2012 POSTGRADUATE PSYCHOLOGY

» Behavioural science
» Psychology

MIND OVER MATTER
‘RMIT’s psychology department is known for its progressive educational programs that focus on providing information that is readily applied to the field of psychology and was one of the reasons I chose to study here.

My degree has given me an appreciation of the diversity of human nature, and the complexity of creating a theory that can be used in guiding decisions to help us live better lives.’

Daniel Zaba
Bachelor of Applied Science (Psychology) (Honours)
Psychology Clinic

The RMIT University Psychology Clinic was established in 1976 and is part of the University’s postgraduate clinical psychology programs.

Since its inception, the clinic has grown considerably and has developed an excellent reputation for high quality psychological services for children, adolescents and adults.

Clinical sessions are primarily conducted by postgraduate psychology interns completing their fifth, sixth or seventh year of study. Interns are registered provisional psychologists. They are supervised by and work closely with senior psychologists who are RMIT staff members.

The low-cost services at the RMIT Psychology Clinic provided by provisional psychologists are not rebatable through Medicare or private health insurance. However, medicare rebates are available for consultations with senior psychologists if a doctor’s referral and health care plan is obtained. Please contact the clinic on tel. 03 9925 7603 for details.

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Locations
Psychology discipline
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WORK-INTEGRATED LEARNING

RMIT is committed to work-integrated learning (WIL) by incorporating WIL experiences such as professional practice placements and learning tasks related to workplace experience as positive features of the programs. WIL is an integral component in many assessment requirements that require problem-based learning and critical reflection on practice.

INTERACT WITH RMIT

You can now interact with RMIT through several web, mobile and social networking tools listed at www.rmit.edu.au/interact

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http://twitter.com/rmit
www.youtube.com/user/rmitmedia
Graduate Diploma in Behavioural Science

RMIT program code
GD005

Location
Bundoora and City campuses

Mode and duration
3 years part-time
Midyear places may be available.

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www.rmit.edu.au/programs/gd005

The Graduate Diploma in Behavioural Science consists of the Australian Psychological Accreditation Council (APAC) approved sequence of 12 psychology courses from the existing undergraduate programs in psychology at RMIT.

The courses are equivalent to the recognised undergraduate qualifications and have been accredited both in content, load and sequence.

The special sequence requirements mean that the Graduate Diploma in Behavioural Science must be taken part-time over three years, allowing you to build upon fundamentals and develop greater depth of knowledge and a stronger ability to apply this fundamental knowledge.

Pathway
You will be given credit for the approved psychology courses completed as part of your original degree (degree must be less than 10 years old and the original course taken must be APAC approved). After completion of this program, you may apply for a fourth year sequence in psychology.

Career outlook
Typically, students of the program are already working and are wanting to broaden their knowledge base to make them more effective in their current employment.

The Graduate Diploma in Behavioural Science has an applied focus which provides graduates with the knowledge and skills to enhance their contribution to their current and/or future employment. Graduates may continue to study psychology to become a provisional psychologist or registered psychologist with the Psychology Board of Australia (or the relevant board in other states and territories).

Professional recognition
Upon graduating you will be eligible to apply for a fourth year of study in psychology (e.g. RMIT’s honours year) and subsequently into later years of Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC) approved programs leading to full membership of Australian Psychology Society (APS).

To become eligible to apply for full registration as a psychologist, students need to complete the Master of Psychology (two years full-time or four years part-time) or the Doctor of Psychology (three years full-time).

Entrance requirements
Degree level studies in another area (non-psychology), less than 10 years old and is APAC approved.

Application procedure
RMIT direct application

Fees
Full fee-paying Australian residents
2012: A$23,040 per year full-time

Fees are payable at the commencement of each semester and are calculated annually.
Please refer to money matters on page 9 for further information.

What you will study
The graduate diploma consists of 144 credit points.
The following is an example of courses offered.

Stage A

- Foundations of psychology 12
- Principles of psychology 12

Stage B

- Biological psychology 12
- Cognitive psychology 12
- Developmental psychology 12
- Research methods in psychology 12
- Social psychology 12

Stage C

- Philosophy and methodology of psychology 12
- Psychological assessment and individual differences 12
- Psychopathology and models 12
- Society and organisations 12

Select one course

- Applied psychology topics 12
- Cross cultural and organisational psychology 12
- Forensic psychology 12
- Psychology of gender 12
The honours program will prepare you to undertake further postgraduate studies in psychology, including master and Doctor of Psychology by coursework and master by research and Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) programs.

