

**Master of Educational Psychology/Doctor of Philosophy**

**1. Background**

The combination of the Master of Educational Psychology and Doctor of Philosophy programs is intended to complement the suite of courses within the Educational Psychology Unit. The combined degree will enable students to become practitioners while developing advanced research skills and experience to enhance their capacity to work in professionally related tertiary programs. The School of Behavioural Science format of their successful combined M Psych/PhD courses has been used as a guide.

Graduates of the M.Ed.Psych/PhD course would have greater employment options, particularly in the tertiary sector. This course would also attract applicants from other universities and maintain the University's reputation for attracting the academically strongest students in a particular field. The School of Behavioural Science currently offers a parallel program of study in various streams; for example the Master of Psychology(Clinical)/PhD. Since 2000, five to six graduates have completed the course. This course will complement the suite of courses in the Educational Psychology Unit (Master of Educational Psychology and Doctor of Educational Psychology).

**2. Entry Requirements**

1. The Selection Committee will evaluate the applicant's ability to pursue successfully the course using the following criteria:
  - a degree with first class honours in psychology ; or
  - an equivalent qualification with first class honours in psychology which qualifies the applicant for Associate Membership of the Australian Psychological Society.
2. The Selection Committee may require applicants to attend an interview to assess their suitability for the program, and may call for referee reports or employer references to elucidate any of the matters referred to above. Selection is also subject to the availability of an appropriate supervisor and resources.

**3. Course/Program Structure**

Full-time structure	Part-time structure	Semester 1	Semester 2
Year 1	Year 1	476 651 Psychological Tests <b>12.5</b>	476 650 Learning Processes <b>6.25</b>
		476 652 Counselling Skills <b>12.5</b>	476 655 Consultations <b>6.25</b>
	476 647 Practicum 1 <b>12.5</b>		476 656 Research Methods <b>hurdle</b>
	Year 2	476 649 Working with Groups <b>12.5</b>	476 653 Exceptionality <b>12.5</b>
Research Proposal <b>25</b>			
	Year 3	476 648 Differences <b>12.5</b>	476 654 Intervention in Problems <b>12.5</b>
		512 701 PhD Thesis	

Year 2	Year 4	476 647 Practicum 2 <b>12.5</b> 512 701 PhD Thesis
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Year 3	Year 5	476 659 Practicum 3 <b>12.5</b> 512 701 PhD Thesis
	Year 6	512 701 PhD Thesis

Year 4	Year 7	476 660 Practicum 4 <b>12.5</b> 512 701 PhD Thesis
	Year 8	512 701 PhD Thesis <b>237.5</b>

**4. Availability of course**

This course will be available to Commonwealth supported, domestic and international fee-paying students on a full and part time basis from Semester 1, 2006.