

## MASTER OF PROFESSIONAL PSYCHOLOGY

## **MASTER OF PSYCHOLOGY (CLINICAL)**

## DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY)



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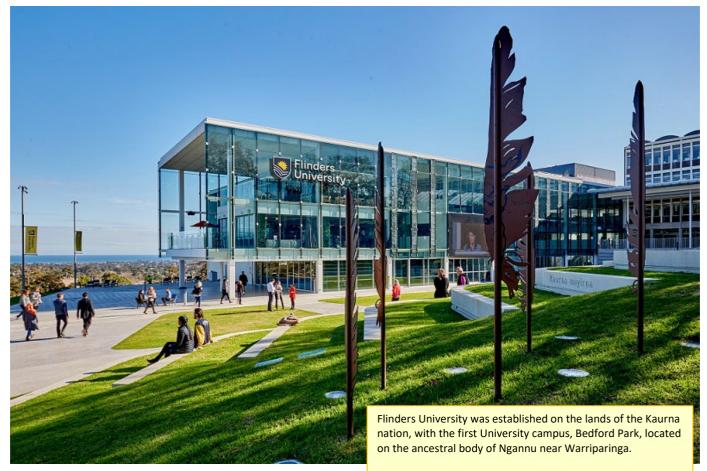
## WELCOME

Welcome to the 2025 Postgraduate Psychology Application Guide.

This guide will help applicants determine their eligibility to apply and to understand the application process. Information on the required supporting documentation is also provided in this guide. Reading and understanding this guide forms part of the application process.

We thank applicants for considering Postgraduate Psychology at Flinders University.

All prospective students are expected to act professionally toward the university, its staff, students, and other applicants. Flinders University reserves the right to consider any aspect of an applicant's behaviour in the assessment of their suitability for admission.



Flinders University acknowledges the Traditional Owners and Custodians, both past and present, of the various locations the University operates on, and recognises their continued relationship and responsibility to these Lands and Waters.

This guide provides information about the current eligibility criteria and application process for entry to Postgraduate Clinical Psychology courses in 2025 only. Every effort has been made to ensure the information in this guide is accurate at the time of publication: August 2024. Flinders University reserves the right to alter any information contained herein without prior notice.

## **APPLICATION TIMELINE**

### 2024 FOR 2025 ENTRY

Monday 2 September	Applications for Master of Psychology (Clinical), Master of Professional Psychology and Doctor of Philosophy (Clinical Psychology) open 9am (ACST)
Tuesday 1 October	PhD Australian Government Research Training Program Scholarships applications close for 2025 bestowal
Tuesday 8 October	Applications for the Master of Psychology (Clinical) and Master of Professional Psychology close 11.59pm (ACST)
Tuesday 8 October	Deadline for submission of Official Academic Transcripts for Master of Psychology (Clinical) and Master of Professional Psychology
Thursday 31 October	Deadline for submission of Referee reports for Master of Psychology (Clinical), Master of Professional Psychology and Doctor of Philosophy (Clinical Psychology) applications
	Deadline for submission of Confirmation of Indigeneity or Statutory Declaration
Thursday 31 October	Applications for the Doctor of Philosophy (Clinical) close at 11.59pm (ACST)
Thursday 31 October	Deadline for submission of Official Academic Transcripts for Doctor of Philosophy (Clinical)
October - November	Applications assessed and applicants notified if short-listed for interview
Mon 25 – Fri 29 November	Short-listed applicants are interviewed
Early December	First round offers are made
Mid December	Second round offers made (if required)
Late February 2025	New student information session (attendance is compulsory)

## **POSTGRADUATE PSYCHOLOGY**

### MASTER OF PROFESSIONAL PSYCHOLOGY

This course if for applicants who have completed or are about to complete an APAC accredited 4-year psychology sequence. The course provides a fifth-year qualification in Psychology structured to meet the accreditation standards of the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC). After completion of the degree, graduates are required to undertake a one-year internship via the <u>Psychology Board of</u> <u>Australia</u> before they are eligible to take the National Psychology Exam (NPE), which must be passed prior to applying for general registration as a psychologist. This course enables graduates to apply for general registration as a psychologist (following the one-year internship and NPE), however graduates are not eligible to apply for endorsement in an area of specialisation such as clinical psychology. Please visit the course page for the <u>Master of Professional Psychology</u> for further details.

