



## Griffith University - APAC Accreditation Assessment Summary Report

<b>Higher education provider</b>	Griffith University
<b>Name of the Psychology AOU</b>	School of Applied Psychology
<b>Standards version</b>	Version 1.2, 1 January 2019
<b>Purpose of assessment</b>	5 Year Cycle Accreditation Site Visit
<b>Programs and level of study assessed</b>	Bachelor of Psychological Science (Level 1) Bachelor of Psychological Science/Bachelor of Business (Level 1) Bachelor of Exercise Science/Bachelor of Psychological Science (Level 1) Bachelor of Psychological Science/Bachelor of Criminology and Criminal Justice (Level 1) Bachelor of Laws/Bachelor of Psychological Science (Level 1) Bachelor of Laws (Honours)/Bachelor of Psychological Science (Level 1) Bachelor of Commerce/Bachelor of Psychological Science (Level 1) Bachelor of Psychological Science/Master of Mental Health Practice (Level 1) Bachelor of Psychological Science/Master of Rehabilitation Counselling (Level 1) Bachelor of Psychological Science (Honours) (Level 2) Bachelor of Psychology (Honours) (packaged Level 1 and 2) Master of Clinical Psychology (packaged Level 3 and 4) Doctor of Philosophy in Clinical Psychology (packaged Level 3 and 4) Master of Organisational Psychology (packaged Level 3 and 4) Doctor of Philosophy in Organisational Psychology (packaged Level 3 and 4)
<b>Campus</b>	Gold Coast, Mt Gravatt
<b>Date of site visit</b>	6 - 8 August 2019
<b>Date of APAC Board determination</b>	25 November 2019
<b>Accreditation start date</b>	25 November 2019
<b>Accreditation finish date</b>	31 December 2024



## Background and overview

An accreditation assessment site visit was undertaken between 6-8 August as part of the regular five-yearly cycle of visits to Griffith University. The visit consisted of three days, the first and third at the Gold Coast campus and the second day at Mt Gravatt Campus. The visit included meetings with staff, students, external supervisors, and to inspect the Psychology clinics and other facilities. The psychology programs offered by the School of Applied Psychology, which is situated within the Health group. The Head of the School is Professor David Neumann. The School offers a range of undergraduate programs that include a major in psychology and these are offered on both campuses.

The Assessment Team reviewed Griffith University's application for accreditation against the Accreditations Standards, using evidence obtained from the application, its appendices, GU's website, additional information provided by the applicant, and information obtained during the course of the visit.

During the visit the Assessment Team met with:

- Professor David Neumann, Head of School of Applied Psychology, Associate Professor Michelle Hood, Deputy Head of School (Teaching and Learning)
- Professor Nicolas Byes, Dean, Health Group, Professor Annaliese Donovan, Deputy Dean
- The program coordinators and staff teaching in the various programs,
- Eighteen undergraduate students,
- One Honours student,
- Eleven Master of Clinical Psychology students and eleven field supervisors,
- Three Master of Organisational Psychology students and Three field supervisors,
- Nine members of the Administrative staff.

The Assessment Team toured the psychology related facilities located at Griffith University campuses (Gold Coast and Mt Gravatt) and inspected the test library and both Campus psychology clinics.



## Key findings

The assessment at Griffith University indicates the need for the inclusion of cultural responsiveness at Level 1 and 2 in learning outcomes and Assessment. For the packaged Level 3 and 4 program in organisational psychology evidence is required that students are provided with adequate education and training in professional skills and knowledge, including ethics. Both Level 1 and 2 and packaged Level 3 and 4 organisational psychology need to address staffing issues. Griffith University programs have a range of strengths, the orientation process for students, the moderation and benchmarking processes and the way in which the administrative and academic staff work together. It should also be noted that the large packaged Level 3 and 4 Clinical psychology program maintains a consistent standard across both Gold Coast and Mt Gravatt campuses.



## APAC Board determination

The following programs are accredited without conditions for a period of five years until **31 December 2024**:

- **Master of Clinical Psychology** (packaged Level 3 and 4) (Campus: Gold Coast, Mt Gravatt)
- **Doctor of Philosophy in Clinical Psychology** (packaged Level 3 and 4) (Campus: Gold Coast, Mt Gravatt)

That the **Bachelor of Laws (Honours)/Bachelor of Psychological Science** (Level 1) (Campus: Gold Coast) program is accredited with conditions from **25 November 2019 to 31 December 2024**.

That the following programs at Griffith University are re-accredited until **31 December 2024**:

- **Bachelor of Psychological Science** (Level 1) (Campus: Gold Coast, Mt Gravatt)
- **Bachelor of Psychological Science/Bachelor of Business** (Level 1) (Campus: Gold Coast, Mt Gravatt)
- **Bachelor of Exercise Science/Bachelor of Psychological Science** (Level 1) (Campus: Gold Coast)
- **Bachelor of Psychological Science/Bachelor of Criminology and Criminal Justice** (Level 1) (Campus: Gold Coast, Mt Gravatt)
- **Bachelor of Laws/Bachelor of Psychological Science** (Level 1) (Campus: Gold Coast, Mt Gravatt)
- **Bachelor of Commerce/Bachelor of Psychological Science** (Level 1) (Campus: Gold Coast, Mt Gravatt)
- **Bachelor of Psychological Science/Master of Mental Health Practice** (Level 1) (Campus: Gold Coast)
- **Bachelor of Psychological Science/Master of Rehabilitation Counselling** (Level 1) (Campus: Gold Coast)
- **Bachelor of Psychological Science (Honours)** (Level 2) (Campus: Gold Coast, Mt Gravatt)
- **Bachelor of Psychology (Honours)** (packaged Level 1 and 2) (Campus: Gold Coast, Mt Gravatt)
- **Master of Organisational Psychology** (packaged Level 3 and 4) (Campus: Mt Gravatt)
- **Doctor of Philosophy in Organisational Psychology** (packaged Level 3 and 4) (Campus: Mt Gravatt)

