



Undergraduate and Postgraduate Psychology Course Guide



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Acknowledgement of Country

Charles Darwin University acknowledges and pays respect to the Elders both past and present of all First Nations people upon whose lands CDU campuses and centres are located.



Fit learning around your lifestyle

Study your way with a leader in online learning

At CDU, you can fit your learning around your lifestyle. Choose to study online from anywhere in Australia, part-time or full-time, and complete your placements close to home.

How online study works



Whether you study online or on campus, you will have access to our online learning platform, Learnline.



Take part in interactive lectures and group discussions live, or download recordings and resources to access later.



You'll have 24/7 access to your own study-specific tutoring service and round-the-clock technical support via email.



Access your laptop, desktop or mobile device and upload assignments from anywhere.



Meet other students and have lots of opportunities to make friends.



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“I enjoyed my placements and met a lot of hardworking and passionate people.

I think people are deeply complex and if I can help someone to understand themselves, what they need, and enable them to change in a way that benefits them, I think that is a life well spent.”

Jenifer, Bachelor of Psychological Science Honours, Master of Clinical Psychology

Study Psychology at CDU

Enjoy personal fulfillment while contributing positively to people's lives and addressing society's mental health challenges.

Gain foundational knowledge and professional skills from psychology experts and researchers, through internships and placements, and personalised or online learning options. CDU's programs meet Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC) standards, preparing you for a career in psychology, health, social work or further study, including entry to our Master of Clinical Psychology.



#1 in Australia for psychology employment outcomes.[^]



Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC) accredited degrees maximise your career and further study options.



Gain foundational knowledge and skills from practicing psychologists and researchers.



Secure placements and internships, developing cross-cultural competency skills in real-world settings.



Study a bachelor's or honours degree 100% online.

Find your course online for the latest admissions requirements and course detail: cdu.edu.au/study/psychology

[^]The Good Universities Guide 2025

Bachelor of Psychological Science

 **LOCATION** – Casuarina, Online

 **DURATION** – 3 years full-time, 6 years part-time

 **DOMESTIC INTAKE** – Semester 1, Semester 2, Summer Semester

In the Bachelor of Psychological Science degree, you will develop an integrated understanding of human behaviour, including social-cultural perspectives, motivations, health and psychopathology and the fundamental premise of psychology as an empirically based science.

Key study areas include abnormal psychology, introduction to forensic psychology, counselling, learning and motivation, cognitive psychology, the biological bases of behaviour, research methods and social psychology.

The Bachelor of Psychological Science will also prepare you for the honours program, as well as postgraduate professional coursework.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

In addition to a first step on the route to clinical psychology practice, students graduating from this course also find career opportunities in child and family services, child protection, community health and welfare, drug and alcohol, disability and rehabilitation services, health service management, research and evaluation, policy and planning, human resources management, advertising and marketing.

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

This course is accredited by the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC) and will prepare you for entry into an honours year in psychology. During your studies you will also be eligible to join the Australian Psychological Society (APS).

INHERENT REQUIREMENTS

Inherent requirements apply to this course.

See cdu.edu.au/inherent-requirements for details.

Bachelor of Psychological Science (Graduate Entry)

 **LOCATION** – Casuarina, Online

 **DURATION** – 1 year full-time, 2 years part-time

 **DOMESTIC INTAKE** – Semester 1, Semester 2

If you wish to pursue a career as a psychologist, this Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC)-accredited course will provide you with foundational knowledge in psychology.

The Bachelor of Psychological Science (Graduate Entry) can be completed online and/or on campus. It is designed to provide an integrated understanding of human behaviour and to orient you to the scientist-practitioner model upon which psychological science is based.

After completing this course, you may be eligible to apply for entry into the one-year Bachelor of Psychological Science Honours (VPSSH2) course.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

This course will equip you with skills and knowledge in a range of psychology areas (e.g. abnormal psychology, personality,

developmental). These skills could lead to career opportunities in human resources, preventative health education and training, community services, advertising and marketing, and sport and rehabilitation.

