



APAC Accreditation Assessment Summary Report

Higher Education Provider	Deakin University		
Name of the Psychology AOU	School of Psychology		
Date of Determination	27 May 2019		
Standards Version	1 January 2019, Version 1.2		
Purpose of Assessment	Out of cycle assessment of new program		
Program of Study Assessed	Graduate Diploma of Psychological Science	Level 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Burwood• Waurin Ponds• Online
Year of on-paper assessment	2019		

Overview

This is a report of an Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC) accreditation assessment made following an application by Deakin University for accreditation of its Graduate Diploma of Psychological Science 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*.

Background

The Graduate Diploma of Psychological Science is a Level 1, three year bridging program, open to students who have already successfully completed an undergraduate degree in any discipline other than psychology. The degree seeks to provide students with the opportunity to complete an accredited sequence in psychology without having to undertake a full three-year degree. The subject of this accreditation assessment is a restructured program with changes to the units and assessments, and therefore is viewed as a new program for the purposes of this assessment. The units in the new program are essentially the same as those in the currently accredited Level 1 sequence and students in the new program 'will be taught alongside undergraduate students. The only difference between the new program and the currently accredited Level 1 sequence is the assessments. The assessment in the new program, while of a similar nature, have been upgraded to meet the requirement for an AQF Level 8 program.

Key Findings

Based on the application, the curriculum appears to adequately cover the Level 1 Foundational Competencies, with appropriate assessment tools and strategies.

Appropriate policies and procedures were submitted to APAC regarding public safety, academic governance, student experience and assessment. These apply to all programs offered by Deakin University. Based on the program details, the policies and procedures, and the responses to the criteria, the program meets the *Accreditation Standards for Psychology Programs (2019 v 1.2)* and therefore the recommendation is for the program to be Accredited Without Conditions. It should be noted that this program will be fully assessed again in 2020 during the five year cyclic assessment of psychology programs at Deakin University.

	Domain	Standard Statement	Standard Assessment Met/ Not Met
1	Public Safety	Public safety is assured	Met
2	Academic Governance and Quality Assurance	Academic governance and quality assurance processes are effective	Met
3	Program of Study	Program of study design, delivery and resourcing enable students to achieve the required graduate competencies	Met
4	Student Experience	Students are provided with equitable and timely access to information and support	Met
5	Assessment	Assessment is fair, reliable and valid	Met

Recommendation

That the Level 1 program of study comprising the three year sequence of psychology education within the **Graduate Diploma of Psychological Science** (Campus: Burwood, Waurn Ponds, Online) at Deakin University receive the grade of ACCREDITATION WITHOUT CONDITIONS on the basis that it meets all of the APAC Accreditation Standards for Psychology Programs (2019).