



## Swinburne University of Technology - APAC Accreditation Assessment Summary Report

<b>Higher education provider</b>	Swinburne University of Technology
<b>Name of the Psychology AOU</b>	Department of Psychological Science
<b>Standards version</b>	Version 1.2, 1 January 2019
<b>Purpose of assessment</b>	Out of cycle assessment of a new program
<b>Programs and level of study assessed</b>	Bachelor of Psychological Sciences (Honours) (Level 2)
<b>Campus</b>	Hawthorn Campus
<b>Date of assessment</b>	November 2019
<b>APAC board determination date</b>	17 December 2019
<b>Accreditation start date</b>	17 December 2019



## Background and overview

This is a report of an Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC) accreditation assessment made following an application by Swinburne University of Technology for the accreditation of the above listed Level 2 program in an out-of-cycle assessment. This assessment is in the form of an on-paper assessment based solely on the *Application Form for Accreditation*.

Currently the only accredited Level 2 qualification in psychology available at Swinburne University is the four-year Bachelor of Psychology (Honours) (BPsych (Hons)) program which is a packaged Level 1 and 2 program. The proposed program is to increase flexibility by offering a one-year Level 2 program. It will consist of four core coursework units and two thesis units, which will have a weighting of 0.5. The new Level 2 program is essentially the same as the fourth year in the currently accredited BPsych (Hons), with the only difference appearing to be that the Counselling Psychology unit which was previously an elective choice, is now compulsory.



## Key findings

Given that proposed program is essentially the same as the fourth year of the accredited packaged Level 1 and 2 Bachelor of Psychology (Honours) program, all but a few of the Standards are met. The ones that are not met arise from new requirements that are contained in the 2019 Standards. It is likely that the required changes to the proposed program can be made relatively easily.



## APAC Board determination

That Swinburne University of Technology's **Bachelor of Psychological Sciences (Honours)** (Level 2) (Campus: Hawthorn) program is accredited from **17 December 2019** until **31 December 2023**.

Subject to the following conditions:

By **31 December 2020**:

1. To ensure that Standard 2 Academic governance and quality assurance, criterion 2.2 is met, the School is to provide evidence to APAC that appropriate benchmarking of the program has occurred.
2. To ensure that Standard 3 Program of study, criteria 3.2 and 3.8 and Standard 5 Assessment, criteria 5.1 and 5.2 are met, the School is to provide APAC evidence that the unit materials are revised to ensure that
  - i. content on cultural responsiveness and the principles of interprofessional learning and practice are included in the learning outcomes
  - ii. program learning outcomes incorporate all graduate competencies and
  - iii. all program learning outcomes are appropriately assessed.



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

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