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

This course is accredited by the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC) and prepares you for entry into an honours year in psychology. During your studies, you can also join the Australian Psychological Society (APS).

INHERENT REQUIREMENTS

Inherent requirements apply to this course.

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Diploma of Counselling

 **LOCATION** – Casuarina, Online

 **DURATION** – 1 year full-time, 2 years part-time

 **DOMESTIC INTAKE** – Semester 1, Semester 2, Summer Semester

If you are seeking a rewarding and interesting career, want to increase your current qualifications or have an interest in psychology, social work and counselling, a Diploma of Counselling is an excellent first step. This diploma will prepare you with the necessary knowledge and skills required for progression into the Bachelor of Psychological Science.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

As a graduate of this course, you will have the opportunity to work in various fields, including as a counsellor, counselling support worker, case worker and case manager.

Diploma of Psychology

 **LOCATION** – Casuarina, Online

 **DURATION** – 1 year full-time, 2 years part-time

 **DOMESTIC INTAKE** – Semester 1, Semester 2, Summer Semester

Shape your career path. Our Diploma of Psychology is an excellent first step if you are considering a career in psychology, want to increase your current qualifications or simply have an interest in psychology. Our diploma will prepare you with the necessary knowledge and skills needed for progression into the APAC-approved Bachelor of Psychological Science, however the diploma itself is not an APAC-approved course.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

As a graduate of the Diploma of Psychology, you will be prepared for career opportunities in various psychology-related fields in government, private companies, non-government organisations (NGO) and community groups. The course may also complement your existing professional career.

Bachelor of Psychological Science Honours

 **LOCATION** – Casuarina, Online

 **DURATION** – 1 year full-time

 **DOMESTIC INTAKE** – Semester 1

Are you a high-achieving psychology student who wants to distinguish yourself from other graduates and pursue a rewarding career as a clinical psychologist or in other professions? If you answered yes, then the Bachelor of Psychological Science (Honours) could be the next step for you.

The honours program may be studies on campus or online, and is the most common critical stepping stone towards becoming a registered clinical psychologist. However, this course also opens the doors to an exciting range of valuable specialised graduate and postgraduate studies, and higher research degrees such as a PhD.

The Bachelor of Psychological Science Honours is a one-year course that is accredited by the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC), and recognised by the Australian Psychological Society (APS). This honours program gives you an opportunity to acquire expertise and skills that are highly valued by employers in human-centred professions.

The honours program will give you access to developing an in-depth understanding of psychological theories and practice, and the opportunity to design, conduct, interpret and communicate research. The expertise and skills you can gain in the honours program will give you access to better understanding yourself, growing and enhancing your wellbeing, creating healthier and more empowering relationships,

adapting to changes in your personal and professional environments, and empowering other people.

The knowledge and skills you can acquire in the honours program are designed to prepare you for careers in a wide range of areas in private and government organisations. We actively encourage applications from First Nations people who have completed an APAC-accredited three-year undergraduate sequence in psychology. We understand that undertaking further study can involve a significant financial challenge, and as such we encourage First Nations applicants who have a passion for and commitment to the study of psychology to contact the College of Health and Human Sciences in relation to accessing financial support.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

This qualification provides you with the knowledge and skills to work in areas relevant to human health and wellbeing, such as health, counselling, education, sport, marketing, policy, forensic, youth work, justice systems, service delivery, human resource management and research. Depending on your chosen area, you could work in various contexts, including state/territory and federal government agencies, community organisations, businesses, schools and universities.

Completing the honours program gives you access to exciting specialised graduate and postgraduate studies. If you complete your honours with at least a high 2A, you can also apply to continue your studies by undertaking specialised postgraduate courses including the Masters of Psychology (Clinical), or choose a career in research by embarking on a PhD.

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

This course is accredited by the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC). During your studies, you can also join the Australian Psychological Society (APS).

