

# Postgraduate Diploma in Clinical Psychology (PGDipClinPsyc – 264 points)

These regulations must be read in conjunction with the General Regulations for the University and the Clinical Psychology Handbook.

## 1. Version

- (a) These Regulations came into force on 1 January 2025.
- (b) This Diploma was first offered in 1962.

## 2. Variations

In exceptional circumstances the Amo Matua, Pūtaiao | Executive Dean of Science or delegate may approve a personal programme of study which does not conform to these Regulations provided the programme structure does not change.

## 3. The structure of the qualification

- (a) The Postgraduate Diploma in Clinical Psychology comprises the courses listed in Schedule C to these Regulations.
- (b) In Year 3 a student will undertake 60 points from Schedule E to these regulations: either PSYC670, or PSYC671, and PSYC672.
- (c) The Diploma can only be awarded once a student has successfully completed an MA, MSc or PhD in Psychology.

## 4. Admission to the qualification

A student for the Postgraduate Diploma in Clinical Psychology must have:

- (a) been credited with PSYC335 or PSYC379 (or an equivalent course) and an approved 400 or 600-level course in research methods;
- (b) been accepted as a student by the Amo Matua, Pūtaiao | Executive Dean of Science or delegate, following an interview and review of application materials. A student must provide academic records, letters of recommendation and evidence of relevant experience; and
  - i. A student must provide academic records, evidence of relevant experience, and three referee reports;
  - ii. Admission Regulation 11(b)(ii) does not apply. Selection is based on an assessment of the following indicators: Academic merit; relevant experience; the referee reports; and performance in an interview with a programme representative or representatives. The Selection Panel of the Te Kura Mahi ā-Hirikapo | School of Psychology, Speech and Hearing may establish criteria to determine which applicants will be short listed for interviews. Applicants who are not short listed will not be offered a place in the Diploma programme; and
- (c) as a minimum academic requirement, have fulfilled the requirements for the BA(Hons), or Master of Arts (Part I), or BSc(Hons), or Master of Science (Part I) – all of which must be in a discipline of Psychology.
- (d) A student for whom English is a second language must provide evidence of IELTS (Academic) 7.5 with no score less than 7.0 or equivalent.

A student seeking admission may be required to pass a qualifying programme or courses prior to commencing this degree.

## 5. Subjects

There are no majors or minors for this qualification.

## 6. Time limits

- (a) The time limit for this qualification is 60 months.
- (b) In exceptional circumstances, a student may apply to the Amo Matua, Pūtaiao | Executive Dean of Science or delegate for an extension of no greater than 9 years from initial enrolment.

## 7. Transfers of credit, substitutions and cross-credits

This qualification adheres to the Credit Recognition and Transfer Regulations, with no additional stipulations.

## 8. Progression

This qualification adheres to the General Regulations for the University, with the following stipulations:

- (a) Unless an exemption is granted by the Amo Matua, Pūtaiao | Executive Dean of Science or delegate or delegate, all courses must be passed at the first attempt.
- (b) A student wishing to sit the graduating examination:
  - i. must apply in writing to sit the examination and been approved by the Kaihautū | Director of Clinical Training or delegated other; and
  - ii. must have passed all the courses listed in the Schedule to these Regulations except for PSYC670, PSYC671 or PSYC672, Internship in Clinical Psychology; and
  - iii. must have received satisfactory reports on their performance in PSYC670, or PSYC671 and PSYC672, from their internship supervisors; and
  - iv. may apply to sit the examination a maximum of two additional times; and
  - v. must successfully pass the exam within two years of the first attempt or within five years of first enrolling in PSYC670, PSYC671 or PSYC672, whichever comes first.
- (c) A student will be withdrawn from the programme if:
  - i. a required course is failed; or
  - ii. two failures are received on the PSYC Comprehensive Exam in Clinical Psychology; or
  - iii. three failures are received on the Diploma exam.
- (d) Earning a grade of below a B+ in any course will result in a review of the student's status.