The program aims to introduce you to professional issues and the theories, methods and data of contemporary psychology. Course content is cognitive–behavioral in orientation and gives you a strong grounding in research psychology.

The Bachelor of Applied Science (Psychology) (Honours) and the Graduate Diploma in Psychology share the same program structure.

Pathway

You may apply to study for Master of Psychology, Doctor of Psychology, master by research or PhD.

Career outlook

Graduates may either seek employment, or apply to enrol in a master or doctoral level program. Employment opportunities exist in many human services organisations.

Provisional psychologists work in a variety of settings including educational, human services, community, medical and organisations under the supervision of an experienced registered psychologist.

Professional recognition

You will be eligible for Associate Membership with the Australian Psychological Society (APS) and are also eligible to apply for provisional registration with the Psychology Board of Australia.

Provisional registration will allow you to practise in any Australian state or territory.

To become eligible to apply for full registration as a psychologist, students need to complete the Master of Psychology (two years full-time or four years part-time) or the Doctor of Psychology (three years full-time).

The Psychology Board of Australia has determined that all applicants for registration must be able to demonstrate English language skills at IELTS academic level 7 or the equivalent within the two years preceding registration. For further details visit www.psychologyboard.gov.au/Registration-standards.aspx

Entrance requirements

Completion of an Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC) approved undergraduate Psychology three-year sequence and creditable academic record.

You must submit two confidential referee reports.

Application procedure

RMIT direct application

Fees

Full fee-paying Australian residents

2012: A$20,160 per year full-time

International full fee-paying students

2012: A$25,920 per year full-time

Fees are payable at the commencement of each semester and are calculated annually.

Please refer to money matters on page 9 for further information.

What you will study

The honours program consists of 96 credit points. The following is an example of courses offered.

Year one

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Select two courses

| 12 |
| Advanced research methods |
| Advanced topics in psychology |
| Psychopathology |

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www.rmit.edu.au/programs/bh000
The graduate diploma program is designed for students wanting to undertake further postgraduate studies in psychology, including Master of Psychology and Doctor of Psychology programs.

The program aims to introduce you to professional issues and the theories, methods and data of contemporary psychology. Course content is cognitive–behavioural in orientation and gives you a strong grounding in research psychology.

The graduate diploma shares the same structure as and the Bachelor of Applied Science (Psychology) (Honours) program.

Pathway
You will be eligible to apply to study for Master of Psychology or Doctor of Psychology.

Career outlook
Graduates either seek employment, or apply to enrol in a master or doctoral level program. Employment opportunities exist in many human services organisations.

Provisional psychologists work in a variety of settings including educational, human services, community, medical and organisations under the supervision of an experienced registered psychologist.

Professional recognition
You will be eligible for Associate Membership with the Australian Psychological Society (APS) and are also eligible to apply for provisional registration with the Psychology Board of Australia.

Provisional registration will allow you to practise in any Australian state or territory under the supervision of an experienced registered psychologist.

To become eligible to apply for full registration as a psychologist, you need to complete the Master of Psychology (two years full-time or four years part-time) or the Doctor of Psychology (three years full-time).

The Psychology Board of Australia has determined that all applicants for registration must be able to demonstrate English language skills at IELTS academic level 7 or the equivalent within the two years preceding registration. For further details visit www.psychologyboard.gov.au/Registration- Standards.aspx

Entrance requirements
Completion of an Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC) approved undergraduate Psychology three-year sequence and creditable academic record.
You must submit two confidential referee reports.

Application procedure
RMIT direct application

Fees
Full fee-paying Australian residents
2012: A$13,440 per year full-time
Fees are payable at the commencement of each semester and are calculated annually.
Please refer to money matters on page 9 for further information.

What you will study
The graduate diploma consists of 96 credit points. The following is an example of courses offered.

Year one

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People also read:

- Advanced research methods 12
- Advanced topics in psychology 12
- Psychopathology 12
The Master of Psychology is designed to provide the necessary training to prepare you for work as a professional psychologist.

The program is oriented towards cognitive-behavioural psychology and you will be trained and expected to work according to the scientist-professional model.

RMIT University specialises in clinical psychology.

Pathway
As a graduate you will be eligible to apply for a Doctor of Psychology program.

Career outlook
Clinical psychologists are specialists in the assessment, diagnosis and treatment of psychological problems and mental illness. They work in private practice, hospitals, universities, general medical practices, community health centres and mental health services.