Subject to the following conditions:

For the following Level 1 and Level 2 programs:

- **Bachelor of Psychological Science** (Level 1) (Campus: Gold Coast, Mt Gravatt)
- **Bachelor of Psychological Science/Bachelor of Business** (Level 1) (Campus: Gold Coast, Mt Gravatt)
- **Bachelor of Exercise Science/Bachelor of Psychological Science** (Level 1) (Campus: Gold Coast)
- **Bachelor of Psychological Science/Bachelor of Criminology and Criminal Justice** (Level 1) (Campus: Gold Coast, Mt Gravatt)
- **Bachelor of Laws/Bachelor of Psychological Science** (Level 1) (Campus: Gold Coast, Mt Gravatt)



- **Bachelor of Laws (Honours)/Bachelor of Psychological Science** (Level 1) (Campus: Gold Coast)
- **Bachelor of Commerce/Bachelor of Psychological Science** (Level 1) (Campus: Gold Coast, Mt Gravatt)
- **Bachelor of Psychological Science/Master of Mental Health Practice** (Level 1) (Campus: Gold Coast)
- **Bachelor of Psychological Science/Master of Rehabilitation Counselling** (Level 1) (Campus: Gold Coast)
- **Bachelor of Psychological Science (Honours)** (Level 2) (Campus: Gold Coast, Mt Gravatt)
- **Bachelor of Psychology (Honours)** (packaged Level 1 and 2) (Campus: Gold Coast, Mt Gravatt)

By **1 June 2020**:

1. To ensure Standard 3 Program of study, criterion 3.4 is met, the School must provide evidence that all programs have the sufficient number of staff to support the student cohort in acquiring the relevant graduate competencies.
2. To ensure Standard 3 Program of study, criterion 3.8 is met, the School must provide evidence that cultural responsiveness, including with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures, is appropriately integrated within the program and clearly articulated as a required learning outcome.
3. To ensure Standard 5 criterion 5.1 is met, the School must provide evidence that the scope of assessment covers all program learning outcomes which include all graduate competencies.

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For the following programs:

- **Bachelor of Psychological Science (Honours)** (Level 2) (Campus: Gold Coast, Mt Gravatt)
  - **Bachelor of Psychology (Honours)** (packaged Level 1 and 2) (Campus: Gold Coast, Mt Gravatt):
1. To ensure Standard 5 Assessment, criterion 5.2 is met, the School must provide evidence that there is a clear relationship between program learning outcomes and assessment strategies, which are criterion-based and ensure students demonstrate competence against all program learning outcomes by **1 June 2020**.

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For the following packaged Level 3 and 4 programs:

- **Master of Organisational Psychology** (packaged Level 3 and 4) (Campus: Mt Gravatt)
  - **Doctor of Philosophy in Organisational Psychology** (packaged Level 3 and 4) (Campus: Mt Gravatt)
2. To ensure Standard 1 Public safety, criterion 1.6 is met, the School must provide evidence that before providing psychological services as part of a program, students are provided with adequate education and training in professional skills and knowledge, including ethics, within the program prior to beginning their first placement by **1 February 2020**.
  3. To ensure Standard 3 Program of study, criterion 3.4 is met, the School must provide evidence that all programs have the sufficient number of staff to support the student cohort in acquiring the relevant graduate competencies by **1 June 2020**.



Table 1: Summary of findings regarding each criterion for each Standard

Domain	Standard Statement 1: Public safety is assured				
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 1 and 2	Level 3 and 4 Clinical	Level 3 and 4 Organisational
Domain 1: Public safety	Standard is met	Standard is met	Standard is met	Standard is met	Standard is substantially met
Domain 2: Academic governance and quality assurance	Standard Statement 2: Academic governance and quality assurance processes are effective				
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 1 and 2	Level 3 and 4 Clinical	Level 3 and 4 Organisational
Domain 2: Academic governance and quality assurance	Standard is met	Standard is met	Standard is met	Standard is met	Standard is met
Domain 3: Program of study	Standard Statement 3: Program of study, design, delivery and resourcing enable students to achieve the required graduate competencies				
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 1 and 2	Level 3 and 4 Clinical	Level 3 and 4 Organisational
Domain 3: Program of study	Standard is substantially met	Standard is substantially met	Standard is substantially met	Standard is met	Standard is substantially met
Domain 4: The student experience	Standard Statement 4: Students are provided with equitable and timely access to information and support				
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 1 and 2	Level 3 and 4 Clinical	Level 3 and 4 Organisational
Domain 4: The student experience	Standard is met	Standard is met	Standard is met	Standard is met	Standard is met
Domain 5: Assessment	Standard Statement 5: Assessment is fair, reliable and valid				
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 1 and 2	Level 3 and 4 Clinical	Level 3 and 4 Organisational
Domain 5: Assessment	Standard is substantially met	Standard is substantially met	Standard is substantially met	Standard is met	Standard is met



## Commendations

A commendation refers to a particularly significant achievement by the education provider with regard to the program.

The Assessment Team have made the subsequent commendations following the evaluation of the program.

The Griffith University is commended for:

- The GSafe Portal for Risk Management.
- The PsychReady workshop for preparing Students in Orientation.