



# Master of Professional Psychology

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# Creating Thriving Minds for an Evolving World

*A Message From Professor Tony Paolini, President and CEO*

As you set out on this exciting journey into the world of psychology, we'd be genuinely thrilled to welcome you into our community of passionate learners and educators.

With purpose-built facilities and access to state-of-the-art technology, we're committed to creating a student experience that's accessible, engaging, and always evolving. All our psychology courses are APAC-accredited; a reflection of our focus on quality, integrity, and maintaining strong professional standards.

If you choose to take this next step with us, know that you won't be doing it alone. Our dedicated team is here to support you every step of the way, and we're excited about the possibilities that lie ahead for you at ISN Psychology. We can't wait to see how you grow, explore, and thrive.

*We also wish to acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which ISN operates, the Wurundjeri People of the Kulin Nation. We pay our respects to their Elders past and present.*

# Why Choose ISN Psychology?

We're a TEQSA-approved Institute of Higher Education, dedicated to supporting thriving minds in a rapidly changing world. At ISN, we're committed to advancing the field of psychology through comprehensive education, innovative research, and an academic experience that genuinely supports the diverse needs of our students.

You'll have the flexibility to choose how you study, with face-to-face on-campus classes as well as a dynamic blend of pre-recorded and live-online learning options.

We also know that meaningful learning happens beyond the classroom. Through our clinical training facilities and broader psychology network, students gain valuable hands-on experience and placement opportunities that build real-world skills and confidence.

Our teaching and supervision team brings together experienced clinicians and researchers with backgrounds in both public and private practice. Many of our educators have also held leadership roles in academic and professional settings. Together, they offer a rich mix of expertise, insight, and support to help guide you throughout your studies and beyond.





### **COMPREHENSIVE AND FLEXIBLE**

We use the latest technology and offer extensive facilities to support a well-rounded and engaging learning experience. You can begin your studies in either Semester One or Semester Two, with the option of choosing between full-time and part-time study.



### **EXCEPTIONAL CLINICAL FACILITIES**

Learn from peers of unmatched skill and expertise. We boast a broad psychology network as well as ISN affiliated clinical facilities that provide onsite skill-based practical training.



### **APAC ACCREDITATION**

Discover, grow, and succeed in your career. Our courses are approved by APAC, ready to guide you on your journey to becoming an accredited psychologist in Australia.

# Master of Professional Psychology

The Master of Professional Psychology is an APAC accredited Level 3 (Professional Competencies) course designed to prepare students for the 6th Year internship.

The course is comprised of synchronous live workshops, practicum and an independent research project. Students in metropolitan Melbourne and Sydney can attend in person workshops in one of our bespoke learning centers.

Our work-integrated learning hubs hosts students' practicum in our affiliated ISN Clinics located in Ivanhoe, Kew, Bundoora and Sydney. Students outside these areas may attend live online workshops and complete practicum via telehealth (may be subject to quotas).

There is also an opportunity for eligible students to articulate into the Master of Psychology (Clinical), Master of Psychology (Sport & Exercise) or Doctor of Psychology (Sport, Exercise and Clinical) program upon completion of the first semester

**Entry Requirements:** (Please see our website Policies for detailed information about entry requirements and expectations. In summary:)

- Domestic students with Australian citizenship or Permanent Residency rights can apply. ISN cannot currently accept applications from international students.
- Successfully completed an APAC accredited four-year sequence of study or overseas qualification deemed equivalent by the Australian Psychological Society with a minimum weighted average WAM of 60.
- Applicants must be eligible for registration as a provisional psychologist with the Psychology Board of Australia (PsyBA) which includes additional requirements including minimal English language standards.
- Successful candidates will also need to meet additional entry requirements, which may be changed from time to time, including current police checks, working with children checks, evidence of immunisation status, and appropriate professional indemnity insurance cover. Failure to provide these documents in a timely manner may result in exclusion from the program.



## Career pathways

The Master of Professional Psychology is an APAC accredited Level 3 (Professional Competencies) course designed to prepare students for the 6th Year internship. Graduates must complete an additional year of PsyBA approved supervised professional practice and successfully pass the National Psychology Exam in order to be eligible for general registration as a psychologist with AHPRA.

