Why study Applied Psychology at UQ?

The Master of Applied Psychology will give you the skills and knowledge required to practise competently within the psychology profession across a range of roles.

You will learn core professional skills such as psychological assessment, intervention and ethical practice, as well as specialist content in your chosen field of specialisation.

You will also have the opportunity to use your skills and apply your knowledge through placements in a range of organisations, including not-for-profit, community service organisations and private practice.

The program offers:
- advanced coursework in your chosen stream of psychology (Health, Counselling or Sport and Exercise)
- applied skills training
- supervised placements in specialist and generalist placement contexts. All placements are supervised by highly experienced Supervisor Training and Approval Program (STAP) accredited psychologists.
- applied psychology research project supervised by highly trained staff
- staff who teach in the program are psychologists with relevant specialist knowledge and research experience.

Career opportunities

You career opportunities will vary according to the specialty you select. You can choose from:

- Applied Psychology (Counselling)
- Counselling psychologists help individuals, families and groups in areas related to personal well-being, interpersonal relationships, work, recreation and health. They are trained to assist people who are experiencing both acute and chronic life crises. Counselling psychologists are employed in a number of areas where therapeutic counselling is an important focus, such as non-government counselling and crisis organisations, school counselling and health and wellness settings. Counselling psychologists may also offer therapy within private practice.
- Applied Psychology (Health)
- Health psychologists may work on health promotion campaigns with the government and NGOs, while others work with clients in hospital settings or in private practice. They assist clients who may have chronic pain, chronic disease or require palliative care. The work of health psychologists is constantly expanding as the work of promoting good health and managing illness develops.
- Applied Psychology (Sport and Exercise)
- Sport and exercise psychology graduates work in sports academies such as the Australian Institute of Sport and the Queensland Academy of Sport as psychologists for weight management programs, sport development officers or run their own private practices with a focus on sport and exercise psychology, while others work in more general psychologist positions. A number of our graduates are employed overseas, including South Africa, the United Kingdom, Hong Kong, and Singapore.

For more information about employment opportunities go to the Australian Psychological Society website at www.psychology.org.au

Accreditation

The program is recognised by the Psychology Board of Australia as providing suitable training towards eligibility for general registration as a psychologist, and by the Australian Psychological Society (APS) as suitable for general membership of that Society. The degree is accredited by the Australian Psychological Accreditation Council.

- Graduates are also eligible for associate membership of the relevant APS College:
  - APS College of Counselling Psychologists
  - APS College of Health Psychologists
  - APS College of Sport Psychologists.

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Applied psychology report and placement graduate, Singapore

"The networks and friendships developed with fellow postgraduates was one of the best things about the program. The opportunity to reflect and develop self-awareness was valuable and it sometimes challenged me to make myself vulnerable and put myself in my client's position. The placements definitely enhanced my learning experience. I think I only understood the theory lessons in our courses and discussions we had during supervision on a superficial level, so having to actually plan and develop tailored interventions and interact with clients tested my understanding of the underlying concepts that were taught in our lessons and discussions. I am currently working in a Singaporean sports institute as an associate sport psychologist."