### **MASTER OF PSYCHOLOGY (CLINICAL)**

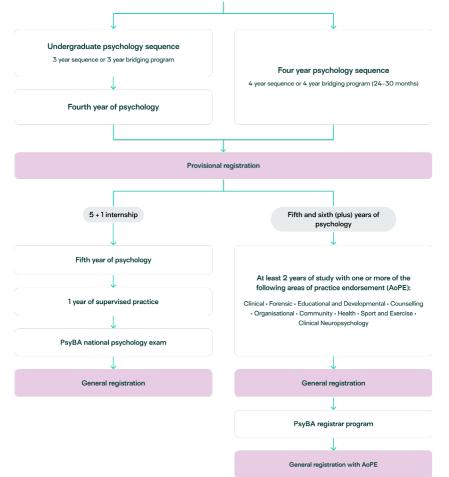
This course is for applicants who have completed or are about to complete an APAC accredited 4-year psychology sequence, including an Honours year in Psychology or an accredited Graduate Diploma in Psychology (which includes a research thesis), and are eligible to apply for provisional registration as a psychologist with the <u>Psychology Board of Australia</u>. After completion of this course, graduates can apply for general registration as a psychologist, and are then required to undertake the registrar program (two years of supervised practise) before they are eligible to apply for endorsement as a clinical psychologist as set out by the Psychology Board of Australia. Please visit the course page for the <u>Master of Psychology (Clinical)</u> for further details.

### DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY)

The <u>PhD (Clinical Psychology)</u> is designed to provide students with the opportunity to pursue doctoral level research in specialised areas of clinical psychology and to complete coursework topics and field placements to meet eligibility for general registration as a psychologist with the Psychology Board of Australia. Completing the approved post-degree registrar program under supervision allows endorsement to practice as a clinical psychologist as set out by the <u>Psychology Board of Australia</u>.

The overall aim is to produce scientist-practitioner clinical psychologists who can make a substantial contribution to knowledge in clinical psychology through completion of their PhD and to assume leadership roles in the professional, research and academic spheres of activity.

More information on the study pathways that lead to registration as a psychologist can be found at the Australian Psychological Society.



# **ELIGIBILITY TO APPLY**

Applicants must meet citizenship requirements, English language requirements and academic requirements to be eligible to apply.

### **CITIZENSHIP REQUIREMENTS**

Australian citizens, Australian permanent residents and Humanitarian Visa holders are classified as domestic applicants. New Zealand citizens are also classified as domestic applicants.

Applicants are required to meet domestic eligibility criteria at the time of application. Applicants who do not meet the domestic citizenship classification above are considered international applicants and are not eligible to apply as domestic applicants.

Note: New Zealand permanent residents are classified as international students.

Details on how to apply as an international applicant are available at Study Psychology - International

### **ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS**

The <u>Psychology Board at AHPRA</u> requires that applicants who did not complete both secondary and tertiary education in Australia or in a country where English is considered the first or native language, demonstrate English language skills at IELTS (International English Level Testing System) Academic level 7 and achieve the required minimum score of 7 in each component of the IELTS Academic module or equivalent English language skills test.

Doctor of Philosophy (Clinical Psychology) students should also refer to the English Language Proficiency Requirements for HDR Candidature.

### **ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS**

Applicants are required to have satisfactorily completed or be in the final year of an APAC-accredited undergraduate 4-year sequence in Psychology, including an Honours year or equivalent accredited qualification in Psychology, at the Flinders equivalent class of 2A level or above; or (for the Master of Professional Psychology) a Graduate Diploma in Psychology (Advanced) which will be considered on the marks/Grade Point Average achieved in these studies.

