APPLICATION INFORMATION FOR THE 2017 COHORT INTAKE

Applications Open:  Tuesday 6th September, 2016
Applications Close:  Midnight Friday 7th October, 2016

Late and/or Incomplete Applications will not be considered

Thank you for considering applying to The University of Newcastle (UON) Clinical Psychology Program. Please read about our University and Clinical Psychology Program degrees below on our website:

1. UON
   [http://www.newcastle.edu.au](http://www.newcastle.edu.au)

2. Master of Clinical Psychology Program

It is a very competitive process to obtain a place in postgraduate clinical psychology programs across Australia, so please make sure you read this application package thoroughly and follow the instructions.

The applications will be assessed for completeness and eligibility and all eligible applications will be read and ranked in order of quality.

Those invited to interviews will be required to attend the interview on Monday 21st November, 2016. These interviews are face to face at a time allocated to you and you will also be expected to attend a lunch function (1-2pm that day) with other candidates. If you are overseas at the time of interview, an interview can be arranged via Skype.

You will be notified if you are successful or placed on a reserve list. The remaining applicants will be informed that they are unsuccessful.
Those successful in the interview process will have to attend a mandatory orientation day on the 16\textsuperscript{th} February, 2017 followed by a week intensive school on 17\textsuperscript{th} February, 2017 and 20\textsuperscript{th} February, 2017 to 24\textsuperscript{th} February, 2017.
STEPS FOR APPLYING FOR THE UON CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY PROGRAM

DOMESTIC APPLICANTS
MASTER OF CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY

Complete UAC Application at: www.uac.edu.au including all requested paperwork by midnight, 7th October, 2016 (no late applications will be accepted).

See the “checklist” on the final page of this document regarding options on how to submit all required documentation.

Wait to hear back from the Committee on whether you have been successful for an interview.

Applicants will be informed during the week of 24th October, 2016 via email.

Interviews will be conducted in person except if an applicant is overseas at the time of interview. In these circumstances a Skype interview can be arranged.

INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS
MASTER OF CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY

Complete an application form online at: http://www.newcastle.edu.au/international/study-with-us/how-to-apply and include ALL supporting documentation by midnight, 7th October 2016 (no late applications will be accepted).

Please note that all supporting documents can be uploaded electronically as part of the application process and any additional documents can be uploaded using this portal as well.

Wait to hear back from the Committee on whether you have been successful for an interview.

Applicants will be informed during the week of 24th October, 2016 via email.

If you are overseas at the time of interview, an interview can be organised via Skype.
DOMESTIC APPLICANTS

Submit an application online at http://www.uac.edu.au

ALL supporting documentation listed above can be submitted together, in one of three ways:

1. **UAC UPLOAD FACILITY** (attached to your online UAC application);
2. **EMAIL** postgrad_admissions@newcastle.edu.au
   Subject: M Clinical Psychology Portfolio – SURNAME First Name – UAC Application Number – Date;
3. **POST** Attention: UniAccess – Postgraduate Admissions
   Student Services Building – SC2.03
   University of Newcastle
   University Drive
   CALLAGHAN, NSW, 2308

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## APPLICATION QUESTIONS TO ANSWER

### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

1. Completion of a 4-year Bachelor degree, or 3-year Bachelor degree plus a fourth year, Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC) accredited sequence in psychology within the last 10 years, with an upper class Honours (2A) or above, or an overall GPA of 6.0 or above (on a 7-point scale) in the 4th year component of a non-Honours program;

   OR

   be a currently registered psychologist with the Psychology Board of Australia, who can demonstrate current compliance with the Registration Board’s Continuing Professional Development (CPD) requirements;

   YES / NO

2. Be eligible for provisional registration with the Psychology Board of Australia;

   YES / NO


   YES / NO

4. Are you from a Non-English speaking background?

   YES / NO

5. Please state whether you identify as being Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.

   YES/NO
ESSENTIAL CRITERIA:

1. Summarise in 250 words maximum why you would like to become a Clinical Psychologist.

2. Summarise in 250 words maximum your relevant experience to helping people with physical and/or mental health problems or otherwise have worked with children, adolescents, adults and the elderly. Please remember to specify the exact amount of time you have engaged in this volunteer/paid work/experience.