## Selection Process

- Applications can be made on the application form available on our [website](#), providing accompanying transcripts, personal statement and CV, and referee reports submitted through the [Psychology Reference Portal](#). Applicants who meet the minimum entry requirements will be ranked on the basis of academic merit, relevant work experience and/or training, and referee reports.
- Short-listed applicants will be invited to complete a psychological assessment and, in some cases, an interview to select candidates for the program.
- Please note this qualification may be subject to quotas and meeting the minimum requirements does not guarantee entry.

# Tuition and Course Structure

The Master of Professional Psychology consists of one year full-time study, or the part-time equivalent. The structure is based on two full-time semesters, each with a duration of 12 weeks, while the practicum unit may commence and extend beyond typical semester timeframes.

The coursework units utilise skills-based workshops to support the development of professional competencies, blended with a practicum and an independent research project. Students can attend fortnightly workshops, which focus on applied learning skills crucial for both unit assessments and placement success,

Each coursework unit includes weekly to fortnightly engagement tasks, as well as two additional assessment tasks. Students must pass all assessment tasks to pass each individual unit.

Practicum is delivered via our ISN Work Integrated Learning (WIL) hubs, designed to integrate theory with practical skill training to prepare graduates for safe, quality psychological practice.

Each 10-credit point unit (excluding practicum and research project) requires 6 hours of personal study time per week (which includes assessment preparation and development) in addition to the timetabled workshop hours and direct engagement with learning content. For practicum, students must attend practicum two days per week. ISN offers part-time study plans and bespoke learning sequences to support student diversity and progress.

Tuition fees are payable upfront or through FEE HELP for eligible students. For more information about tuition fees please visit our website, [isn.edu.au](http://isn.edu.au) or contact us on (03) 9008 1600.



## Full Time One Year

### Semester 1

	Unit Name	Credit Points	Tuition Fees
ISNP2201	Ethics and Professional Issues	10	\$4,217
ISNP2603	Psychopathology	10	\$4,217
ISNP2604	Advanced Psychological Practice	10	\$4,217
ISNP2205	Psychological Assessment	10	\$4,217
ISNP2206	Introduction to Cognitive Behavioural Therapy	10	\$4,217

### Semester 2

	Unit Name	Credit Points	Tuition Fees
ISNP2202	Evidence Based Practice	10	\$4,217
ISNP2207	Practicum	20	\$4,881
ISNP2208	Research	20	\$4,217

**100.0 Course Total AUD:  
\$34,400**

**NOTE: All tuition fees are subject to annual CPI increases. Year on year fee increases will be indicated on this website each year prior to the start of the year in line with year on year Educational Consumer Price Index rises.**

## Recommended Part Time Sequence (2 years)

### Year 1

	Semester 1	Semester 2
ISNP2201	Ethics and Professional Issues	ISNP2205 Psychological Assessment
ISNP2603	Psychopathology	ISNP2206 Introduction to CBT
ISNP2604	Advanced Psychological Practice	

### Year 2

	Semester 1	Semester 2
ISNP2202	Evidence Based Practice	ISNP2207 Practicum
ISNP2208	Research Project	

\*Part time sequence recommendation may be subject to change.



# Units

Each of the units of study are detailed below. Students should also refer to the relevant Unit Outlines located on Canvas. Unit Outlines are subject to change.



## Ethics and Professional Issues

### Unit Description

In Ethics & Professional Issues students will become familiar with the requirements of State and Commonwealth acts relevant to psychological work, including relevant ethical codes and guidelines. They will learn how to apply the principles of these codes to their work and consider potential ethical dilemmas using an ethical decision-making model. The unit will also introduce students to other key concepts related to ethical and professional practice. These include: inter-professional learning, the use of technology (e-health) in psychological practice; the role of supervision, self-care, and reflective practice for maintaining professional competence; and cultural responsiveness and culturally safe professional practice in psychology.

### Unit Assessments

- Assessment 1: Weekly to Fortnightly Engagement Tasks
- Assessment 2: Informed Consented Role Play
- Assessment 3: Case Based Essay

# ISNP2202

## Evidence Based Practice

### Unit Description

This unit will provide students with further understanding of the complexity of evaluating the quality of research, developing their critical thinking skills and understanding of statistical analyses and research methods, with a focus on applied practical interventions. The unit will provide learning and understanding around different psychological intervention approaches that are common in clinical practice, and consider the evidence-base supporting these treatments. The unit will also provide students with an understanding of how these skills around reviewing empirically based literature and testing can be implemented in psychological practice.

