

Graduate Diploma of Psychology



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Why JCU?

A STUDENT EXPERIENCE LIKE NO OTHER

- Access to world-class teachers
- Develop skills in state-of-the-art facilities
- Achieve exceptional employment outcomes
 - Benefit from small class sizes
- Connect with professional networks

EXPERIENCE HAS NO SUBSTITUTE

Practice in state-of-the-art facilities including JCU's Psychology Clinic, observation suites, electrically shielded psychophysiology recording facilities and a controlled environment research suite.

EXPLORE CROSS-CULTURAL CONTEXTS

JCU students strengthen their clinical and research skills with opportunities to explore intercultural psychology. Experience opportunities to study at JCU Singapore – a varied and exciting learning environment.

DISCOVERIES THAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Benefit from JCU Psychology's strong research focus. Gain first-hand knowledge from world-recognised lecturers who are experts in their field. JCU Psychology students have the opportunity to make a difference to people and societies.

SKILLS TO SUCCEED

Study with the university ranked #1 in Australia for median graduate salary*. This course is fully accredited by the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC).

*2024 Good Universities Guide, PG Psychology



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- ✔ The Graduate Diploma of Psychology provides fourth year training in Psychology for students who have completed an accredited three year undergraduate psychology program.
- ✔ Have the opportunity to learn from JCU's world-recognised researchers and lecturers and get first-hand knowledge from people who are experts in their field.
- ✔ Be encouraged by research-focused staff to actively engage in current research. As JCU hosts a series of annual seminars presented by national and international experts, you'll be able to learn even more and meet other experts in their field.

COURSE DETAILS:

Locations:	Townsville, Online
Commencing:	February
Duration:	1 year fulltime, part-time available
Prerequisites:	AQF Level 7 bachelor degree that includes an Australian Psychology Accreditation Council approved three-year sequence in Psychology with a credit average in all Level 2 and 3 Psychology subjects; or equivalent

Please visit the [handbook](#) for a detailed outline of the course structure. Note: Information is for domestic students only

Experience has no substitute

JCU Psychology has a well-earned international reputation for excellence in teaching and research. JCU's Graduate Diploma of Psychology is a postgraduate coursework degree designed to equip graduates with the advanced academic and practical training for professional practice that is required for registration as a practising psychologist. You will benefit from training in state-of-the-art facilities.

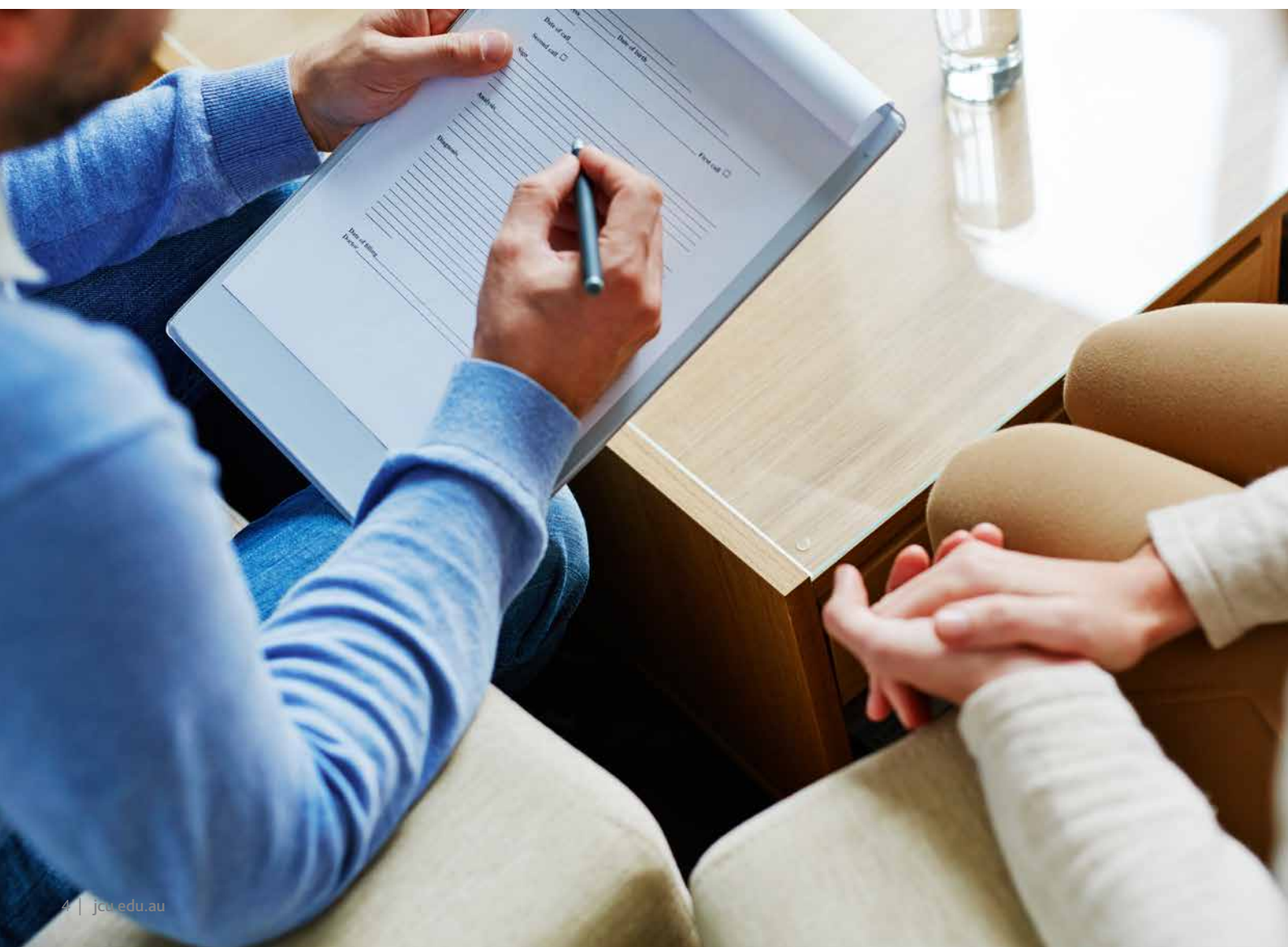
You will get to participate in a small group research project and learn the skills of devising and implementing a research project along with the skills of analysing data and writing a thesis. You will study the methods and ethics of scientific investigation and evidence-based practice.

