

Master of Clinical Psychology and Doctor of Philosophy Combined Study Program

This study program combines QUT's Master of Clinical Psychology in a partially part-time mode with concurrent (but staggered) completion of the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD).

A competitive advantage: In this study program, research for the Master of Clinical Psychology is linked explicitly to the research that is planned for the Doctor of Philosophy. The Master thesis may be a pilot study for the PhD, proof of concept study (on which to base the PhD), or consist of single case studies. This allows students completing the Master of Clinical Psychology to develop their PhD proposal and work towards the milestones required for the PhD project. The explicit linking of the research across the two programs provides a powerful synergy.

Combined study program structure (recommended minimum duration for completion):

Yr-Sem	Master of Clinical Psychology (PY18) enrolment	PhD (IF49) enrolment
Y1-S1	Full-time study mode Units*: PYN025, PYN027, PYN028, PYN035	
Y1-S2	Full-time study mode Units*: HLN712-1 (proposal, ethics, H&S), PYN044, PYN030, PYN036	
Y2-S1	Full-time study mode Units*: HLN712-2 (ethics, data, lit review), PYN045, PYN034, PYN037	
Y2-S2	Part time mode Units*: HLN712-3, HLN712-4 Master of Clinical Psychology thesis submitted	Full-time study mode Stage 2
Y3-S1	Part-time study mode Units*: PYN038	Full-time study mode IFN001; Confirmation
Y3-S2	Part-time study mode Units*: PYN039 Master of Clinical Psychology complete	Full-time study mode
Y4-S1		Full-time study mode
Y4-S2		Full-time study mode
Y5-S1		Full-time study mode Final Seminar PhD Submission

^{*}Detailed information about units can be found online at https://www.gut.edu.au/study/unit-search

Eligibility: This study program is available to students who meet the academic requirements for both degrees, or who are already enrolled in QUT's Master of Clinical Psychology (code PY18) and whose progress in their research thesis has been deemed as satisfactory. Prospective students interested in this program are advised to speak with the PY18 course coordinator and the postgraduate research coordinator in the School of Psychology and Counselling for further information regarding the application process (psychology@qut.edu.au).

Award of degrees: Students will be enrolled in, and completing, two independent degrees. Graduates will receive a parchment for each degree that they successfully complete.

Fees: This study program is open to domestic and international students. Commonwealth Supported Places are offered in the Master of Clinical Psychology. Domestic students in the PhD program are covered by the Australian Government's Research Training Scheme. Students may be eligible to apply in their first year to be considered for a PhD Scholarship for that degree (from full-time PhD study commencement). Detailed information can be found online at www.gut.edu.au/fees-and-scholarships.

Exit points: There are no structured exit points. However, students who choose to withdraw from one degree may still continue to complete the other degree.

Important Note: Completion of a PhD does not reduce the required endorsement period (two years) for Clinical Psychologists.