As a guide, applicants who have an Honours year Flinders equivalent mark of less than 81, are unlikely to be shortlisted for an interview due to the very competitive nature of the application process where a significant number of applications are received for limited places available.

The accredited 4-year sequence should normally include a research thesis where the research conducted was brought to a timely conclusion. Thus, the Honours year must have included an independent research project (Item 2.5 Accreditation Standards for Psychology Programs – Jan 2019) to be considered for the Master of Psychology (Clinical) or Doctor of Philosophy (Clinical Psychology). Approved and accredited Graduate Diplomas in Psychology with a significant research project, *may* also be considered for the Master of Psychology (Clinical) or Doctor of Philosophy (Clinical Psychology (Clinical) or Doctor of Philosophy (Clinical Psychology) in lieu of the Honours year.

**Note:** applicants must normally have completed an APAC-accredited undergraduate 4-year sequence in Psychology, including an Honours year or equivalent accredited qualification in Psychology, conferred within 10 years of the commencement of the course.

Applicants with psychology degrees from non-Australian universities must have their qualifications assessed by the <u>Australian</u> <u>Psychological Society (APS)</u> for equivalence to an Australian program of study prior to submitting their application.

## APPLICATION

### HOW TO APPLY

Applications are submitted directly to Flinders University through the online application system and applicants are encouraged to refer to our step-by-step <u>Direct Application Guide</u> for assistance on the application submission process.

For PhD (Clinical Psychology), refer to the Direct Application Guide for Higher Degrees by Research.

Applicants who wish to undertake the course on a part-time basis can choose this as an option when selecting the course in the online application system.

Applicants should be aware they need to be available for coursework and/or placement activities 2.5 days per week throughout the period of candidature if they wish to study on a part-time basis. Thus, the part-time course is no less than half-time. A set part-time program of study based on maximising learning outcomes for students is in place and all part-time students are required to follow this program of study.

#### Preferences

Applicants are asked to submit one application only and consider their preferences carefully.

Only **one** application may be submitted for either the PhD (Clinical Psychology) OR the Master of Psychology (Clinical) OR the Master of Professional Psychology.

Within the **one** application, applicants for the Master of Psychology (Clinical) and/or the Master of Professional Psychology *can* add one or both of these courses to the application in order of preference. For example, an application can be submitted for the Master of Psychology (Clinical) with the Master of Professional Psychology added as a second preference in the same application, or vice versa.

Applicants *cannot* add the Master of Psychology (Clinical) to their application for the PhD (Clinical Psychology) as a preference and applications submitted with this preference will only be considered for the PhD (Clinical Psychology) and not the Master of Psychology (Clinical).

Applicants are asked to refer to one of the Direct Application guides for step-by-step instructions.

## PLACES AVAILABLE

There are up to 23 full-time equivalent places, usually comprising an equal proportion between the Master of Psychology (Clinical) and PhD (Clinical Psychology) and up to 22 full-time equivalent places for the Master of Professional Psychology.

Up to 75% of the total places available are normally reserved for Flinders University students who have completed, or are due to complete, in 2024 the final year of an APAC-accredited undergraduate 4-year sequence in Psychology and/or a one-year Honours degree in Psychology.

Three Master of Psychology (Clinical) places are reserved for competitive international students.

Admission to a Postgraduate Psychology course is extremely competitive as places are limited and a significant number of applications are received. As a guide, successful applicants to the Master of Psychology (Clinical), Master of Professional Psychology and the Doctor of Philosophy (Clinical Psychology) in previous years have typically had a strong academic record e.g., first-class Honours, PhD [for those applying to Masters] and had experience relevant to professional/clinical psychology, to be short-listed for interview.

#### Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Sub-quota- Master of Psychology (Clinical)

Flinders University is committed to increasing the participation of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander in clinical psychology through its commitment to equity and inclusiveness in its programs.

To be considered for the Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Sub-quota applicants must indicate they are Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander in their application and submit the required supporting documentation by the deadline.