Master of Psychology (Clinical)

 **LOCATION** – Casuarina

 **DURATION** – 2 years full-time

 **DOMESTIC INTAKE** – Semester 1

Our Master of Psychology (Clinical) prepares you for a career as a psychologist in Australia and for entry into the registrar program to become endorsed to practice in the area of clinical psychology.

Our vision is to educate, innovate and inspire the science and practice of clinical psychology in the Northern Territory. We integrate our teaching, research, and clinical practice with the needs of our region, producing graduates who are engaged with their local communities.

Our Master of Psychology (Clinical) degree supports the science and practice of what helps individuals, families, communities and society to thrive.

You will be exposed to contemporary modes of practice, including face-to-face interventions, telehealth, and the use of immersive technologies such as virtual reality. You will embrace a busy mix of coursework, research and practical placements.

Your clinical training will be demanding and challenging, however, you will find a friendly and enthusiastic group of academic staff and fellow students to support you on your journey.

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

This course is accredited by the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC).

INHERENT REQUIREMENTS

Inherent requirements apply to this course.

See cdu.edu.au/inherent-requirements for details.

A woman with dark curly hair and a man with short dark hair are sitting at a wooden table. The woman is wearing a black and white patterned top and is smiling while looking at the man. The man is wearing a light-colored button-down shirt and is also smiling. They appear to be in a casual setting, possibly a cafe or a meeting room, with a window and some papers visible in the background.

A place for you at CDU

Undergraduate

Entry requirements that recognise your achievements

Each university course has its own entry requirements – if you've achieved the required ATAR and meet the criteria you can apply directly into the course of your choice.

But perhaps you didn't ace Year 12, decided to start your career with a trade, parked your first degree to go travelling, or already have great professional experience in your industry.

We welcome and celebrate unique paths like these, which is why we offer a range of non-traditional, flexible entry requirements.

Postgraduate

Ready for the next step in your studies?

Postgraduate courses range from graduate certificates through to doctorates and can help you take the next step in your career. In most cases, you will need to have completed an undergraduate degree to apply for a postgraduate course. In some cases, consideration can be given to non-graduates who have relevant professional experience. For some courses, other criteria such as an interview, curriculum vitae (CV), audition or portfolio submission apply. Check the admissions requirements for your chosen course at cdu.edu.au/study

Inherent requirements

Many professions require practical, physical, cognitive, literacy, numeracy and certain personal capabilities, such as ethical behaviour, communication skills and legal reporting compliance.

Find out more at: cdu.edu.au/inherent-requirements

How to apply

1. Visit cdu.edu.au

Explore course information, entry requirements and selection processes for your preferred courses.

2. Select your preferences

Register with [SATAC](https://satac.edu.au) and select up to six preferences. Make sure you select your dream degree as your first preference and check the key dates for applications. Late applications may still go through but the application fee may be higher.

3. Apply

Follow instructions from SATAC to complete and submit your application. SATAC may contact you for further information.

4. Accept your offer and enrol

If you are successful you will receive an offer to study at CDU. This will arrive by email from SATAC. Offer rounds will be made from December, with the majority of offers being sent in January for Semester 1 intake. CDU will then email you information on how to accept and enrol.



TIP

After you've enrolled with CDU take the time to apply for available scholarships: cdu.edu.au/scholarships

Returning to study with us?

If you've previously completed a TAFE Certificate III or higher, the Tertiary Enabling Program or an undergraduate degree at CDU, you may be able to apply for your next course directly through CDU rather than via SATAC.

MyNextCourse is an easy, online portal that allows you to apply faster, avoid application fees and receive your offer sooner.

Visit mynextcourse.cdu.edu.au



Be supported

We are a university that will empower and support you. Whether you study online or on campus, you'll be connected to a network of support services to help keep you focused, motivated and on-track with your studies.

Free academic skills programs

Language and learning support is free and confidential, assisting you with skills development tailored to your specific unit. Language and learning advisors work with you to help you understand assignment requirements and improve communication and study skills for your discipline.

