

AQF LEVEL	AQF LEVEL 9 CRITERIA – MASTERS DEGREE (COURSEWORK)	PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES
<b>PURPOSE</b>	The Masters Degree (Coursework) qualifies individuals who apply an advanced body of knowledge in a range of contexts for professional practice or scholarship and as a pathway for further learning	
<b>KNOWLEDGE</b>	Graduates of a Masters Degree (Coursework) will have: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ a body of knowledge that includes the understanding of recent developments in a discipline and/or area of professional practice</li> <li>■ knowledge of research principles and methods applicable to a field of work and or learning</li> </ul>	Graduates of the Master of Professional Psychology will have advanced and integrated knowledge of psychological practice as required by the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC) guidelines including advanced knowledge of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ethical, legal and professional matters relevant to practice as a psychologist</li> <li>• mental health, including psychological disorders across the lifespan</li> <li>• psychological testing in the context of comprehensive assessment across the lifespan</li> <li>• psychological intervention across the lifespan</li> <li>• frameworks to evaluate their professional practice.</li> </ul>
<b>SKILLS</b>	Graduates of a Masters Degree (Coursework) will have: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ cognitive skills to demonstrate mastery of theoretical knowledge and to reflect critically on theory and professional practice or scholarship</li> <li>■ cognitive, technical and creative skills to investigate, analyse and synthesise complex information, problems, concepts and theories and to apply established theories to different bodies of knowledge or practice</li> <li>■ cognitive, technical and creative skills to generate and evaluate complex</li> </ul>	Graduates of the Master of Professional Psychology will have advanced cognitive, communication and technical skills for professional practice in psychology to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• critically analyse and apply evidence-based and scientific methods to professional practice across the lifespan in empirically valid and culturally responsive ways</li> <li>• employ professional communication skills, in a culturally responsive manner, with a range of socially and culturally diverse clients</li> <li>• interpret and communicate assessment findings, treatment progress and other client-related matters, in oral and written formats using culturally appropriate language</li> <li>• develop and maintain respectful and effective interpersonal relationships with clients, support staff and other professionals required for the practice of psychology</li> <li>• operate within the boundaries of their professional competence and to consult with peers or other relevant practitioners, where appropriate</li> <li>• conduct comprehensive assessment, including the assessment of risk and use of</li> </ul>

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<p>ideas and concepts at an abstract level</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ communication and technical research skills to justify and interpret theoretical propositions, methodologies, conclusions and professional decisions to specialist and non-specialist audiences</li> <li>■ technical and communication skills to design, evaluate, implement, analyse and theorise about developments that contribute to professional practice or scholarship</li> </ul>	<p>standardised measures (if required), to formulate the presenting problem of an individual, family, group or organisation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● plan and provide formulation-driven interventions for individuals, families, groups or organisations</li> <li>● monitor progress and outcome to allow for and respond to an evolving case formulation</li> <li>● engage in self-reflective professional practice.</li> </ul>
<p>Graduates of a Masters Degree (Coursework) will demonstrate the application of knowledge &amp; skills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ with creativity and initiative to new situations in professional practice and/or for further learning</li> <li>■ with high level personal autonomy and accountability</li> <li>■ to plan and execute a substantial research-based project, capstone experience and/or piece of scholarship</li> </ul>	<p>Graduates of the Master of Professional Psychology will demonstrate initiative and a high level of personal responsibility to practice as a psychologist to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● engage in lifelong learning through professional development and supervision</li> <li>● work collaboratively with other professionals in their work</li> <li>● complete the +1-internship program as outlined by the Psychology Board of Australia to complete their registration as a psychologist.</li> <li>● complete an ethically designed, conducted, interpreted and communicated research project that investigates a substantial individual research question relevant to their practice as a psychologist.</li> </ul>