Successful applicants under this sub-quota will be provided with the necessary support for their success in the course and a meeting with the Psychology Teaching Program Director (or delegate), will be organised shortly after securing a place in the course and will be arranged by <u>Yungkurrinthi Student Engagement</u>.

Note: Confirmation documentation submitted after the deadline will not be accepted and applicants will not be considered for the subquota

## **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

Applicants must upload all supporting documentation to their online application in one of the following file formats: JPEG, DOC, DOCX, or PDF e.g., transcript.pdf. Applicants must submit each academic transcript, statutory declaration, etc. as a separate file. There is a 2MB file size limit.

Only clear legible scans will be accepted. Only scanned copies of original or certified copies of documents are accepted. Mobile phone photos of documents will not be accepted.

## **OFFICIAL ACADEMIC TRANSCRIPTS**

Those applying based on their Flinders qualifications do no need to provide Official Academic Transcripts unless components of their study in a 4-year accredited sequence in psychology - including their Honours year - or higher degree by research - were completed or are being completed at another tertiary institution.

Those applying based on completing a 4-year accredited sequence in psychology or higher degree by research from another tertiary institution, are required to submit an Official Academic Transcript for each of these studies by the deadline. The official academic transcript/s must show grades for completed studies so far in the course and must also be uploaded to the online application. Please include a grading key (normally found on the back of the official transcript).

An electronic original or a certified copy of an original Official Academic Transcript must be uploaded to the application by the deadline in the Application Timeline above, as evidence of meeting this requirement.

**Note:** Applicants who submit Unofficial Academic Transcripts, Australian Higher Education Graduation Statement (AHEGS), Statement of Results, exam slips, screen shots of grades, Enrolment List, Confirmation of Enrolment, etc will NOT be considered as these are NOT Official Academic Transcripts. It is suggested applicants check with their institution how to obtain one if they are unsure what to provide.

It is an applicant's responsibility to comply with requests to provide further documentation, either in the original language or English translation.

Note: Official Academic Transcripts shared with Flinders University after the deadline will NOT be accepted.

Applicants who are completing their 1 Year Honours in 2024 and who are shortlisted for interview will be contacted to provide a final copy of their Official Academic Transcript showing the completion of their Honours year once available.

### My eQuals

If an applicant's Official Academic Transcript is available via the My eQuals platform, they can provide their URL link to allow access to the digital documentation in their application. If they have set a PIN via my eQuals (this is optional) they will also need to supply this. If they wish to set an expiry date for access to the digital documentation, they must ensure the date selected is **after February 2025** as the University may need to access the document up to and including this time.

For further information about providing Official Academic Transcripts via the My eQuals portal visit My eQuals.

It is recommended applicants provide their My eQuals link by the deadline but only once their grades/completion/finalisation of their academic transcript is confirmed, as the My eQuals link cannot be changed by applicants once provided.

If applicants receive further results and need to update their initial shared version of the document by the deadline, they will need to reshare the transcript with Flinders University in the My eQuals portal by the deadline. Any subsequent updates to the academic transcript are not automatically reflected on the link provided and applicants are required to provide a new link by the deadline for updated grades, etc to be considered.

If after submitting their application, applicants receive further results or need to update their previous link by the deadline, they will need to email <u>askflinders@flinders.edu.au</u>. Applicants will then be sent an email with instructions on how to update this requirement on their submitted application.

Note: Official Academic Transcripts shared with Flinders University after the deadline will NOT be accepted.

#### Document authenticity through My eQuals

Some digital official academic transcripts specifically mention the University issuing the transcript will only guarantee the document's authenticity when it is accessed through the My eQuals portal. They further state that when viewed online, the security of the document is only verified by the presence of the 'Certified' blue ribbon in the document.

Note: applicants are advised not to download the document from My eQuals to then upload to their application as this cannot be

certified unless viewed via the My eQuals portal in most instances.

Applicants who upload PDF documents from My eQuals that contain a blue ribbon stating 'Certified by (University)... all signatures are valid' in the Signature Panel in the electronic document may be accepted. However, if a printed copy of this document is uploaded to the application it will not be accepted as the electronic document normally states '(University) cannot verify this document's authenticity in printed format'.

