



APAC Accreditation Assessment Summary Report

Higher Education Provider	ISN Psychology Pty Ltd
Standards version	June 2010 ver 10; Rules 2014 incorporating amendments as at 30 May 2016
Programs of Study Assessed for Accreditation	All programs are 'under development' (Rule 5.2 (c) (ii)) Three year: Bachelor of Psychological Science 4th year: Bachelor of Psychological Science (Honours) 4 year: Bachelor of Psychology (Honours) 5th and 6th years: Master of Psychology (Clinical)

This is a summary of the outcomes of an APAC follow-up assessment of a new Psychology AOU, ISN Psychology Pty Ltd, and its programs of study. This summary highlights selected key features of the assessment. The site visit assessment was to inspect facilities and resources and to see whether there are any obvious problems, with the final assessment being made once the programs are fully implemented. Comprehensive analysis of the assessment is contained in the full APAC Assessment Team report.

ISN Psychology Pty Ltd, an approved higher education provider, and ISN Clinic Pty Ltd, which operates as a private clinic, are subsidiary companies of the holding company, The Institute for Social Neuroscience Pty Ltd. ISN Psychology owns the infrastructure and clinical resources and ISN Clinic is the public face of clinical activities. ISN Clinic is managed through a service agreement with ISN Psychology and its staffing is resourced through ISN Psychology.

Although ISN's intention was to start the undergraduate, Honours and Masters program from the beginning of 2017, that has not been possible due to delays relating to TEQSA approval. That approval has now been obtained and 12 students were admitted into the Honours program in May 2017.

The Master of Psychology (Clinical) started in July 2017 with a small intake of students. There will be another intake at the beginning of 2018 and thereafter there will only be intakes at the beginning of the calendar year. The three year undergraduate program will start in 2018.

ISN has recently employed a suitably qualified Clinic Director. The current staffing EFT appears to be about 5.4 and three more full-time staff will be taking up positions in the near future. Overall the staff are suitably qualified and there appears to be a strong research culture in the AOU.

The AOU is situated alongside the ISN Clinic which has been operating since early 2016. This area consists of a reception area, six consulting rooms, two of which are currently used as offices, a test library, a relatively large lecture-type room off which lead four academic staff offices and a room for Masters students on placement. There is also a relatively large area that can be divided into two, which is currently used as a learning commons/library. The consulting rooms have appropriate recording equipment and duress alarms. The teaching room is very well equipped for teaching purposes. The holdings of the test library are limited but adequate for current needs. It is intended to build up the holdings as the student enrolment increases.

Further teaching, research and office space is available to the AOU via a collaborative agreement with the Florey Institute for Neuroscience and Mental Health's Melbourne Brain Centre. This building is a five minute walk from the building housing the Clinic. The AOU will have access to a wide range of very good laboratory facilities including animal labs and the teaching facilities appear to be appropriate. The intention is for the undergraduate and Honours programs, together with staff teaching into those programs, to be located in the Florey Building. For the postgraduate students, the intention is that they, together with staff teaching into the program, be located in the Florey Building and in the Clinic.

Additional facilities are being developed in a new building that is being erected nearby. These new facilities will come into operation in 2019 and include a large lecture room, a library and will become the home of the undergraduate students.

With regard to administrative support, a part-time librarian and part-time IT specialist have now been appointed. They supplement the full-time administrative staff who work for both ISN Clinic and ISN Psychology.

Given that the only students studying at ISN at the time of the site visit were the Honours students and they had only been enrolled for a few weeks, there were no work samples for inspection. The team was shown a demonstration of the learning management system – Moodle rooms – and inspected a few unit outlines which were deemed to be satisfactory.

It is not possible to provide a definitive assessment of the AOU and its programs at this stage. It can be stated that no major problems were identified during the visit and that the team was impressed by the enthusiasm of both the staff and students with whom they met and with the facilities. As the programs are all still under development, the recommendations relating to the AOU and the programs listed are unchanged from the earlier assessment. It is appropriate to regard the AOU and programs as still 'under development' in terms of the *APAC Rules for Accreditation* (Rule 5.2 (c) (ii)) and to receive a determination of Accreditation with Conditions.

A further follow-up visit will be scheduled for June 2018.