

The University of Newcastle
Faculty of Science and Information Technology
APPLICATIONS FOR ENTRY TO POSTGRADUATE COURSEWORK PROGRAMS
IN PSYCHOLOGY – GUIDELINES FOR PORTFOLIO SUBMISSION

A complete portfolio comprises an application letter, a résumé, and appropriate attachments. The attachments will include reports from referees and photocopies of university transcripts.

APPLICATION LETTER

The purpose of the application letter is to communicate a specific, personalised, message to the selection panel and should answer the question “*Why should we select you?*”

The letter should be typed or word processed, and be no longer than three A4 pages. It should state clearly why you should be considered and address each criterion individually (i.e. copy the criterion and then write a paragraph or two clearly describing how you meet this criterion).

Selection criteria:

1. A four-year degree (or equivalent three year/one year postgraduate combination) in Psychology accredited by the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council. For the ‘structured’ PhDs, a first-class honours degree (or equivalent) is required. (**Note:** Applicants with an overseas qualification *must* include evidence from the APS that their studies are equivalent to APS accredited undergraduate programs.)
2. Demonstrated understanding of Clinical Psychology or Health Psychology (depending on the program you are applying for) and the areas a Clinical Psychologist or Health Psychologist might work in.
3. Relevant experience helping people with physical and/or mental health problems, or otherwise work with children, adolescents, adults or the elderly.
4. Relevant additional training (eg. Workshops, short courses)

Desirable criteria:

5. Research experience additional to fourth year.
6. Involvement with professional organizations. (eg. APS or Australasian Society for Behavioural Health and Medicine (ASBHM) for M Health Psychology)

Reports (testimonials) from two referees are also required. At least one of the referees should be a registered psychologist who can comment on your experience and/or potential to practise in Health/Clinical Psychology.

All portfolios should be submitted directly to the University:
c/o Psychology Program Officer, Shortland Hub
Shortland Union Building
University of Newcastle, Callaghan NSW 2308

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Master of Clinical Psychology 050539F
Doctor of Clinical Psychology 053407E
Doctor of Clinical and Health Psychology 062577A