Professional recognition
You will be eligible for membership of the Australian Psychological Society (APS). As the program also meets the academic requirements for membership of the APS College of Clinical Psychologists, you are eligible for associate membership of the APS College of Clinical Psychologists.

www.psychology.org.au
As a graduate you will be eligible to apply for registration with the Psychology Board of Australia. Registration will allow you to practice in any Australian state or territory. Specialist endorsement as a Clinical psychologist is possible after two years of supervised practice.

For further details visit www.psychologyboard.gov.au/Registration-Standards.aspx

Entrance requirements
Completion of an Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC) approved fourth year of study in psychology, with results equivalent to second class honours (H2A, 75% or above). Applicants must satisfactorily complete a formal assessment interview and demonstrate a high level of English language proficiency, (i.e. equivalent to a minimum score of 8.0 in each of the four components (listening, reading, writing, and speaking in the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) examination).

Applicants must also submit two confidential referee reports.

Application procedure
RMIT direct application

Fees
CSP may be available.

Full fee-paying Australian residents
2012: A$20,160 per year full-time

International full fee-paying students
2012: A$25,920 per year full-time

Fees are payable at the commencement of each semester and are calculated annually.

Please refer to money matters on page 9 for further information.

What you will study
The Master of Psychology (144 credit points) is divided into three areas of study—coursework, clinical training and research.

The following is an example of courses offered.

Year one

Coursework
» Assessment and intervention 1 & 2 24
» Foundations of practice 1 & 2 24

Clinical training
» Internal practicum 1 & 2 24

Research
» Thesis 1 & 2 24

Year two

Coursework
» Specialist practice 1 & 2 24

Clinical training
» External practicum 1 & 2 24
» Internal practicum 3 & 4 24

Research
» Thesis 3 & 4 24

Internal practicums are carried out at the RMIT Psychology Clinic under supervision. Case conferences are held in groups to review clinical cases and further develop clinical knowledge and skills, and are led by an experienced practitioner.

You are assisted to undertake two external practicums (minimum of 40 days and 60 days, respectively) in agencies such as hospitals, clinics, and other health facilities. Casework courses and field placements comprise a minimum of 132 days of practicum experience.

You will also complete a research thesis under supervision.
The Doctor of Psychology program provides necessary training to prepare you for work as a professional psychologist and for leadership roles within the profession. The program is oriented towards cognitive-behavioural psychology and you are trained and expected to work according to the scientist-professional model.

RMIT University specialises in clinical psychology.

Career outlook
Clinical psychologists are specialists in the assessment, diagnosis and treatment of psychological problems and mental illness. They work in private practice, hospitals, universities, general medical practices, community health centres and mental health services.

Professional recognition
You will be eligible for membership of the Australian Psychological Society (APS). As the program also meets the academic requirements for membership of the APS College of Clinical Psychologists, you are eligible for associate membership of the APS College of Clinical Psychologists.

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As a graduate you will be eligible to apply for registration with the Psychology Board of Australia. Registration will allow you to practice in any Australian state or territory. Specialist endorsement as a Clinical psychologist is possible after one year of supervised practice.

For further details visit www.psychologyboard.gov.au/Registration-Standards.aspx

Application procedure
RMIT School of Graduate Research

Fees
Full fee-paying Australian residents
2012: $20,160 per year full-time

International full fee-paying students
2012: $25,920 per year full-time

Fees are payable at the commencement of each semester and are calculated annually. Please refer to money matters on page 9 for further information.

What you will study
The Doctor of Psychology (288 credit points) is divided into three areas of study—coursework, clinical training and research. The following is an example of courses offered.

Year one
Coursework
- Assessment and intervention 1 & 2 24
- Foundations of practice 1 & 2 24
- Internal practicum 1 & 2 24
- Thesis 1 & 2 24

Year two
Coursework
- Specialist practice 1 & 2 24
- External practicum 1 & 2 24
- Internal practicum 3 & 4 24
- Research
- Thesis 3 & 4 24

Year three
Coursework
- Advanced doctoral training 1 & 2 24
- Clinical training
- External practicum 3A & 3B 24
- Research
- Thesis 5 & 6 48

Internal practicums are carried out at the RMIT Psychology Clinic under supervision. Case conferences are held in groups to review clinical cases and further develop clinical knowledge and skills, and are led by an experienced practitioner.

You will be assisted to undertake three external practicums (minimum of 40, 60 and 80 days, respectively) in agencies such as hospitals, clinics, and other health facilities.