### Unit Assessments

- Assessment 1: Weekly to Fortnightly Engagement Tasks
- Assessment 2: Research Article Critique
- Assessment 3: Evidence Based Treatment Presentation

## ISNP2603

### Psychopathology

#### Unit Description

The Psychopathology provides students with the knowledge and skills necessary to diagnose psychological disorders across the lifespan and in diverse client populations. The unit emphasises the development of a strong theoretical foundations in taxonomies of diagnosis and their application. Students will learn how to synthesise information from multiple sources to consider diagnoses, differential diagnoses, and comorbidities. These skills will support evidence-based intervention and monitoring protocols, preparing students for competent and ethical practice in diverse settings.

### Unit Assessments

- Assessment 1: Weekly to Fortnightly Engagement Tasks
- Assessment 2: Diagnostic Assessment
- Assessment 3: Examination

## ISNP2604

### Advanced Psychological Practice

#### Unit Description

Advanced Psychological Practice will build on counselling capabilities to develop skills in ethical and culturally-responsive problem identification, conceptualisation, and intervention planning. Students explore assessment interviewing, develop treatment plans from evidence-based conceptualisations, and monitoring and modifying treatment outcomes. Exploration of both theory and practical application will support students to strengthen their knowledge of and operationalise the scientist-practitioner model.

#### Unit Assessments

- Assessment 1: Weekly to Fortnightly Engagement Tasks
- Assessment 2: Clinical Interviewing Role Play and Case Formulation
- Assessment 3: Risk Interviewing Role Play

## ISNP2205

### Psychological Assessment

#### Unit Description

Psychological Assessment familiarises students with the principles of test construction and the principles, practices, methods, and procedures relating to a broad range of assessment measures and reporting of results of across age ranges. Students will demonstrate the ability to select appropriate tests including consideration of reliability and validity, administration considerations interpretation and reporting results. Particular consideration will be given to the specific assessment needs of clients across a range of contexts including cultural responsiveness and inter-professional considerations.



#### Unit Assessments

- Assessment 1: Weekly to Fortnightly Engagement Tasks
- Assessment 2: Practical Administration
- Assessment 3: Psychological Report

## ISNP2206

### Introduction to CBT

#### Unit Description

Introduction to CBT introduces the main theories, concepts, techniques and application of cognitive behavioural therapy (CBT) through formal teaching and private reading activities. Students will develop basic skills in applying CBT techniques appropriately for clinical intervention.

#### Unit Assessments

- Assessment 1: Weekly to Fortnightly Engagement Tasks
- Assessment 2: CBT Role Play
- Assessment 3: CBT Role Play

# ISNP2207

## Practicum

### Unit Description

Practicum is the professional practice component of the Master of Psychology Professional course. Students will undertake a combination of simulated and supervised practicum experience with regular feedback under the supervision of board approved psychologists.

Students will engage in a range of tasks, mainly with simulated clients, including triage, initial assessment interviews, ongoing therapeutic sessions, psychometric assessments, developing cultural awareness and responsiveness as well as collaborating with other professionals. Students are expected to fulfill a number of tasks including maintaining professional and ethical standards at all times, generate and maintain clinical case files, participate in regular supervision sessions, complete administrative tasks in a timely manner and perform psychological testing.

During this practicum students will attend the ISN Clinic for a minimum of 40 days. Students must attend practicum two days per week over 20 weeks, typically Monday to Friday between the hours of 9am and 5.30pm.

This practicum is typically a 300-hour practicum usually completed in the final semester of enrolment. The practicum usually will commence and finish outside standard semester dates.

The practicum structured is outlined below:

- Practicum day: One day per week is spent in simulated activities online.
- Placement day: One day per week, on a Thursday, is spent in a combination of simulated activities and clinic work at one of our clinics in Kew, Bundoora, Moorabbin, or Sydney, or our dedicated Telehealth Clinic.

# ISNP2208

## Research Project

### Unit Description

This unit is the research component of the Master of Professional Psychology course. This unit will require students to write a report that answers a research question that is relevant to professional psychological practice using simulated data. In doing so, students will be required to analyse data using an appropriate statistical analysis method. This unit will mainly consist of self-directed learning and interaction with the unit coordinator(s) who will provide guidance.

### Unit Assessments

- Assessment 1: Research Report Proposal
- Assessment 2: Research Report
- Assessment 3: Seminar Engagement



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