*Concurrent enrolment in an MA, MSc or PhD*

- i. A student who, on entry to the Diploma, has not qualified for the Degree of Master of Arts or Master of Science (or equivalent) or PhD in Psychology must have concurrently enrolled in one of these degrees before the end of Year 1.
- ii. A student who is enrolled in the Diploma and who is concurrently enrolled in Part II of the Master of Arts or Master of Science or PhD must:
  - a. be enrolled part-time in the degree and have had the permission of the relevant Amo | Dean on the recommendation of the Tumuaki Kura | Head of School, and
  - b. maintain satisfactory progress in their work for the degree in order to maintain enrolment in the Diploma.
- iii. A master's student must have submitted their research submission for examination before being enrolled in PSYC670, PSYC671 or PSYC672 Internship in Clinical Psychology.
- iv. A PhD student may only enrol concurrently in PSYC670, PSYC671 or PSYC672 Internship in Clinical Psychology if it is expected that the student will have submitted the research submission by the end of the Internship.

## 9. Honours, Distinction and Merit

This qualification adheres to the General Regulations for the University, with the following stipulations:

- (a) Merit is not awarded for this qualification.
- (b) Distinction is awarded on the recommendation of the Director of the Clinical Training Programme and the examiners of PSYC670, or PSYC671 and PSYC672, and the overall GPA of qualification courses.

## 10. Exit and Upgrade Pathways to other Qualifications

There are no advancing or exit qualifications for this Diploma.

## Schedule C: Compulsory Courses for the Postgraduate Diploma in Clinical Psychology

For full course information, go to [courseinfo.canterbury.ac.nz](http://courseinfo.canterbury.ac.nz)

### Group 1: Year 1: 0.6 EFTS

Course Code	Course Title	Pts	2025	Location	P/C/R/RP/EQ
PSYC641	Advanced Psychopathology	30	W	Campus	P: Subject to approval of the Head of Department.
PSYC642	Psychometric Assessment Methods	18	W	Campus	P: Subject to approval of the Head of Department.
PSYC643	Year 1 Practicum	24	W	Campus	P: Subject to approval of the Head of Department.

### Group 2: Year 2: 0.6 EFTS

Course Code	Course Title	Pts	2025	Location	P/C/R/RP/EQ
PSYC651	Psychotherapeutic Methods	30	W	Campus	P: Subject to approval of the Head of Department.
PSYC653	Year 2 Practicum	30	X	Campus	P: Subject to approval of the Head of Department.
PSYC654	Comprehensive Exam in Clinical Psychology	12	W	Campus	P: Subject to approval of the Head of Department.

### Group 2: Year 3: 1.0 EFTS

Course Code	Course Title	Pts	2025	Location	P/C/R/RP/EQ
PSYC661	Advanced Topics in Clinical Psychology 1	30	W	Campus	P: (1) PSYC651, PSYC653, PSYC654 (2) Entry is subject to approval of the Head of Department.
PSYC662	Advanced Topics in Clinical Psychology II	30	W	Campus	P: (1) PSYC651, PSYC653, PSYC654 (2) Entry is subject to approval of the Head of Department

## Schedule E: Elective Courses for the Postgraduate Diploma in Clinical Psychology

Course Code	Course Title	Pts	2025	Location	P/C/R/RP/EQ
PSYC670	Internship in Clinical Psychology	60	A	Campus	P: PSYC651, PSYC653, PSYC654. Entry is subject to Head of Department approval. C: PSYC661, PSYC662.
PSYC671	Internship in Clinical Psychology A - Part-time	30	A	Campus	P: (1) PSYC651, PSYC653, PSYC654 (2) Entry is subject to approval of the Head of Department C: PSYC661, PSYC662 R: PSYC670
PSYC672	Internship in Clinical Psychology B - Part-time	30	A	Campus	P: PSYC651, PSYC653, PSYC654, PSYC671 C: PSYC661, PSYC662 R: PSYC670