Casework courses, together with field placements, comprise a minimum of 212 days of practicum experience. You will also complete a research thesis under supervision.
PsyChology researCh SpEcialties

Psychology staff are engaged in research in a number of important areas of human development and the promotion of health at an individual, group and community level. Activities are geared to both knowledge building and applications in health intervention. Collaborative projects are unique in spanning different stages of the lifespan, and addressing health issues in both mainstream and atypical populations. The main areas of focus include:

» **Motor and cognitive development in children and adolescents**, with particular expertise in Developmental Coordination Disorder (DCD) and learning disabilities.

» **Well-being and resilience**: especially children's psychological well-being and predictors of resilience, parenting and building resilience in families (particularly in those with a child who has a disability), and promoting resilience among university students and in communities.

» **Innovations in cognitive, blended, and E-Health interventions**: this work is noted for its multi-disciplinary focus in health assessment and intervention. Current directions include targeted approaches to cognitive-behaviour therapy in obsessive-compulsive disorder and mindfulness-based treatments for anxiety and depression, personality disorders, and so on. As well, we have some cutting edge research on new E-Health interventions including the use of virtual-reality in rehabilitation.

The team use a wide range of research methods including program evaluation in community-based settings, case studies for unique groups, large survey-based techniques, longitudinal studies of development, lab-based experiments using behavioural and physiological measures, and qualitative and narrative techniques. Importantly, the work involves local and international collaboration with distinguished researchers, funded by a variety of sources including the ARC and NHMRC. Examples include:

» A long-standing relationship with the Parenting Research Centre in Melbourne. A group involving staff from RMIT has evaluated The National Workshops Program (NWP) as part of the federal government’s $190 million commitment to ‘Helping Children with Autism’.

» Large scale longitudinal studies of child development with Curtin University in Perth and the University of Leeds.

» A directorial role in the Education Program for Infants and Children (EPIC), which is a non-government service for young children with developmental disabilities, based on the Bundoora campus. With the support of the William Buckland Foundation, A/Prof. Susana Gavidia-Payne has investigated approaches to training professionals in Early Childhood Intervention in the Early GOALS in education and support program for parents of young children with developmental delay/disability.

» Partnerships with the Beyond Blue National Depression Initiative (investigating E-therapy in people at risk of depression) and the Victorian Health Promotion Foundation (the impact of cognitive behaviour therapy and motivational interviewing on lifestyle behaviour in overweight and obese adolescents).

» Application of virtual-reality (VR) technologies in adult and paediatric neurorehabilitation, involving colleagues from Kings College London, the University of Tel Aviv, Griffith University, and the Epworth Hospital. Using interactive, tabletop workspaces, this work has been shown to augment traditional physical therapies.

» Evaluation of new multimodal treatments for sleep disorders, tension headache, and the like. In this NHMRC-funded work, our collaborators include the Melbourne Sleep Disorders Centre, the Austin Hospital, and the disciplines of Chinese Medicine and Wellness at RMIT.

RESEARCH STAFF

A list of psychology research staff and their specialties is available online at: [www.rmit.edu.au/psychology/people](http://www.rmit.edu.au/psychology/people)
HOW TO APPLY

• Coursework degrees

Direct application

Apply online at www.rmit.edu.au/programs/apply/direct

Timely applications for coursework programs are due by:

» 10 November each year (Semester 1) and  
» 31 May each year (midyear Semester 2).

Midyear applications open 1 May www.rmit.edu.au/midyear

Applications will continue to be accepted until all places have been filled. You are encouraged to lodge your application early.

Supplementary information forms

Some postgraduate programs require applicants to complete a supplementary information form in addition to the direct application form.

www.rmit.edu.au/programs/apply/forms

• Research degrees

Entrance requirements

There are minimum entry requirements for master by research and doctoral degrees. Due to strong competition for places, preference may be given to applicants with more than the minimum requirements.

All applicants need to find a supervisor with similar research interests as themselves and discuss a research project proposal with them. The research proposal must be included in your application.

Refer to contact details under each program or www.rmit.edu.au/graduateresearch/searchsupervisors

Master

A first degree from RMIT with at least a credit average in the final year; or a qualification deemed equivalent by RMIT to a first degree from RMIT with at least a credit average in the final year; or evidence of experience which satisfies RMIT that the applicant has developed knowledge of the field of study sufficient to undertake the proposed degree.