**Note:** Official Academic Transcripts submitted in the format specified by the institution as not being able to verify the authenticity will NOT be accepted.

### **OVERSEAS QUALIFICATION ASSESSMENT**

Applicants for the Master of Psychology (Clinical), Master of Professional Psychology and the Doctor of Philosophy (Clinical Psychology) who are graduates with psychology degrees from non-Australian universities must have their qualifications assessed by the Australian Psychological Society (APS) for equivalence to an Australian program of study prior to submitting their application.

Information about the process for obtaining this assessment can be found on the <u>Australian Psychological Society (APS)</u> website. Please note that Flinders University also requires completion of a substantive research thesis within a 4-year degree that demonstrates knowledge of research methods and quantitative statistics.

If academic transcripts are in a language other than English, applicants must submit copies of both the original transcript and full translations in English. Translations must show results for all subjects undertaken and be certified by an independent accredited translator (NAATI) and feature the translator's original stamp and signature on every page. The translation must be a scan of the original hard copy translation document issued by the translator. Electronic versions of the translation, where the translator's stamp has been affixed electronically, cannot be accepted.

Note: APS assessments shared with Flinders University after the deadline will NOT be accepted.

# Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Sub-quota – Master of Psychology (Clinical)

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander applicants may confirm their Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander identity in one of two ways:

#### **Confirmation of Indigeneity**

Provide a certified copy of a formal document confirming their Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander identity. This should be from an incorporated Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander organisation stating the organisation recognises the applicant as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander. This document should also contain the Common Seal of the organisation.

OR

#### Affirmation of Indigeneity

Applicants unable to provide a Confirmation of Indigeneity may complete and submit a Flinders University Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Identity Statutory Declaration form <u>Statutory Declaration form.</u>

Note: Confirmation documentation submitted after the deadline will not be accepted and applicants will not be considered for the subquota

# **ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS**

### HONOURS PERCENTAGE MARK

If an applicant's final Honours percentage mark is not able to be determined from the official academic record or it is yet to be finalised, Flinders will contact the Honours supervisor provided as part the thesis details section in the application.

If this information cannot be obtained from the supervisor, Flinders will assign the lowest grade in the Flinders grade range as their base score. For example, if a second-class honours grade is only specified as 2A by the home university, Flinders will assign 75 as the mark because the Flinders equivalent 2A mark range is 75-84.

## THESIS DETAILS

Applicants are required to provide details of any theses completed or currently being undertaken, including title, abstract, length and supervisor.

## **EMPLOYMENT DETAILS**

Applicants are required to provide details of any clinically relevant paid employment relevant to the area of Psychology. Please **DO NOT** attach a curriculum vitae but supply the information at the appropriate points in the online application.

Relevant psychology related experience (e.g., a background of professional employment/voluntary work in an allied health profession) is an important criterion in the selection process.

### **OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCE**

Applicants are required to provide details of any other clinically relevant psychology experience (e.g., voluntary work, research assistant work, clinically relevant experience). Applicants must indicate the duration of the experience and estimate the number of hours per week. Please **DO NOT** attach a curriculum vitae but supply the information at the appropriate points in the online application.

## **PUBLICATION AND GRANT DETAILS**

Applicants are required to provide the Digital Object Identifier (DOI) number and title for any publications they may have produced. Applicants who have obtained a National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) Investigator Grant are encouraged to provide details in their application.

## **REFEREE REPORTS**

Two confidential references are required, one academic and one professional; at least one of which should be from the applicant's most recent supervisor (Honours or PhD). Should an applicant not choose to include the most recent research supervisor as a referee, this must be explained in an email to <u>askflinders@flinders.edu.au</u> including the application ID number, to add this information to an application. The other may be from a person who has observed the applicant and their work in a non-academic context. The references must be submitted online via the Psychology Reference Request Portal. The Psychology Reference Request Portal allows applicants for Australian postgraduate programs in Psychology to nominate and invite academic and/or professional referees to submit references in support of an application. There is a \$35.00 fee payable for use of the Psychology Reference Request Portal. For further details see <u>Psychology Reference Request Portal</u>. Referees must submit references to the Psychology Reference Request Portal by the deadline. Late references will not be accepted.

