



Pathways to become a psychologist

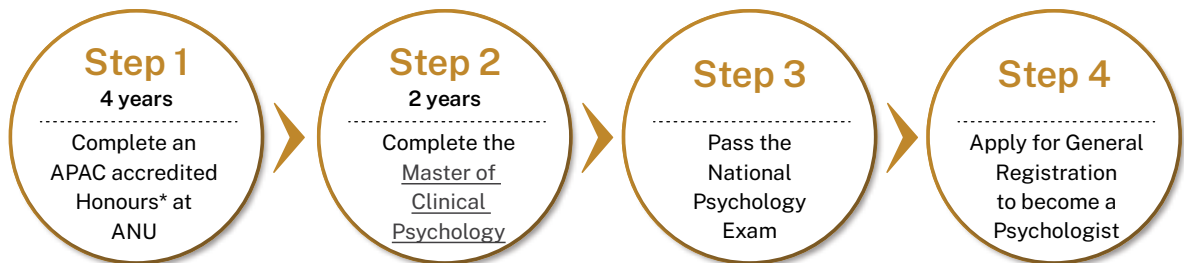
In Australia, to register as a psychologist, you are required to complete approved university training and supervised practice.

At ANU, we offer three pathways accredited by the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC) that enable you to pursue a career as a registered psychologist in Australia.

The pathways are open to domestic and international students who want to opt in at certain point. For example, you can opt in at the Honours year or the masters level. Interested students are required to follow the admissions process and apply for the degree that they want to start their pathway from. More information about the pathways is available below.

Honours Pathway

Duration: 6 years full time



Step 1. ANU Psychology Honours

At ANU there are five APAC accredited Honours programs that you can choose from: [Bachelor of Arts \(Honours\)](#), [Bachelor of Philosophy \(Honours\)](#), [Bachelor of Psychology \(Honours\)](#), [Bachelor of Science \(Honours\)](#), and [Bachelor of Science \(Psychology\) \(Honours\)](#)

↳ Step 2. Master of Clinical Psychology

In this program you will study clinical coursework, undertake a clinical field placement and conduct clinical research.

In the first year you will undertake supervised clinical practice in the ANU Psychology Clinic, and conduct at least two supervised clinical placements outside ANU. In addition to 1,000 hours of clinical coursework, you will also conduct an approved empirical research project.

Students are required to apply for provisional registration in order to undertake the supervised placements during the Clinical Psychology study. It is advised to apply for one after completing the Honours year.

↳ Step 3. National Psychology Exam

At the end of the master program, you will be required to sit the National Psychology Exam before you can apply for general registration.

↳ Step 4. Apply for General Registration

* Definition of terms such as major and honours at ANU can be found at policies.anu.edu.au/ppl/document/ANUP_002601

Bachelor Degree Pathway

Duration: 6 years full time



Step 1. ANU bachelor degree majoring in Psychology

There are three APAC accredited bachelor programs at ANU allowing you to complete psychology courses that are required for admission into the Master of Professional Psychology: [Bachelor of Science \(Psychology\)](#), [Bachelor of Science](#), and [Bachelor of Arts](#).

↳ Step 2. Master of Professional Psychology

This program is accredited by APAC and is the first in Australia to provide the fourth and fifth years of university study in the 5+1 pathway to registration as a psychologist. You will complete coursework on psychological assessment, interventions, professional skills and a group research project in the first year. This program includes practical placement experience in the second year.

Upon successful completion of the first year (48 units) of the Master of Professional Psychology, you will need to obtain Provisional Registration in order to enrol into the second year of the program that involves practical placements.

↳ Step 3. Internship

You must undertake one year of internship training in the field under the auspices of PsyBA that can be completed in a full time or equivalent part-time arrangement. More information can be found on the 5+1 internship program website, the link included below.

↳ Step 4. National Psychology Exam

At the end of the internship, the final step in this pathway is to complete the National Psychology Exam. On successful completion, trainees will be eligible to apply for General Registration as a Psychologist.

↳ Step 5. Apply for General Registration

Doctor of Philosophy Pathway

Duration: 4 years full time

Program: [Doctor of Philosophy \(Clinical Psychology\)](#)

This APAC accredited doctorate degree consists of coursework, 1,000 hours of clinical placements and a research thesis equivalent to a PhD by research thesis in size and scope. It is designed for those who have a particular interest in the academic and research aspects of clinical psychology.

You can apply for general registration upon successful completion of the Doctor of Philosophy (Clinical Psychology) without taking the national psychology exam.

FAQ

How to apply for the Honours year in psychology at ANU if I complete my bachelor at another Australian University?

External applications are welcome. If your undergraduate degree in Psychology was earned from an [APAC accredited institution](#), and fulfills all of the ANU course requirements needed for Honours entry. Then you will be eligible to apply for Psychology Honours at ANU. Note: the ANU grade criteria will be applied (e.g. if ANU has a higher cut-off than your institution, we will apply the ANU cut-off).

How to apply for a Psychology Masters at ANU if I completed my degrees elsewhere?

[APS Assessment](#) is required if you studied outside of Australia, [APAC Accreditation](#) is required if you studied in Australia but not at ANU.

Useful links

[ANU programs and courses](#)
[ANU English Language requirements](#)
[ANU Psychology Clinic | ANU Research School of Psychology Psychology Board approved pathways](#)
[The internship program](#)
[Overseas qualifications assessment](#)
[Accredited psychology program in Australia](#)
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