Note: Some degrees may require evidence of other qualifications or experience. Refer to the contact listed under individual degree entries before applying.

PhD

A degree of master by research from RMIT; or a degree of master by coursework from RMIT which includes a research component with a duration of at least one semester full-time (or part-time equivalent); or a bachelor degree from RMIT with first class honours or upper second class honours (or another award as deemed equivalent); and such qualifications or experience as RMIT considers appropriate.

Note: Some programs may require evidence of other qualifications or experience. Refer to the contact listed under individual program entries before applying.
**Money Matters**

### Coursework degrees

What you pay will depend on whether you are offered a Commonwealth supported place (CSP) or a full-fee place. Financial assistance is available for eligible students regardless of the type of place you enrol in.

**Full-fee place**

Full-fee students are required to pay the complete cost of their program. The fees vary according to each program and are adjusted on an annual basis. They are listed under each program in this booklet.

**FEE-HELP**

Australian citizens or holders of a permanent humanitarian visa are eligible to apply for a FEE-HELP loan for full-fee places. FEE-HELP enables eligible students to obtain a loan from the Australian Government to pay all or part of their tuition fees. The Government pays the amount of the loan directly to the student’s institution. Students repay their loan through the taxation system once their income reaches the minimum threshold for compulsory repayment.

**Commonwealth supported places (CSP)**

A Commonwealth supported place (CSP) is a place at uni where the fee is subsidised by the Australian Government. Your share of the fee is calculated according to the interest area you are studying. The following table shows a student’s annual share of the fee for full-time study in 2012.

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<th>Your student contribution for full-time studies commenced in 2012:</th>
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<td>Mathematics, science, statistics</td>
<td>$4520 p.a.</td>
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<td>Humanities, behavioural science, social studies, education, clinical psychology, foreign languages, visual and performing arts, nursing</td>
<td>$5648 p.a. (Band 1)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Computing, built environment, allied health, other health, engineering, surveying, agriculture</td>
<td>$8050 p.a. (Band 2)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Accounting, administration, economics, commerce, dentistry, medicine, law, veterinary science</td>
<td>$9425 p.a. (Band 3)</td>
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Students who undertake more or less than a full-time study load, or who study courses from a combination of the above categories, will be charged the proportionate student contribution.

www.rmit.edu.au/programs/fees

**Postgraduate Coursework Commonwealth Supported Equity Places**

RMIT has a limited number of Commonwealth supported places (CSP) in postgraduate coursework programs for applicants who meet entrance and equity criteria. Instead of paying full-fees, the CSP equity place allows eligible students to complete their program with a choice of up-front, partial up-front or deferred payment options. These places are available in any program.

www.rmit.edu.au/programs/apply/equity

### Research degrees

If you are an Australian citizen, Australian permanent resident or New Zealand citizen you may be eligible for a Higher Degree by Research (HDR) place where your tuition costs are funded by the Australian Government and you therefore have full exemption from tuition fees.

RMIT also offers research places on a fee-paying basis. For more information on fee-paying places please contact the relevant RMIT school to which you are applying. Program fees may vary according to the courses chosen and fees are invoiced on a semester basis.

www.rmit.edu.au/programs/fees

Acceptance in a HDR place is very competitive and places are granted on the condition that you meet annual progress requirements and complete within the allotted time for your program and your status as a part-time or full-time candidate.

www.rmit.edu.au/graduateresearch

### Material fees

In addition to tuition fees, you may be required to purchase items related to your program, including field trips and excursions, specified textbooks and equipment. These fees are not compulsory and students may choose to purchase these items independently. These expenses vary from program to program. Please check individual program brochures or contact the relevant school directly.

### Annual increase of full-fees

RMIT reserves the right to adjust fees on an annual basis by an amount that will not exceed 7.5% each year (subject to rounding). For higher education fees, tuition fees are rounded up to the nearest $10 per credit point increment, and so the actual fee increase may exceed 7.5%.

### Financial assistance

#### Scholarships

Various scholarship opportunities exist for eligible master and PhD students. For scholarship details and eligibility criteria, visit www.rmit.edu.au/scholarships.

#### Income tax deductions

Australian students may be eligible to apply for income tax deductions relating to the education expenses that are linked to their employment. Students should check with an accredited taxation accountant/consultant as to their eligibility for possible deductions. The Australian Taxation Office (ATO) website may also be useful. For further information, visit www.ato.gov.au

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For the latest fee information, please refer to our website: www.international.rmit.edu.au/info/programfees.asp
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