# SUPERVISORS AND RESEARCH PROJECTS (PHD (CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY) APPLICANTS ONLY)

Doctor of Philosophy (Clinical Psychology) applicants need to obtain from a Flinders University staff member approval, in principle, to be nominated as supervisor (this must be indicated on the online application).

To assist applicants in selecting a supervisor and research project, a list of <u>Potential Research Projects</u> is available. Other academic staff are happy to discuss PhD projects with applicants, more information can be obtained from <u>Potential research supervisors</u>.

To broaden the opportunity to study a higher degree by research in Psychology at Flinders University, applicants can tick the option to apply as a research-only PhD in Psychology in the online application.

Students may be eligible for scholarships, including Australian Government Research Training Program Scholarships. An application for scholarship can be lodged via the Online Application System at the same time as the admission application but please note the earlier closing date for Scholarship applications. Refer to the <u>Direct Application Guide for Higher Degrees by Research</u> and <u>scholarship application</u> information. Eligible PhD (Clinical Psychology) students receive a Research Training Program Fee Offset to cover their tuition fees.

## **SELECTION CRITERIA**

Offers for a place in the courses are made based on interview and overall application.

## **INTERVIEWS**

The interview is very important as it enables the interview panel to assess the applicant's interest in and motivation for the course, to question the applicant about their relevant employment or clinical background, and to judge the applicant's capacity to satisfactorily complete the course. An opportunity is also provided for the applicant to ask any questions about the course so that applicants can make a fully informed decision should they be offered a place. The interviewing panel members are Flinders Psychology academic staff and a clinical psychologist from the community.

Applicants will be short-listed for interview based on:

- Academic Record
- Clinically relevant skills and work experience
- Referee reports, and
- Publications

Applicants are given a percentage score from their Honours results; this score reflects their overall base score\*. Points are then added to the base score, taking into consideration:

- All 2nd and 3rd year Psychology topics sequence Flinders equivalent GPA. Applicants who have completed a PhD will receive a full score for this section\*\*.
- Applicant's Honours mark is converted to a Flinders equivalent Honours mark of First class 85 and above, Second class 75-84.
  Applicants who have completed a PhD or a first-named publication will receive a full score for this section\*\*\*. Other publications will be considered and may result in bonus points being applied.
- Clinically relevant volunteer and/or paid work experience.
- Referee reports are assessed to determine applicant's suitability to the course. An unfavourable report can result in an unsuccessful application even if an applicant has an otherwise high score.

\*If an applicant's specific Honours percentage mark is not able to be determined, we will assign the lowest grade in the grade range as their base score. For example, if a second-class honours grade is only specified as 2A by the home university, Flinders will assign 75 as the mark because the Flinders equivalent 2A mark range is 75-84.

\*\*Applicants who have submitted their PhD for examination, but have not yet completed, will not receive a full score for this section. \*\*\*Master of Professional Psychology applicants only; applicants who have undertaken an APAC accredited fourth year program (including

a thesis) will be assessed on GPA in lieu of an honours mark.

Interviews are held in mid/late November. It is the responsibility of applicants to be available to attend an interview during this period. Please note that Flinders University is closely monitoring the COVID-19 situation and we are aligning our actions with advice from the Australian Government to ensure applicants' health and safety when attending an interview.

Telephone/Zoom interviews will ONLY be available for rural/remote, overseas and interstate applicants. South Australian applicants are expected to attend in person (subject to COVID-19 requirements). The method of interview will be confirmed for applicants through the interview confirmation communication and details will be provided on venue and/or access to video conference links etc.

It is important that we can contact applicants during the application process, please ensure your contact details are up to date in your application.

Applicants who are shortlisted for an interview will be provided more interview information and details on how to book an interview date and time in the email notifying them they have been shortlisted for an interview.



