Committed to community.

Are you looking to take the next step in your career? A postgraduate psychology or speech pathology degree at Curtin will give you the skills and knowledge you need to become a registered, practising professional in your field, or to begin a career in research.

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PSYCHOLOGY AND SPEECH PATHOLOGY AT CURTIN

Curtin has been teaching psychology and speech pathology for over 50 years. Our on-campus adult psychology clinic, child psychology clinic, stuttering clinic and adult speech pathology clinic can help you to further develop your skills in a clinical environment. These clinics are open to members of the public and represent our commitment to the community and to the professions of psychology and speech pathology.

In 2015, Curtin’s field of psychology ranked in the top 200 in the world according to the 2015 QS World University Rankings by Subject.

RESEARCH DEGREES

Curtin’s School of Psychology and Speech Pathology is a recognised centre of excellence in psychology research, nationally and internationally. We have over 40 research-active staff and a thriving community of postdoctoral researchers and postgraduate students who conduct world-class research in various fields including clinical psychology, sport psychology and speech pathology.

Our researchers collaborate with national and international researchers and are affiliated to one or more of five research groups, which reflect our areas of strength in psychology and speech pathology.

Our areas of research include:
- brain, behaviour and mental health
- community psychology
- health psychology and behaviour medicine
- language and speech sciences
- learning, attitudes, cognition and eBehaviour.

We offer three higher degree by research courses:
- Master of Philosophy (Human Communication Science)
- Master of Philosophy (Psychology)
- Doctor of Philosophy.
Counselling psychology

The minimum requirement is a four-year bachelor degree conducted by a registered clinical or counselling psychologist. You will participate in three practicum placements, totalling in 135 days or 1,020 hours of supervised practise, including a 10-week clinical placement. This major integrates theoretical and empirical knowledge base and skills required of a counselling psychologist.

You will train in psychotherapy, group therapy, developmental psychotherapy, family and couples therapy, and rehabilitate physical and mental health problems. Much of your studies will focus on community-based interventions.

Clinical psychology major

This major will provide you with the knowledge, skills and experience you need to practise as a clinical psychologist in both the mental and physical health domains. You will train in the application of psychological science to prevent, treat and rehabilitate physical and mental health problems. Much of your studies will focus on community-based interventions.

Counselling psychology major

Through this major you will become thoroughly familiar with the theoretical and empirical knowledge base and skills required of a counselling psychologist. You will train in psychotherapy, psychological assessment and applied research. A substantial component of your course will be dedicated to individual psychotherapy, family and couples therapy, group therapy, developmental theory and psychopathology. The major integrates theoretical and experiential modes of education to develop practitioners able to intervene effectively with a wide range of mental health disorders.

CLINICAL PLACEMENT

You will participate in three practicum placements, totalling in 135 days or 1,020 hours of supervised practise conducted by a registered clinical or counselling psychologist.

Speech Pathology (M) (Graduate Entry)

This course will develop your understanding of normal communication and language development, as well as providing you with information about developmental and acquired communication and swallowing disorders. You will be provided with the skills and knowledge to practice as a speech pathologist, which involves diagnosing, treating and providing management services to people of all ages with communication disorders, including speech, language, voice, fluency and literacy difficulties, and people who have physical problems with eating and swallowing.

CAREER OUTLOOK

This course provides access to a wide variety of employment opportunities. Graduates have obtained work in a range of high-profile government and non-government counselling and mental health services. Others have attained management or senior roles in these organisations. Some graduates work in private practice where they are eligible to claim rebates for their clients from Medicare and most private health funds.

PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATION

When you graduate you will be eligible to register as a psychologist and commence supervision to become a clinical psychologist or counselling psychologist with the Psychology Board of Australia.

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CAREER OUTLOOK

Students will undertake a number of clinical placements across the course. Placements are offered in the Perth metropolitan area as well as in rural and remote areas.

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

Accredited by Speech Pathology Australia.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Speech Pathology Australia.

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A Curtin health sciences degree can give you access to the latest knowledge and discoveries that will improve the standard of healthcare in Australia and make a real difference in people’s lives.

MOVE UP THE CAREER LADDER
A postgraduate course can add new or specialist skills and knowledge to your repertoire. Our postgraduate coursework and research programs are diverse, ranging from life sciences and clinical sciences to population health sciences.

CHANGE YOUR CAREER
A postgraduate graduate entry master (GEM) degree can give you the right skills to change careers.

GET AN EDGE IN THE JOB MARKET
A postgraduate qualification may also help you stand out from other candidates in an increasingly competitive job market.

PROFESSIONALLY RECOGNISED
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2. Contact your nominated supervisor and the Curtin University Graduate Research School to discuss the suitability of your proposed research topic and the availability of your nominated supervisor.
3. Forward a current CV, certified academic transcripts (in original language and English translation), certified award certificates (in original language and English translation), proof of English Language competency, and a brief outline of your proposed research to the Curtin University Graduate Research School.
4. Once your qualification has been assessed and a supervisor has been secured, your application can be submitted via international.curtin.edu.au/apply/ResearchSchool

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