APPLICATION INFORMATION FOR THE 2016 COHORT INTAKE

Applications Open: Thursday 3rd September, 2015
Applications Close: Midnight Friday 2nd October 2015

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**
3. **PhD in 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 16th November 2015**. 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 11 February 2016 followed by a week intensive school on 12 February 2016 and 15 February 2016 to 19 February 2016.
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, 2nd October, 2015 (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.

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 ALL supporting documentation via email to: IA@newcastle.edu.au

DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS
PhD IN CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY

Complete and submit a PhD Application at: http://www.newcastle.edu.au/phd including research proposal, PhD application and Masters of Clinical Psychology Application documentation as outlined in this document.

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

Applicants will be informed during the week of 26 October 2015 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.

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

Applicants will be informed during the week of 26 October 2015 via email.

If you are overseas at the time of interview, an interview can be organised via Skype.
## 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.
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. 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. We will only rate one professional reference. Reference to be completed on the Professional Reference form found here: http://gradschool.edu.au/uploads/content/programs/pdfs/M-Clinical-Psychology-Referees-Report-Professional-Clinical.pdf

☐ One Academic Reference. 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. We will only rate one academic reference. Reference to be completed on the Academic Reference form found here: http://gradschool.edu.au/uploads/content/programs/pdfs/M-Clinical-Psychology-Referees-Report-Academic.pdf

*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.

DOMESTIC APPLICANTS must submit their application online at http://www.uac.edu.au

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

1. **UAC UPLOAD FACILITY** (when submitting 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

INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS must submit their application online at http://www.newcastle.edu.au/international/study-with-us/how-to-apply and ALL supporting documentation as listed above to IA@newcastle.edu.au

All PhD APPLICANTS (Clinical Psychology) must submit their application online at http://www.newcastle.edu.au/phd

We will **not** consider late applications. **We will not** consider incomplete applications