## OFFERS

Offers for a place in the courses are made based on interview and overall application.

**Note:** Applicants who receive an offer to the Master of Psychology (Clinical) or the Master of Professional Psychology will be required to secure their place by enrolling in at least one topic in the course by the deadline stated in their offer letter. Failure to enrol via the Flinders University Student System by the specified date, will mean the offer of a place in the course will be forfeited and their place may be offered to another applicant.

#### WAITLISTED AND UNSUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS

Applicants who are not successful in receiving an offer early in the selection process will be advised of the status of their application as soon as the assessment outcome has been determined.

Offers may be made up until the commencement of the course in February 2025 to fill places available and applicants will be advised if they have been placed on a waitlist.

#### **CONDITIONAL OFFERS**

There are only two instances in which an applicant may receive a conditional offer:

- A Flinders University qualification is due to be completed in late 2024 and the offer is conditional on successful completion, OR
- An approved 4-year APAC approved sequence in psychology at another institution is due to be completed in late 2024 and the offer is conditional on evidence of successful completion through an Official Academic Transcript to be provided by the deadline stated in the offer letter.

Conditions of an offer must be met as specified in the offer letter and by the stated deadline. Failure to do so will mean the offer of a place in the course will be forfeited and the place may be offered to another applicant.

Applicants who receive a conditional offer will not be able to enrol in the Master of Psychology (Clinical), Master of Professional Psychology or the Doctor of Philosophy (Clinical Psychology) until the condition has been met by the deadline.

**Note:** For the Master of Psychology (Clinical) and the Master of Professional Psychology, once conditions are met, applicants will be required to secure their place by enrolling in at least one topic by the deadline stated in the communication confirming they have met the conditions of their offer. Failure to enrol via the Flinders University Student Information System by the specified date, will mean the offer of a place in the course will be forfeited and their place may be offered to another applicant. If applicants decline an offer for a place, they will not be considered for another place or receive another offer.

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

## **CRIMINAL AND RELEVANT HISTORY SCREENING**

Successful applicants will be required to undertake a national police check and a criminal history screening which includes child-related employment screening, vulnerable person-related employment screening, aged care sector employment screening and a disability services sector screening. This is consistent with the Psychology Board of Australia's requirement that the criminal history check contains no offences that would result in a person being declared unfit to practice. This will be initiated by Flinders University once offers are confirmed. The Screening Checks are conducted through the DCSI screening unit and further details are available at: <u>Department of Human Services</u>

Further information regarding National Police check is available at: SA Police Safer Communities

Note: Successful applicants will be provided with advice about how to obtain these clearances once offers have been made.

## **PROVISIONAL REGISTRATION**

The Psychology Board of Australia requires students are registered as provisional psychologists with the Board on entry into the course: <u>Psychology Board AHPRA</u>. A student's place in the course is conditional on being able to register as a Provisional Psychologist with AHPRA. If a student is unable to obtain provisional registration, they will be unable to continue in the course. The University accepts no responsibility should a student be unable to obtain provisional registration after gaining entry to the course.

## IMMUNISATION AND BLOOD-BORNE VIRUSES POLICY

Students will also need to comply with SA Health's Immunisation and Blood-Borne Viruses Policy. This is a SA Health Policy Directive requirement for students prior to undertaking clinical placements.

The detailed written procedure required for provisional registration, criminal and relevant history screening and proof of immunisation status will be provided to students who are offered a place in either course. Please note that students are responsible for any costs associated with the above requirements.

## INHERENT REQUIREMENTS

Inherent requirements are the essential components of a course or unit that demonstrate the abilities, knowledge, and skills to achieve the core learning outcomes of the course or unit, while preserving the academic integrity of the University's learning, assessment, and accreditation processes. The inherent requirements are the abilities, knowledge and skills needed to complete the course that must be met by ALL students. For further details visit <u>Inherent requirements for Postgraduate Psychology</u>.

## **CONTACTS**

PLEASE EMAIL ALL ENQUIRES TO askflinders@flinders.edu.au

## FAQs

I am having issues with the account activation process, who do I contact to get technical assistance?	If you are experiencing difficulties with the account activation process, you can contact our IDS helpdesk on 08 8201 2345.
I was not successful in my application, am I able to get more information on the outcome?	Flinders University is not normally able to provide individuals with detailed information or feedback about their application including overall ranking, interview performance, interview score etc.
How will I be contacted about my application?	Communication regarding all aspects of the application is via email. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure they provide a current email address, regularly check their inbox (including the junk and clutter folders) and respond to any emails they may receive requesting further information. Applicants will be able to check and update their contact email address in the Flinders University Student System by visiting the My Details tab and selecting a preferred email address. Detailed instructions are available in the Direct application guide.
I am a Master of Psychology (Clinical) student, can I change my application to PhD (Clinical Psychology)?	No, Master of Psychology (Clinical) students are unable to change their application to PhD (Clinical Psychology).
Is application documentation audited?	Flinders may audit documentation and/or request further information regarding any aspect of your application.
What happens if I do not know my honours mark yet?	Applicants due to complete their Honours year in 2024 must provide, as part of the online application; contact details of their supervisor who will be contacted to provide their honours percentage mark (s).
Do I need to provide an official academic transcript?	If you are applying based on your Flinders qualification, you do not need to provide a transcript for it. Applicants who hold qualifications from other institutions must upload a certified copy or electronic original Official Academic Transcript by the deadline. Applicants that are due to complete their Honours year in 2024 must also provide a current Official Academic Transcript by the deadline, even if this is not completed or there are missing grades. Applicants shortlisted for interview will be contacted directly to provide a final copy of their official academic transcript showing the completion of their Honours year. Refer to the <u>Supporting Documentation</u> section of this guide for details.
Can I submit my official academic transcript via My eQuals?	Yes, you can share your transcripts via the My eQuals portal ensuring the expiry date is after 28 February 2025. Further information can be found at <u>My eQuals</u> . Refer to the <u>Supporting Documentation</u> section of this guide for details.
Can I defer my place to the next year?	Deferment of an offer is not permitted. Applicants unable to commence the course in the current admission cycle are required to reapply.

Are there Flinders graduate reserved places?	A maximum 75% of the total places available are normally reserved for Flinders University students who have completed, or are due to complete, in 2024 the final year of an APAC-accredited undergraduate 4-year sequence in Psychology including a one- year Honours degree in Psychology.
Are late offers made if places are available?	Occasionally offers are issued in January-February should any applicants decline their first/second round offer.
Can I study the course externally/online?	All courses are delivered on campus and in person only, and it is therefore not possible to undertake the degree on an external/ online basis.
Can I study the course part-time?	Yes, the Master of Psychology (Clinical) and the Master of Professional Psychology are available part-time. However, applicants who have applied for the course on a part-time basis will need to be available for placements for 2.5 days per week. Part-time means at least half time. PhD (Clinical Psychology) students undertaking a part-time programme will need to meet with the Director of the Clinical Programmes to map out their part-time schedule.
Are there any conditions attached to the offer?	Offers may be conditional, and information will be provided in the offer letter. Enrolment is conditional on the applicant successfully passing criminal and relevant history screenings, gaining provisional registration through the Psychology Board of Australia, and complying with SA Health's Immunisation and Blood-Borne Viruses Policy.
I am a Master of Psychology (Clinical) applicant, do I also need to obtain from a staff member approval, in principle, to be nominated as supervisor as part of the online application?	No, this requirement only applies to PhD (Clinical Psychology) applicants as part of the online application.
Can I apply for the Master of Professional Psychology as a second preference?	Yes, applicants that are offered an interview for the Master of Psychology (Clinical) but are not successful in receiving an offer to the course, may be offered the Master of Professional Psychology if they have indicated on their application that they would like to be considered for a place in this course as a second preference. Applicants that are <i>not</i> offered an interview for the Master of Psychology (Clinical), may be offered an interview for the Master of Professional Psychology if they have indicated on their application that they would like to be considered for a place in this course as a second preference.



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