

MA (Clinical Psychology)

Programme Code

24813 – 899(180)

Specific Admission Requirements

- An Honours degree in Psychology or equivalent qualification that Senate has approved for admission to the programme, completed with a minimum final mark of 65%.
- Proficiency in at least two official languages.

Closing Date for Applications

Apply by 30 May of the preceding year. Admission is subject to selection, which takes place in August of the preceding year. Application forms and information on the selection process are available on the Department of Psychology's website at www.sun.ac.za/psychology.

Programme Structure

The programme focuses on the identification and treatment of psychopathology in children and adults, as well as on the development, implementation and assessment of preventative and remedial programmes. The theoretical component is presented in English and consists of different modules which cover the broad terrain of Clinical Psychology. The practical component of the programme requires you to be involved in the diagnostic assessment and psychotherapeutic treatment of adults, children and families, and to undertake individual community projects. You must be involved continuously throughout the year (approximately 15 to 20 hours per week) with the Welgevallen Community Psychological Clinic, community clinics and within departmental community projects. An assignment, based on independent research under supervision, must also be completed.

This programme satisfies the conditions and requirements of the Professional Board for Psychology for the professional training of clinical psychologists and is accredited as such with the Professional Board. In order to register as a clinical or psychologist the Professional Board for Psychology requires:

1. The successful completion of examinations and practical work;
2. A full-time internship of 12 months accredited by the Professional Board;
3. 12 months of community service; and
4. The successful completion of the Professional Board's examination for psychologists.

Registration with the Board as a clinical psychologist is determined by whether a clinical accredited internship has been completed. Details about internships and community service is available from the programme leader.

Duration of Programme

The programme is presented full-time for the duration of one academic year.

Programme Content

Compulsory Modules

13883 : Assignment (Clinical Psychology)	875(60)
11561 : Professional Development	875(30)
13881 : Psychological Assessment	875(50)
13882 : Psychological Interventions	875(40)

Assessment and Examination

Practical work is assessed continuously, and all practical work must be successfully completed as a prerequisite for obtaining the degree. In order to pass the degree, a minimum final mark of 50% is required in all of the subsections of each module. In addition, marks will be moderated, and students' ability to apply and integrate knowledge and skills will be assessed by means of an oral examination. The oral examination panel will include one external examiner. You must pass this final oral examination in order for the degree to be conferred. Therefore, even if you pass all the other programme components, but fail the oral exam, you fail the programme. After you have passed the final oral examination, your final mark for the programme will be calculated based on the relative weights of the different modules as indicated by their respective credit values.

Enquiries

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