

## Doctor of Psychology

### 1 Definitions

- (1) For the purposes of applying part 1 and schedule 1 of the General Award Rules, a reference to *student* is to be read as *candidate*.
- (2) In these rules—  
*director of clinical programs* means the person nominated by the head of the school of psychology as the director of clinical programs;  
*practicum course* means a course containing a practical component where students gain supervised experience in a workplace setting;  
*pre-2015 student* means a student who first enrolled in the program before 1 January 2015.

### 2 Admission

- (1) To be admitted as a candidate, the applicant must—
  - (a) hold either—
    - (i) an approved four year bachelor degree in psychology with IIA honours or equivalent; or
    - (ii) an approved four year bachelor degree in psychology and an approved masters degree; and
  - (b) complete additional work, if any, set by the executive dean; and
  - (c) satisfy the executive dean that the applicant is qualified for admission; and be eligible for registration as a provisional psychologist in Australia.
- (2) For subrule (1)(1)(a), a coursework masters degree will not be an approved degree unless the applicant gained a GPA of 5.5 or equivalent and the executive dean and head of school decide that the applicant's performance in the research component is a suitable basis for admission.

### 3 Enrolment status

- (1) A candidate must enrol on a full-time basis with the approval of the dean, head of school and supervisor.
- (2) A candidate may transfer to part-time enrolment with the approval of the executive dean.
- (3) A candidate who commences, but does not successfully complete, a practicum course may re-enrol in that course in the following semester only if approved by the executive dean.

### 4 Program of study and research

- (1) A candidate must pursue a program of advanced study and research under the appointed supervisor, in a field of study approved by the executive dean, including 64 units from the DPsych list.
- (2) A candidate must—
  - (a) pursue the program for 4 years (full-time or equivalent);

- (b) enrol for the research thesis within 2 years (full-time or equivalent) of first enrolling in the program;
  - (c) pursue the program without interruption from the first enrolment date to the completion of the thesis;
  - (d) have provisional or general registration with the Psychology Board of Australia for the duration of enrolment in the program; and
  - (e) thesis supervision, submission and assessment must comply with GAR 5.5.1.
- (3) The degree will be awarded in an approved field of study.

## **5 Credit for other study**

- (1) The executive dean may grant credit for previous work done by a candidate.
- (2) Credit must only be given for work that was adequately supervised and of appropriate quality.

## **6 Progress**

- (1) A candidate must provide regular reports on progress whilst enrolled in the dissertation. The progress reports must also show that the candidate is complying with the rules.
- (2) The candidate must be advised of the form and timing of the reports.
- (3) The candidate must submit the reports to the supervisor and the director of clinical programs.

## **7 Termination of enrolment**

The executive dean may terminate a candidate's enrolment at any time if the executive dean decides that the candidate has not—

- (a) made satisfactory progress with the work; or
- (b) complied with a reasonable direction of the supervisor or program director; or
- (c) provided in sufficient detail a report required under the rules; or
- (d) complied with a condition of enrolment set by the executive dean.

## **8 Early exit**

A candidate who withdraws may be granted an award in the psychology suite of programs if the candidate has satisfied the requirements.

## **9 Transitional**

A pre-2015 student must complete the program under the rules in force on 31 December 2014.