3. Please summarise what relevant additional training you have completed (e.g., workshops and short courses).

4. Please summarise your research experience in addition to honours.

5. Please summarise your experience with professional organisations (e.g., APS).

6. Please list any university or civil awards you have received.

7. Please list any extracurricular activities that may be relevant to this application.
CHECKLIST TO COMPLETE AND ADD TO YOUR APPLICATION

(PLEASE MAKE SURE THE DOCUMENTS APPEAR IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER)

☐ Include a Cover Letter.

☐ Answers to the Application Questions and Essential Criteria within the word limit required.

☐ Curriculum Vitae (with phone, postal address and email address [make sure this is not due to expire if a university email address], DOB etc). Please make sure you are very clear with dates (start and finish) of degrees, paid work, volunteer work, registration etc.

☐ One Professional Reference if you are completing or have completed your fourth year of study in the past three years. Two Professional references if you have completed your fourth year of study more than three years ago. Please try and find a Psychologist/Clinical Psychologist referee in the first instance. If you cannot, then a professional that is closely related to this discipline (i.e., social worker, counsellor etc) is the second preferred type of professional referee. Reference to be completed on the Reference form link found below.

☐ One Academic Reference if you are completing or have completed your fourth year of study in the past three years. An academic reference is not required if have completed your fourth year of study more than three years ago. Preferably your fourth year research supervisor, if unable to obtain this then try a course coordinator who knows/knew you well or someone you have done research/academic work with more recently. Reference to be completed on the Academic Reference form found below:

The National Psychology Referee System

The NPRS is now live. The objective of this system is to have a one stop shop for references to be sent to all institutions a student might apply for course work masters courses.

Students who are apply for courses at universities in Australia (no matter how many institutions you apply to) need to:

Ask two referees to provide us with reports using the online link [http://www.psychologyreference.org/](http://www.psychologyreference.org/)

Please note: This system is the same across all Australian Universities. To be able to use the system, you will need to have an active subscription. The subscription allows you access the service during the 2016 – 2017 intake from the 1st of August 2016 to 30th July 2017. The cost is $25.00 and can be paid for through the “My Account” section in the payment tab.

*It is your responsibility to organise your references as part of your application. We will not consider anyone with two missing references and you will obviously receive fewer marks in the rating process if you only have one reference or have an inappropriate one.

- A certified copy of an up-to-date academic transcript (if you completed your relevant qualifications as a UON student you do not have to provide your UON transcript).

- If required, a letter from the Australian Psychological Society confirming you have the equivalent to an Australian four year Psychology sequenced APAC approved psychology degree.

- If you are a registered psychologist, a copy of your current registration certificate.
The Wendy Hyslop Memorial Scholarship

We are excited to announce our new equity scholarship that commences next year for The Master of Clinical Psychology Program. This scholarship is in memory of a well-regarded local Clinical Psychologist Wendy Hyslop. Wendy played a very important role in supervising clinical psychology students in our program as well as in the community. She had a passion for Clinical Psychology and helping her clients. Her family are wanting to support a first year clinical psychology student in their two years of study who has experienced equity issues. Please see the eligibility criteria below.

Wendy Hyslop
Clinical Psychologist

To be eligible to apply for this scholarship you must meet the following criteria:
• Be commencing in the Master of Clinical Psychology program with Semester 1 intake
• Eligible for full and part-time students
• Be an Australian Citizen
• Demonstrate that the ability to study is affected, or will be affected, by an area of educational disadvantage such as financial hardship, carer responsibilities, English language difficulty, Indigenous Australian, Long-term medical condition/disability or ongoing effects of abuse, Regional or remote disadvantage or sole parent responsibilities.

For further information regarding this scholarship and to apply please look at the following link: [http://www.newcastle.edu.au/scholarships](http://www.newcastle.edu.au/scholarships)