

Careers in Psychology:

Pathways and Preparation

Bachelor of Psychology graduates develop a number of competencies sought after by employers, making them competitive for a variety of professional roles. Some graduates continue with post-graduate qualifications in Psychology to become a registered Psychologist whilst others advance their careers in different ways, building on a solid and adaptable skill set including:

- oral and written communication skills
- interpersonal skills (e.g. empathy and cultural sensitivity)
- teamwork / collaboration (groupwork) skills
- research and critical thinking skills including data analysis
- ethical and professional conduct.

Our courses

Undergraduate (APAC accredited Level 1 courses)

- Bachelor of Psychology
- Combined Bachelor of Psychology & Bachelor of Criminology
- Combined Bachelor of Psychology & Bachelor of Laws
- Combined Bachelor of Psychology & Bachelor of Sport and Exercise Science

Further Study *competitive entry

Popular further study includes an *Honours year or Graduate Diploma in Psychology (APAC Level 2 courses) to increase employability and career options. Good grades throughout this additional year of Psychology study is also a minimum pre-requisite for *Masters qualifications, necessary for registration as a Psychologist. Options at Murdoch University include:

- Master of Applied Psychology (Professional) (APAC Level 3)
- Master of Applied Psychology in Clinical Psychology (APAC Level 3-4)
- Doctor of Psychology in Clinical Psychology (APAC Level 3 -4).

Develop your career before you graduate

- Join a Murdoch Guild Student Club such as the Murdoch Psychology Society (MPS) and get along to events. Tip: Taking on a committee role further impresses future employers.
- Volunteer with a not-for-profit in an area aligned with your career interests to increase your employability and professional network. Useful links below.
 - Murdoch Guild Volunteering
 - Australian Charities Register
 - Seek Volunteer / Volunteering WA
 - Samaritans WA Volunteer Counsellors
- Earn and learn: Apply for paid work at Murdoch University or in industry to demonstrate your skill-set (e.g. PAC / PASS Leader, Student Wellbeing Ambassador / Library Assistant, Disability Support Worker).
- Consider the "Students as Change Agents program" to help improve the student experience by driving an initiative you are passionate about and expand your skill set.
- If there is room in your degree, pick up an additional minor (e.g. Indigenous Knowledges and Practices or Human Resource Management) or a short course.

Careers in Psychology:

Well suited to “Diplomats” and “Sentinels” (see [personality types](#))

Pathways to registration as a Psychologist

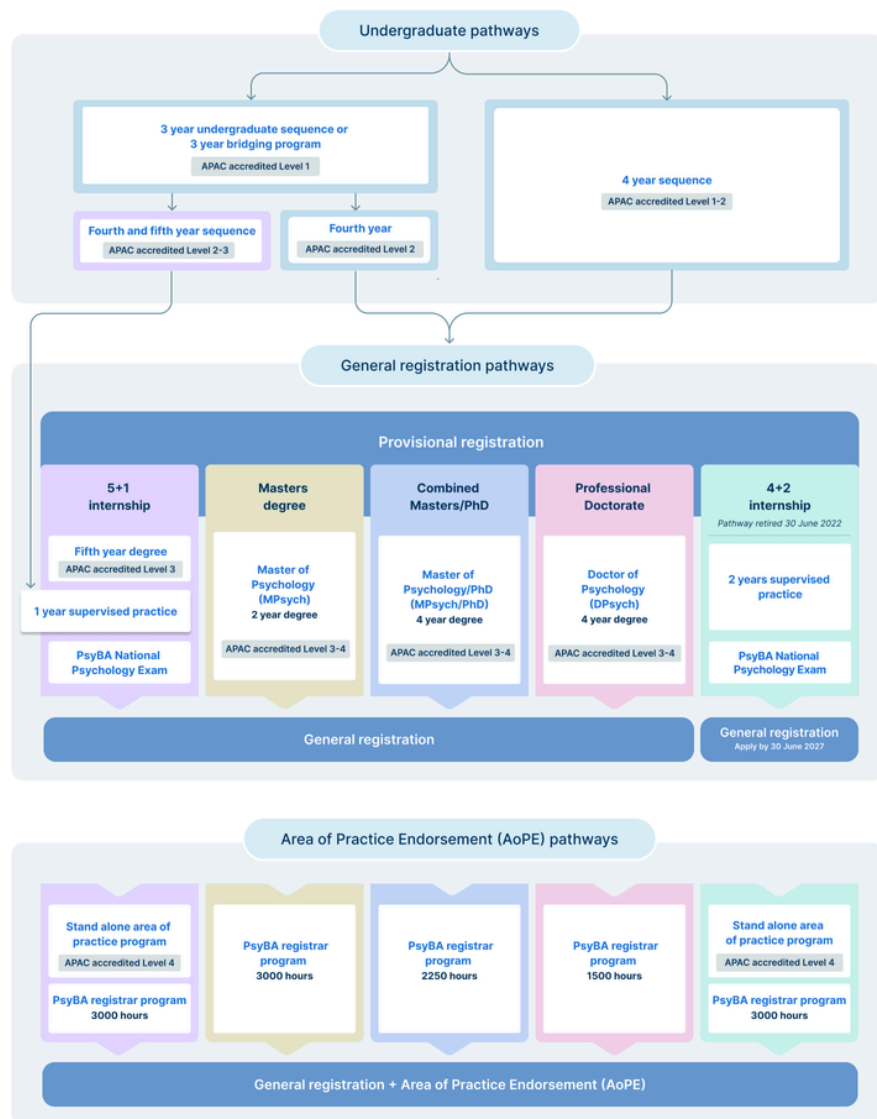


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Areas of Endorsement

Beyond “General” Registration, there are various specialist practice areas ([endorsement pathways](#)).

- Clinical (*a pathway option at Murdoch University*)
- Community
- Counselling
- Educational and Developmental

(Note: “Graduate School Psychologists” have General Registration which is also a popular pathway option at Murdoch University).

- Forensic
- Health
- Sport and Exercise
- Organisational

Alternative Careers

Some requiring further study / training

- Behaviour Support Therapist (NDIS)
- Career Advisor
- Child Protection Worker / Field Worker- Dept. of Communities
- Coordinator of Corporate Volunteering
- Diversional Therapist
- Drug / Substance Abuse Counsellor
- Employment Consultant – Disability
- Equity Officer
- Housing Services Officer – Dept. of Communities
- Human Resources Officer / Analyst
- Leadership Development Advisor
- Marketing / Market Research Analyst
- Mental Health Support Worker / Trainer or Qualified Teacher
- Organisational Development / Change Management Specialist
- Policy / Project Officer
- Program Co-ordinator / Facilitator – (Rehabilitation, Youth Support etc.)
- Protective Behaviours Facilitator
- Psychosocial Recovery Coach (NDIS)
- Research Officer / Assistant
- Student Advisor / Wellbeing Officer
- Survey Interviewer / Data Analyst
- Training and Development Officer
- Trauma Informed Support Worker
- Welfare Officer
- Workplace Rehabilitation Consultant
- Youth Worker
- Youth Custodial Officer – Dept. of Justice

Note: The Health Care and Social Assistance industry is the largest and fastest growing in Australia.

Multidiscipline Graduate Programs are also available to Psychology graduates.

Recruitment usually commences from the *beginning* of final year. Useful links below.

- [A place of Opportunity \(WA State Govt.\)](#)
- [APS Graduate Streams \(Federal Govt.\)](#)
- Graduate Programs with Professional Services Firms e.g. [BDO](#), [EY](#) and [PwC](#)