000 hours of supervised placement in professional field settings, along with a substantial piece of original research within the field of practice of educational psychology.

Outcomes

The Master of Educational Psychology/Doctor of Philosophy qualifies you to practise as a registered psychologist and become a Member of the Australian Psychological Society and Associate Member of the College of Educational and Developmental Psychologists, while having completed a substantial piece of original research.

Graduates can work in a range of settings including:

- Schools, as a psychologist, student counsellor or welfare coordinator
- Agencies treating children with emotional and behavioural difficulties
- Government education and health departments
- Clinics, hospitals and private practices
- Universities and research units.

Sample course plan – full time over four years

Year 1	Semester 1	Psychological Tests	Exceptionality: Assessment and Intervention	Counselling Skills for Ed. Psychologists		
	Semester 2	Research Methods	Working With Groups	Consultation in Educational Settings	Learning Processes and Problems	
	Year long	Ed Psych Practicum 1 Research Proposal				
Year 2	Semester 1	Intervention in Problems of Young People				
	Semester 2	Development and Differences				
	Year long	PhD Thesis Ed Psych Practicum 2				
Year 3	Year long	Ed Psych Practicum 3				
		PhD Thesis continued				
Year 4	Year long	Edu Psych Practicum 4				
		PhD Thesis completed				

Quick facts

Duration

Up to 4 years full time, 8 years part time

Delivery mode

On campus with some subjects offered partially in intensive Saturday workshops

Entry

Semester 1

Fees

Australian RTP only, international fee place

Entry requirements

- A four-year Australian Psychology Accreditation Council accredited degree in psychology with first class Honours (at least 80%), and
- Three academic referee reports, and
- An interview (if shortlisted).

Applicants with overseas qualifications must provide an Australian Psychological Society (APS) comparability assessment with their application to confirm their eligibility for Associate Membership. Visit www.psychology.org.au

Please note: If your application is successful, you must apply for provisional registration with the Psychology Board of Australia (if not currently registered) and undertake a Working with Children Check when you enrol in the course.

■ Core subject