You will be paired with a dedicated peer advisor to help you navigate your studies. They will check in with you every other week. This ongoing support ensures that you're progressing well in your studies and academic life. Peer advisors also run collaborative sessions focusing on preparing you for assignments and exams.

Online study buddies

Enjoy seamless, interactive collaboration with your peers, tutors and lecturers on Learnline. Jump into forums, join discussion boards and chat online with your fellow students – any time of the day or night, across Australia and beyond.

Free career advice

The Careers and Employment team offers expert advice and online tools to help you find a job, understand your work style, build your CV, practice job interviews and more.

Log on to the library

Online and on-campus students have 24/7 access to library resources. Knowledgeable and friendly library staff are ready to help over the phone, via email or face-to-face on most campuses.

Staying well

CDU offers a range of resources to help improve your wellbeing including confidential counselling and wellbeing services.

Equal access

The Access and Inclusion team is on hand to provide free and confidential services and support for students with a disability and/or health conditions. This may include providing adjustments to your study conditions, course materials or assessments or the provision of supportive resources like assistive technology.

Scholarships and financial help

CDU offers scholarships to help you complete your studies. Scholarships are available across a range of categories – not just for high achievers. Get assistance with fees, budgeting and grants to help with your financial health and wellbeing.

Student Central

Student Central is your one-stop spot for support and guidance. You can phone, email or visit them on campus for advice on admissions, timetabling, enrolling, exams, course fees and payments, study plans, scholarships and more.

Respect. Now. Always.

At CDU we believe in diversity as a strength and welcome differences in culture, race, religion, gender identity, ability, and sexuality. We are proud of the diversity of the CDU community, and we are working together to create a fair, safe, and inclusive university where everyone can thrive.

CDU is a part of the Universities Australia, Respect. Now. Always. initiative. We are committed to ensuring our students and staff are safe from gender-based violence, sexual assault or harassment.



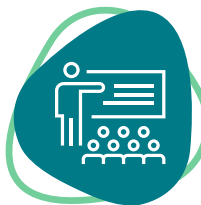
Why Choose CDU?

Join students from all across Australia who choose CDU to empower and support them to launch or progress their career.



A leading university for graduate employment outcomes¹

Graduate job-ready – with a salary to match. CDU graduates earn 5% more and are 6% more likely to land a full-time job than the average university student.²



Study your way

CDU is a specialist in flexible study. Fit learning around your lifestyle with part-time, full-time, online and on-campus options.



Top 5 Australian university for first-in-family study

We're a leading university for supporting students who are the first in their immediate family to go to university.¹



Scholarships to help you through

We have a diverse range of scholarships that recognise hard work, support those in need and assist students with the financial burden of studying.



The dual-sector advantage - we're a TAFE and a university

From certificates and apprenticeships through to diplomas and degrees, we have a course to fit your preferred level of study and pathway options. This means if you complete a TAFE course and decide to continue studying, you can do it all with CDU.

1. The Good Universities Guide 2025

2. 2023 Graduate Outcomes Survey National Report

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Larrakia Country

Orange 1.1

Ellengowan Drive, NT

Education and Community Precinct

Larrakia Country

54 Cavenagh Street, Darwin NT

Darwin Waterfront

Larrakia Country

21 Kitchener Drive, Darwin NT

Palmerston

Larrakia Country

University Avenue, Palmerston NT

Alice Springs

Arrernte Country

Grevillea Drive, Alice Springs NT

Katherine Town Centre

Jawoyn, Wardaman and Dagoman Country

19 Second Street, Katherine NT

Katherine Rural

Jawoyn, Wardaman and Dagoman Country

Lot 5626 (16km North of Katherine)

Stuart Highway, Katherine NT

Nhulunbuy

Yonju Country

Lot 1468 Dartnall Close, Nhulunbuy NT

Sydney

Gadigal Country

Level 10, 815 George Street,

Haymarket, Sydney, NSW

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