As a Graduate Diploma of Psychology student, you will have access to JCU's observation suites, electrically shielded psychophysiology recording facilities, and human performance research facilities.

You will also have the opportunity to become part of active Psychology Clubs and organisations and you'll be able to build friendships and networks with fellow students from all year levels who share your interests and experiences. Or you can choose to embrace the opportunity to travel and explore an exciting new place and enrol for inter-campus study in Singapore, where you can increase not only your skills in study, but also your interpersonal skills.

Within the Graduate Diploma of Psychology, you will study a comprehensive range of subjects as you learn practical skills and how to apply them. Subjects include:

- Ethics for Research and Professional and Evidence-Based Practice
- Design and Analysis for Research
- Operationalising the Scientific Practitioner Model
- Psychology: Now and the Future.



“I’ve always been interested in understanding the mind and what it is that drives behaviour and am passionate about helping people lead more satisfying and meaningful lives. Psychology allows me to combine this passion with career opportunities. Studying the Graduate Diploma of Psychology at JCU has provided me with the opportunity to advance toward a career in psychology, while affording me the flexibility I needed as a mother of a very active toddler.”

Jessica Thomasson

GRADUATE DIPLOMA OF PSYCHOLOGY



“The Graduate Diploma of Psychology offers advanced training in core areas of professional practice such as professional ethics, evidence-based practice, and psychological assessment. Psychology is a scientific discipline, which, at its core, relies on advancing our understanding of human behaviour through research. The Graduate Diploma provides students with the opportunity to develop and conduct research in a group, culminating in a thesis. A proven ability to work in a healthcare and research team is highly-regarded by employers. Graduates might choose to pursue a professional career in psychology through further study and supervision, or go down the academic path through a Masters by research and, ultimately, a PhD.”

Dr Kerry McBain
HEAD, PSYCHOLOGY

Career Opportunities

The Graduate Diploma of Psychology gives you further training as well as an increased knowledge of the field and the skills necessary to operate within it.

Graduates of this course who wish to become fully registered as psychologists must complete, in addition to this course, two years of supervised practice in the field, or an accredited Masters degree with one further year of supervised practice.





Postgraduate coursework applications

Apply directly to JCU, either by a form you download, complete and return, or by using the [Online Application Portal](#).

Your application must reach us before the deadline for your course.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Postgraduate courses will usually require completion of an appropriate undergraduate degree for entry. You'll need to include certified copies of qualifications and academic records with your application. For some programs, appropriate work experience or equivalent qualifications will be considered.

FURTHER INFORMATION

To find out more, call 1800 246 446 or contact the [Student Enquiry Centre](#).

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