



Doctor of Clinical Science (Counselling and Psychotherapy)

Doctor of Counselling Psychology

The School of Public Health has a profile of research expertise in health policy, health promotion, health services management, health information management, primary health care, rehabilitation studies, counselling and psychotherapy, and palliative care.

More than 100 Higher Degree by Research students are supervised by School of Public Health academic staff, making the School one of the leading Australian institutions for research training in public health. The Department of Counselling & Psychological Health offers the Doctor of Clinical Science (Counselling and Psychotherapy) and the Doctor of Counselling Psychology. Comprising professional counselling, counselling psychology and art therapy, staff have connections within the school with colleagues from the Palliative Care Unit, Bouverie Family Centre and Gestalt Therapy Australia, as well as formal arrangements with external organisations specialising in areas such as Relationships Counselling, Psychodrama, Hypnosis and Solution Focused Therapy.

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This degree is one of a number of professional doctorates offered by Schools in the Faculty of Health Sciences. It provides a path for experienced practitioners in the counselling-related professions to further develop their expertise and increase their research in professional settings. The program requires the equivalent of three years full-time study although many students are admitted as part-time candidates.

Students complete a program comprising approximately one-third coursework and two-thirds thesis. The coursework component assists students to develop their expertise over a broader area than is possible with a single thesis topic. In the first year, students will complete Research in Health Care A and B, Clinical Evaluation A (Reflections on Clinical Practice), Clinical Evaluation B (Reflections on Clinical Supervision) plus two Masters subjects from the School of Public Health as negotiated. Some students may be exempt from the two Masters subjects. In subsequent years students complete the

thesis component. It comprises a thesis of approximately 50,000 words or a bound volume of published material.

Areas of study

Please refer to www.latrobe.edu.au/publichealth/Research/research-projects_department/research_dcph where the following details about the School of Public Health can be obtained:

- Research areas of interest
- Recently completed thesis topics
- Current research projects

Academic staff information can be obtained from www.latrobe.edu.au/publichealth/Staff/academic_index

Admission

The normal requirement for admission as a candidate is a bachelor degree with at least upper second-class honours or a master degree by coursework. In each case the degree must include a thesis component of at least 10,000 words, of a high academic standard. The student must also have at least three years of relevant professional experience. In some circumstances a candidate who can supply sufficient evidence of research capacity may be admitted through a special entry category. Prospective students should contact the School to discuss candidature prior to applying.

The academic contact person for prospective Doctor of Clinical Science (Counselling and Psychotherapy) applicants is Professor Margot Schofield, m.schofield@latrobe.edu.au

For details about how to apply, cost, general enquiries and information about the Doctor of Counselling Psychology please see overleaf.

Counselling and Counselling Psychology Higher Degree by Research

Doctor of Counselling Psychology

This degree is designed, like the Doctor of Psychology in Counselling Psychology degree, to enable graduates to manifest knowledge of theory and a range of professional skills that permit them to fit a variety of roles in work settings. However, because it is a HDR (higher degree by research) program, the proportion of time and commitment is weighted much more heavily toward the research component. As a consequence, only those who manifest a clear aptitude for and ability to conduct research will be considered for this track and normally only applicants who hold a first class honours fourth year in psychology will be considered. In all other respects, the aims of this doctorate are the same as for the Doctor of Psychology in Counselling Psychology (see separate leaflet). The program requires the equivalent of three and a half years study and full-time enrolment is a requirement.

The Doctor of Psychology in Counselling Psychology degree is undertaken over three and a half years of full-time study. The degree requires 420 credit points and full-time students typically progress through the degree by enrolling in 60 credit points per semester over seven semesters. The degree is structured with the following weightings: coursework (16.5%, 70 credit points); internship placements and intern-related subjects (16.5%, 70 credit points); and research (67%, 280 credit points).

Further information

Please refer to www.latrobe.edu.au/publichealth/CounsellingPsych

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Admission

Admission is restricted to people who hold a first class honours degree in an APAC accredited program.. Overseas-qualified students would need to have their qualifications ratified by the APS. Preference will be given to applicants who have practised in the counselling field and, at an interview, can demonstrate a capacity to reflect on their practice and on their own development. Applicants would need to demonstrate outstanding research capability. There is no provision for external study. Prospective students should contact the School to discuss candidature prior to applying.

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Extra

A professional doctorate in counselling psychology is also available, please see separate leaflet.

Information for both courses

Costs

Eligible students are normally offered places in the Commonwealth Research Training Scheme which provides fees for the period of candidature. Full-time students may also apply for a Commonwealth or University scholarship www.latrobe.edu/rgso/scholarships

How to apply

Please contact the relevant course coordinator to discuss your topic of interest, qualifications, and research ideas. The course coordinator will seek a suitable supervisor who will assist you in your area of research. If your topic is approved, you will formally be requested to make an application.

Applications are made through the University's Research and Graduate Studies Office www.latrobe.edu.au/rgso. Applications are normally submitted from mid-September to mid-November for entry the following year.

The closing date for applications for candidature and scholarships is 31 October (30 September for overseas applicants).

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Please note that the information included in this leaflet is intended for applicants who are Australian citizens or permanent residents. International applicants should contact La Trobe International to obtain a copy of the International prospectus and information about enrolling. T: +61 3 9627 4805 E:international@latrobe.edu.au