

Postgraduate Diploma in Clinical Psychology

*Te Kura Mahi ā-Hirikapo |
School of Psychology, Speech and Hearing*



Information and Instructions for Applicants

The [Clinical Handbook](#) should be consulted prior to applying. All applicants must have met the entry and prerequisite requirements that are detailed in the [Clinical Handbook](#). If you have any questions regarding prerequisites, please contact the Director of Clinical Training via clinicalpsychology@canterbury.ac.nz prior to application.

How to apply

Applications are only accepted via [myUC](#). Applicants must also complete an Additional Information Form and upload it as part of their enrolment in [myUC](#). **Do not include unsolicited testimonials.**

Applicants who have completed academic qualifications at another University, are required to upload certified transcripts of your previous academic record to [myUC](#).

University of Canterbury students who have completed all of their academic study at UC do not need to supply a certified transcript.

All applicants should upload a curriculum vitae (CV) to [myUC](#). Ensure this includes any volunteer or paid work experience that may be relevant to training as a clinical psychologist.

In myUC all applicants will be asked to provide the contact information for three referees (i.e., name, email address etc). Referees will be sent a link to complete a confidential evaluation of the applicant's suitability for clinical psychology training. Applicants should separately contact their referees to ensure they complete the evaluation prior to the application closing date.

Overseas applicants and qualifications gained outside New Zealand Universities:

Applicants who gained their academic qualifications at a university outside New Zealand or any tertiary institution which is not a university in New Zealand, must first meet the criteria for admission to the University of Canterbury BEFORE applying. Please see: <https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/enrol/>

International applicants are encouraged to start this process well in advance of the application deadline as late applications will not be accepted.

Application deadline

The closing date for applications is **20 September** in the year preceding desired entry.

Applications will be acknowledged in [myUC](#) once all three referees' reports have been received. If you have not received an acknowledgement within 28 days of sending your application, please enquire by email to clinicalpsychology@canterbury.ac.nz.

Application documentation will not be returned. For candidates who enter the clinical psychology programme, this will be kept on the student's file. For those who are not accepted, documentation may be maintained in myUC in accordance with myUC policy.

Interviews and Selections

After the application closing date applicants are shortlisted on the basis of information provided. As soon as possible after applications close applicants will be notified via myUC of whether or not they are shortlisted to be interviewed.

Shortlisted applicants are expected to be present in person for interviews and may bring a support person or whānau member.

The date for selections interviews is 15 November 2023.

Shortlisted applicants are interviewed by staff of the clinical psychology programme and community representatives from Ara Poutama Aotearoa, Te Whatu Ora Waitaha or other community partners. Interviews are also held with panels of students currently enrolled in the clinical psychology programme. The student panels are not provided with any of the application documentation. Applicants interviewed will be notified of the outcome when the official University examination results are released in early December at the latest.

Due to the nature of the selection process, we regret we cannot discuss with you the details of the shortlisting decisions. All decisions are final. Additional information about the [Application & Selection Process](#) is available on our webpage.

Checklist for Applicant.

- ☐ General requirements for postgraduate study have been met
- ☐ A minimum of an Honours Bachelor's degree in psychology (BA (Hons)/BSc (Hons)) or Part I of a Master's degree in psychology (MA/MSc) from a New Zealand university, or an equivalent qualification acceptable to the University and approved by the Head of Department.
- ☐ Completed PSYC335 Introduction to Clinical Psychology (or approved equivalent).
- ☐ Enrolled in / completed an honours-level Research Methods course (i.e., PSYC460 Advanced Research Methods and Statistics or approved equivalent).

By the closing date of 20 September of the year preceding entry:

- ☐ Complete and upload Additional Information Form to myUC. **Do not include unsolicited testimonials.**
- ☐ Current CV uploaded to myUC.
- ☐ Certified copy of transcript uploaded to myUC (*for all qualifications not obtained at UC*).
- ☐ Confirmation that admission to UC has been approved (*for overseas applicants/qualifications only*)
- ☐ Contact details for three referees entered in myUC. Reminder sent to referees, to complete their evaluation prior to the application closing date.

Additional Information Form

Applications must be completed in myUC by 20 September of the year preceding entry.

Responses should be typed in the grey areas on the following pages in no smaller than 10-point font. **DO NOT** attach additional pages.

Full name:
Preferred name:
Date of Birth:
UC Student ID:
Email:
Phone:
Ethnicity:
Citizenship Status:

If you answer 'YES' to the following questions, please provide details on a separate sheet marked 'CONFIDENTIAL' and email this to clinicalpsychology@canterbury.ac.nz DO NOT upload the separate sheet to myUC.	
Have you ever suffered any major physical disorder?	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Have you ever suffered any psychiatric or psychological disorder?	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Have you ever been convicted of an offence or been the subject of a negotiated agreement with the Human Rights Commission?	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
A criminal conviction during the course of training will result in enrolment being reviewed and may lead to termination.	

Any application statement marked 'CONFIDENTIAL' emailed to clinicalpsychology@canterbury.ac.nz is filed unopened within a secure selections file for each applicant. Confidential statements are only reviewed by the programme staff involved in the selection decision meeting. If the confidential statement warrants consideration of the learning needs of the student after selection into the programme, this information may be disclosed to other clinical psychology programme staff so that appropriate supports for the student can be put in place. Students will be informed if this occurs.

Questions 1 – 4: Limit response to a half page. DO NOT attach extra pages.

- 1. Please describe what you have learned from the work-related experiences you have had that might be relevant to your training as a clinical psychologist.**

- 2. Please give a brief account of your reasons for wishing to undergo clinical psychology training.**

3. Describe your research experiences and research interests.

4. Describe any cultural experiences that may be relevant to your training as a clinical psychologist.

I understand that the selection panel reserves the right to communicate with staff such as supervisors from the School of Psychology, Speech and Hearing or Psychology Departments/Schools in other universities who know me and are not listed as referees.

I understand that the programme may carry out searches of publicly available information, including information on the internet, about me to help determine my suitability for acceptance into the training programme.

I understand that the withholding of any information that may be relevant to suitability for clinical training may lead to enrolment in the course being terminated.

I understand that entry into the clinical psychology programme is subject to a student's acceptance as an honorary staff member by placement providers. If honorary staff status is withdrawn during the course of training this will lead to enrolment being terminated.

I understand that within the programme some employers/placement sites may have vaccination or health and safety policies that recommend or require workers to be vaccinated against Vaccine Preventable Diseases. Vaccine Preventable Diseases refers to an infectious disease for which an effective vaccine exists that may modify the risks of catching and transmitting the disease and reduce the severity of infection. Students in this qualification must comply with all vaccination mandates or employer requirements and supply evidence of their vaccination status to UC before they start placements or as requested. Clinical psychology programme placements may be restricted for those students who are not fully vaccinated against Vaccine Preventable Diseases.

I understand that by submitting this application I consent to [Police Vetting](#).

I certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief that the information I have provided in this application is correct.

Signature:

Date:
