

2025

School of Psychology

How Bond rates



Young but mighty[†]

We're ranked in the top 50 young universities worldwide



We're #1

#1 in Australia for undergraduate student experience, 17 years in a row* #1 in Australia for learner engagement, student support, learning resources, teaching quality, and skills development*



5 stars across the board[^]

Teaching Employability Academic development

Internationalisation Facilities Inclusiveness Medicine



Personal support along the way*

Australia's lowest student-to-teacher ratio of 11:1

2023 Good Universities Guide. The Good Universities Guide is a trusted independent consumer guide providing ratings, rankings and comments about all Australian

- higher education institutions. 2023 2026 QS Star ratings. QS Stars is a global rating system that provides a detailed overview of a university's excellence, rating educational institutions all over the world. It is internationally recognised as one of a few truly global rating systems.
- + 2023 Times Higher Education (THE) Young University Rankings list, judging

 universities 50 years old or younger.
** Quality Indicators for Learning and Teaching (QILT) 2021-22 Student Experience Survey (SES) and Good Universities Guide 2023/2024. These results reflect the most recent data available to the University at the time of printing.

How the Faculty of Society & Design rates**

The Faculty of Society & Design consistently rates well above the national average for:



Overall Quality of Educational Experience Learner Engagement Teaching Quality

Student Support Learning Resources Skills Development

Psychology at Bond University**



UNDERGRADUATE COURSEWORK

1st in Australia and 5 stars

Learner Engagement Student Support

1st in Queensland, 2nd in Australia and 5 stars

Teaching Quality



POSTGRADUATE COURSEWORK

1st in Australia and 5 Stars

Learning Resources

1st in Queensland, 2nd in Australia and 5 stars

Student Support Teaching Quality



A message from the Head of School

Welcome

On behalf of the Faculty of Society & Design, I wish to welcome you to the School of Psychology at Bond University. We offer a number of undergraduate and postgraduate study options, all of which are accredited by the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC) and approved by the Psychology Board of Australia (PsyBA). By studying psychology at Bond, students can become professionally qualified from a bachelor's to a doctoral level.

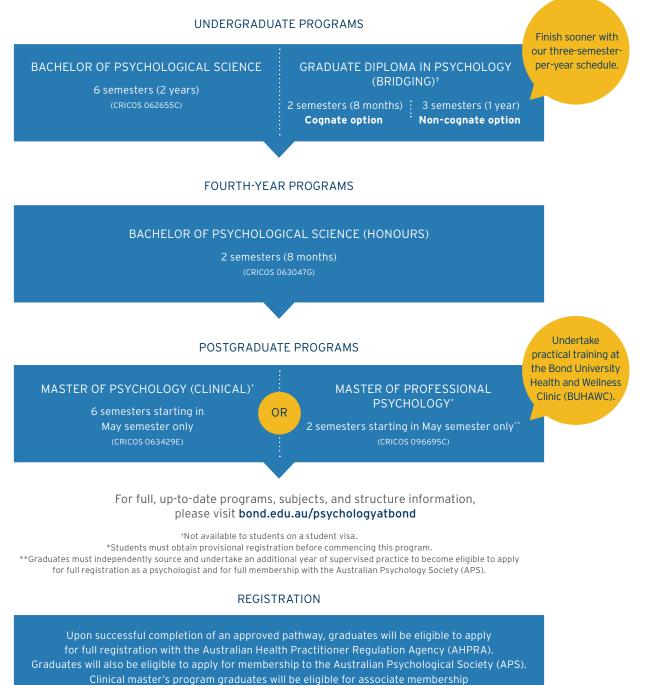
The range of psychology programs and subjects on offer allows students to specialise in a specific area of interest or simply undertake a few psychology subjects as electives. Our psychology academics are recognised nationally and internationally for their expertise, and are dedicated to supporting students through their journeys at Bond. Our academics partake in ongoing research, across topics such as mental health, addiction, dementia, human cognition and development, mindfulness, neuroeducation via virtual reality, personality and behaviour, spatial navigation, and special category offenders.

Importantly, here at Bond, we offer very small class sizes and a hands-on approach to teaching that enables students to optimise their learning experience through a high level of personal tuition and support. Our accelerated programs allow undergraduate and postgraduate students to complete studies sooner than their peers at other universities. Employability is at the heart of our thinking and plans, which is why we equip our students with a competitive edge that benefits them beyond graduation.

Again, a warm welcome to the School of Psychology at Bond University. I look forward to meeting you on campus.

Professor Ahmed Moustafa Head of School, School of Psychology Faculty of Society & Design Bond University

Your pathway options



with the APS College of Clinical Psychologists.

CAREER OUTCOMES

Psychology is an applied discipline that underpins many occupations and vocational areas. Master's graduates can obtain employment in applied areas such as clinical, forensic, sports, and organisational psychology. Students who exit after their undergraduate degree are able to pursue careers in human resource functions such as training and development, recruitment and selection, and advertising and marketing, or in areas such as counselling or research.



Undergraduate program

Bachelor of Psychological Science

CRICOS course code 062655C

Program description

The Bachelor of Psychological Science will provide you with a scientific understanding of normal psychological processes such as perception, memory, learning, motivation, biology, personality, emotion, developmental psychology, and social relationships, as well as training in statistical analysis.

Program structure

The Bachelor of Psychological Science comprises of 24 subjects.

University Core subjects (4)

- Critical Thinking and Communication •
- Collaboration for Global Change
- Responsibility, Integrity and Civic Discourse
- Beyond Bond: Professional Development and Community Engagement (not-for-credit component)

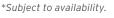
Required subjects (15)

- Foundations of Psychology: Biology and Personality
- Foundations of Psychology: Development, Learning and Social
- Statistics and Data Analysis I
- Statistics and Data Analysis II •
- Statistics and Data Analysis III
- Cross-Cultural Psychology
- **Biological Psychology**
- Learning and Behaviour
- Developmental Psychology
- Social Psychology
- Cognitive Psychology
- Personality, Assessment and Individual Differences •
- Research Methods in Psychology •
- Psychopathology
- Motivation and Emotion •

Psychology elective (1)*

Students must choose one (1) of the following subjects:

- Love, Sex and Relationships
- Drugs and Behaviour
- Counselling Psychology
- Psychology at Work
- Forensic Psychology •
- Positive Well-Being
- Neuropsychology
- Music and Mind



Electives (5)

Students must choose five (5) undergraduate subjects from across the university.

Entry requirements

Please check the Bond website for the most up-to-date entry requirements.

Professional outcomes

An undergraduate gualification in psychology can lead to employment opportunities in behaviour management and organisational psychology, as well as in professional areas such as advertising and marketing, research positions, and human resources roles related to recruitment, selection, training, and development. Graduates of the Bachelor of Psychological Science are also eligible to apply for fourthyear psychology programs.

Professional recognition

This program is approved by the Psychology Board of Australia (PsyBA) and is fully accredited by the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC) as the equivalent of three years' university training in psychology.

Degree combinations

Bachelor of Psychological Science / Bachelor of Laws (CRICOS 093921M)

Alternative pathway

Graduate Diploma in Psychology (Bridging)⁺

⁺Not available to students on a student visa.

Further study at Bond

- Bachelor of Psychological Science (Honours) (CRICOS 063047G)
- Master of Professional Psychology (CRICOS 096695C)
- Master of Psychology (Clinical) (CRICOS 063429E)



Learn more

Duration Commencing

6 semesters Jan, May, Sep

(2 years)

Bridging program

Graduate Diploma in Psychology (Bridging)[†]

CRICOS course code N/A

Program description

The Graduate Diploma in Psychology (Bridging) allows students to fast-track a qualification equivalent to a threeyear undergraduate sequence in the discipline of psychology. This program is not available to international students who intend to apply for a student visa to undertake this program.

Cognate vs Non-Cognate: What is the difference?

Cognate is for students who have completed an undergraduate psychology qualification, but have not met the entry threshold (GPA requirements) to progress to a fourth-year program. Non-cognate is a pathway designed for students who have completed an undergraduate program in a discipline other than psychology and are looking to transition into postgraduate psychology studies to obtain their professional or clinical registration.

Program structure

The Graduate Diploma in Psychology (Bridging) comprises of the following 8 to 10 subjects, which are dependent upon the chosen pathway.

Non-cognate pathway (January intake only)

Required subjects (10)

- Foundations of Psychology: Development, Learning and Social
- Statistics and Data Analysis I
- Statistics and Data Analysis II
- Statistics and Data Analysis III
- Cross-Cultural Psychology
- Biological Psychology
- Developmental Psychology
- Psychopathology
- Personality, Assessment, and Individual Differences*
- Research Methods in Psychology^{*}



Duration

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Commencing

Non-cognate pathway: 3 semesters (1 year) Cognate pathway: 2 semesters (8 months)

Cognate pathway (May intake only)

Required subjects (7)

- Foundations of Psychology: Development, Learning and Social[^]
- Statistics and Data Analysis I^
- Statistics and Data Analysis II
- Statistics and Data Analysis III
- Psychopathology
- Personality, Assessment, and Individual Differences*
- Research Methods in Psychology^{*}

Students must choose a further three (3) of the following subjects:

- Biological Psychology
- Learning and Behaviour
- Developmental Psychology
- Social Psychology
- Motivation and Emotion
- Cognitive Psychology

Entry requirements

Successful completion of a bachelor's program in a discipline other than psychology (non-cognate), or completion of an undergraduate psychology (cognate) qualification but having not met the entry threshold to progress to fourth-year.

Professional outcomes

The Graduate Diploma in Psychology (Bridging) meets the equivalent of a three-year undergraduate sequence in psychology as required by APAC as the first step to becoming registered as a practicing psychologist.

Further study at Bond

- Bachelor of Psychological Science (Honours) (CRICOS 063047G)
- Master of Professional Psychology (CRICOS 096695C)
- Master of Psychology (Clinical) (CRICOS 063429E)

[†]Not available to students on a student visa.

^Students will receive graduate waivers for two subjects due to possessing an undergraduate qualification in psychology. *These two subjects are taught at an advanced level to meet the requirements of an AQF Level 8 qualification, which the bridging program is recognised as.

Katelyn Grimmett

BACHELOR OF PSYCHOLOGICAL SCIENCE (CRICOS 062655C) BACHELOR OF PSYCHOLOGICAL SCIENCE (HONOURS) (CRICOS 063047G) MASTER OF PSYCHOLOGY (CLINICAL) (CRICOS 063429E). CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST FOR THE ROYAL FLYING DOCTOR SERVICE.

"My studies at Bond began with a Diploma of Communication which facilitated my integration into the academic and social aspects of university life. I subsequently enrolled in and graduated from a Bachelor of Psychological Science, followed by a Bachelor of Psychological Science (Honours). I have recently graduated with a Master of Clinical Psychology.

During my honour's degree, I was very fortunate to have Australian Psychologist of the Year Dr Peta Stapleton as my thesis supervisor. I was able to conduct research in an area I am extremely passionate about, equine-assisted psychotherapy, and my thesis has since been published in the Q1 journal, Evidence-Based Complementary and Alternative Medicine.

Bond has continually challenged me to become a better version of myself in a personal, professional, and sporting sense. My internship at the Bond University Psychology Clinic has been one of the most rewarding and challenging experiences of my journey. The clinical environment is demanding, challenging, stimulating, and exacting. Working in the clinical environment with real clients, under professional supervision, has exposed me to the realities of clinical practice. The upside of working in that environment over a sustained period has been the inculcation of high professional standards and personal discipline. I have developed a great sense of camaraderie with my peers and look forward to continuing these relationships as part of my professional network throughout my career. Bond has promoted my ability to think critically and innovatively, skills which are valuable in any career. The personalised and supportive assistance I have received from Bond staff has been invaluable in my professional and academic development. I would have no hesitation in recommending Bond University to anyone aspiring to a career that requires tertiary education."

Guaranteed offer for fourth-year psychology studies

GPA criteria applies. See entry requirements for more information.

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Fourth-year program

Bachelor of Psychological Science (Honours)

CRICOS course code 063047G

2 semesters Jan, May, September (8 months)

Duration

Commencing

Program description

Bond's Bachelor of Psychological Science (Honours) is a fourth-year program designed to provide students with an integrated, comprehensive, and complete education in the discipline of psychology. Students undertake advanced training in a range of methodological and applied areas and develop competence in conducting research. All content is based on the scientist-practitioner model, and evidencebased approaches to psychological intervention are stressed.

Program structure

The program is comprised of the following six (6) subjects:

Required subjects (3)

- Multivariate Research Methods
- Principles of Psychological Assessment
- Professional Psychology

Psychology electives (1)*

Students must choose one (1) of the following subjects:

- Clinical Psychology
- Community and Health Psychology
- Forensic Psychology
- Psychology at Work
- Neuropsychology

*Subject to availability.

Thesis subjects (2)

- Research Skills and Ethics
- Honours Thesis

Entry requirements

Admission to a fourth-year psychology program requires the successful completion of an accredited three-year sequence of study in psychology in Australia or equivalent.

Applicants for the Bachelor of Psychological Science (Honours) must have achieved a minimum GPA of 2.0 on the Bond University 4-point scale (or CGPA of 65 to 69 per cent) for all second-level and third-level psychology subjects in their undergraduate studies.

Professional outcomes

Graduates will meet the eligibility to apply for provisional registration as a psychologist with the Psychology Board of Australia. Full registration requires an additional two years study in an accredited master's program.

Further study at Bond

- Master of Professional Psychology (CRICOS 096695C)
- Master of Psychology (Clinical) [CRICOS 063429E]

Learn more:

Bachelor of Psychological Science (Honours)

Dr Douglas Angus

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF PSYCHOLOGY. EDUCATOR. RESEARCHER. THESIS SUPERVISOR.

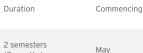
"Teaching at Bond is a privilege. It gives me the chance to support and guide the next generation of psychological scientists and clinicians. I'm very lucky to be able to work with such great students and see their development as scholars, scientists, and practitioners.

My research focuses on the role of oscillatory and non-oscillatory brain activity in emotion, cognition, and psychological and psychiatric disorders. Introducing students to cutting-edge research in this area is electrifying, and it's always a delight to see the 'ahal' moment when they understand the methods, and the importance of the research."

Postgraduate programs

Master of Professional Psychology

CRICOS course code 096695C



(8 months)

Program description

The Master of Professional Psychology program provides advanced education in the professional practice of psychology. The training is based on a scientist-practitioner model and is designed to prepare students with the knowledge and applied skills required of a registered practising psychologist. The program draws from a range of theoretical perspectives informed by contemporary research and practice. This degree integrates coursework and practical placement experience.

Program structure

The Master of Professional Psychology option is comprised of the following seven (7) subjects.

Required subjects (6)

- Evidence Based Counselling & Therapy Practices Across the Lifespan
- Counselling Psychotherapies and Clinical Skills
- Advanced Psychological Assessment
- Research Methods, Professional Practice and Ethics
- Psychopathology and Therapy: Adults 1
- Psychopathology and Therapy: Adults 2

Practical (1)

Professional Experience and Practice in Psychology

Students complete 300 hours of practicum. This supervised professional experience will occur partly through clinical activities in the Bond University Health and Wellness Clinic (BUHAWC) under staff supervision.

Entry requirements

Entry to the Master of Professional Psychology requires the successful completion of an Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC) accredited four-year sequence of study in psychology. Approved pathway programs include Bond's Bachelor of Psychological Science (Honours), or equivalent. Programs must have been completed within the last 10 years, with a minimum of Lower Second-Class Honours (H2B) or equivalent (GPA of 2.0 on the Bond University 4-point scale or CGPA of 65 per cent to 74 per cent). Applicants are then assessed on academic merit, referee reports, and personal suitability via interview and psychometric testing. Candidates must also be eligible for provisional registration as a Psychologist with the Psychology Board of Australia.

Professional outcomes

This program meets the requirements for registration as set out by the Psychology Board of Australia. Upon successful completion of the program, graduates must independently source and undertake an additional year of supervised practice to become eligible to apply for full registration as a psychologist, and for full membership with the Australian Psychology Society (APS).



Learn more



Master of Psychology (Clinical)

CRICOS course code 063429E

Program description

The Master of Psychology (Clinical) program provides advanced education in the professional practice of psychology. The training is based on a scientist-practitioner model and is designed to prepare students with the knowledge and applied skills required of a registered practising psychologist. The program draws from a range of theoretical perspectives informed by contemporary research and practice. This degree integrates coursework and practical placement experience.

Program structure

The Master of Psychology (Clinical) program is comprised of the following fourteen (14) subjects.

Required subjects (10)

- Advanced Psychological Interventions
- Trauma Informed Approaches to Client Care
- Counselling Psychotherapies and Clinical Skills
- Advanced Psychological Assessment
- Research Methods, Professional Practice and Ethics
- Psychopathology and Therapy: Adults 1
- Psychopathology and Therapy: Adults 2
- Health Psychology
- Psychopathology and Therapy: Families, Children and Adolescents
- Psychopharmacology and Pharmacotherapy

Practical (4)

- Internship: Part A
- Internship: Part B
- Externship I*
- Externship II*

Students will complete a two-semester internship in the Bond University Health and Wellness Clinic (BUHAWC) under staff supervision and two externships in community settings under external supervision.

*Students may be required to travel outside of the Gold Coast region to undertake external placements. Bond University cannot guarantee the timing of an external placement. Students may need to extend beyond six semesters in order to complete all the necessary components of the program. Students are responsible for arranging their own transportation to and from externship locations.

Entry requirements

Entry to the Master of Psychology (Clinical) requires the successful completion of an Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC) accredited four-year sequence of study in psychology. Approved pathway programs include Bond's Bachelor of Psychological Science (Honours), or equivalent. Programs must have been completed within the last 10 years, with a minimum of Upper Second-Class Honours (H2A) or equivalent (GPA of 3.0 on the Bond University 4-point scale or CGPA of 75 per cent or above). Applicants are then assessed on academic merit, referee reports, and personal suitability via interview and psychometric testing. Candidates must also be eligible for provisional registration as a psychologist with the Psychology Board of Australia.

Duration

6 semesters

(2 years)

Commencing

May

Applications into the Master of Psychology (Clinical) program at Bond University from board-registered psychologists who have successfully completed the Master of Professional Psychology program or a Level 3-accredited APAC psychology program with a Distinction-level GPA are also accepted (75 per cent or above). Applicants will need to submit the same documents as outlined above.

Professional outcomes

This program meets the requirements for registration as set out by the Psychology Board of Australia. Upon successful completion of the program, graduates are eligible to apply for full registration as a psychologist, a board-approved registrar program (for their area of practice endorsement), full membership of the Australian Psychology Society (APS), and associate membership of the corresponding APS Specialist College.



Learn more

Bond psychology students become first in Australia to be EFT trained

Bond University's Master of Psychology (Clinical) students have become Australia's first to undertake a subject addressing 'psychological acupuncture', also known as EFT training, as part of their degree. Trauma Informed Approaches to Client Care is a coursework subject that the program cohort undertakes in their second year. (CRICOS 063429E)

As a world leader in research and practice for Emotional Freedom Techniques (EFT) for the past 15 years, Dr Peta Stapleton designed and teaches the subject at Bond. EFT involves tapping different acupuncture points on the face or body as a treatment for mental and physical conditions, and the practice has been shown to be incredibly effective in helping people achieve behavioural change and manage negative emotions, such as stress and anxiety.

EFT has been used to help people address eating issues, quit smoking, reduce chronic pain, and improve long-term mental health conditions such as PTSD, anxiety, and depression. A major benefit of the practice is that it allows individuals to feel empowered in their recovery, and reduces their dependence on medication, which often carries a long list of side effects to their health and wellbeing. Bond's Master of Clinical Psychology cohort will undertake the new subject this semester, learning how to apply EFT in their sessions with clients. The only other university in the world currently offering EFT training is in Paris.

"Our students will be able to use the technique with clients when they go into the field on their placements," Dr Stapleton said.

Dr Peta Stapleton

PROFESSOR. EMOTIONAL FREEDOM TECHNIQUES EXPERT. 2019 AUSTRALIAN PSYCHOLOGIST OF THE YEAR.

"The research has already made a real impact at the ground level, with EFT accepted by US and UK medical authorities as a legitimate treatment. It's a testament to the innovative spirit of Bond University that we've had such strong support for this new subject and become a world-leader in this area."

Learn more about EFT therapy





Higher degrees by research (HDR)

Entry requirements

The minimum requirement for PhD candidature is a four-year psychology degree with a GPA of Upper Second-Class Honours (H2A) or equivalent (75 per cent or above). Alternatively, candidates may possess a research master's degree or qualifications deemed to be equivalent to the above by the HDR Committee. Where applicable, students may be asked to commence a Master of Philosophy as a pathway into the full PhD candidature.



Student community

Bond Psychological Society (BPS)

The Bond Psychological Society (BPS) aims to create a community that offers students a sense of belonging and support during their psychology studies at Bond. The BPS also endeavours to provide networking opportunities for both undergraduate and postgraduate students with industry professionals and, in conjunction with the Australian Psychological Society, offer opportunities for professional development and personal growth.



Facilities

Test Library

The Bond University Test Library has an extensive collection of psychological test materials that support the teaching, research, and clinical activities of the School's students and staff.

Dedicated learning spaces

Undergraduate students can participate in studies conducted by our fourth-year and PhD students in our Cognitive Research Labs. At fourth-year and master's level, students have access to a designated and secured study space to analyse data and write up their research findings.



Accreditation

All psychology programs at Bond University specified in this document are accredited with the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC) and approved by the Psychology Board of Australia (PsyBA).

Accreditation is renewed every five years. Psychology majors undertaken within degrees not specified within this document are not APAC accredited and as such, do not form part of the accredited sequence of study required to become a registered Psychologist.

Bond University Health and Wellness Clinic

The Bond University Psychology Clinic (BUPC) is a student training facility that has been providing psychological services to the Gold Coast community since 1999. As of January 2024, the Psychology Clinic was incorporated within a broader network of allied health services offered at the Bond Institute of Health and Sport and is now operating as part of the Bond University Health and Wellness Clinic (BUHAWC).

Psychology services are provided by provisionally registered Master of Psychology students under the guidance of qualified supervisors, and cover an extensive range of assessments and interventions for psychological and health-related concerns. BUHAWC is an invaluable asset for postgraduate students, and presents them with an opportunity to work with clients of all ages.

Members of the public are welcome to contact the team at BUHAWC for cognitive and clinical assessments and psychological treatment for individuals, families, children, and adolescents for issues including anxiety, low moods, stress, grief, depression, adjustment disorders, and family and relationship issues. Clients can now also benefit from a range of additional allied health services, including physiotherapy, nutrition and dietetics, and occupational therapy. Interns work with clients from the community under the supervision of highly experienced and qualified clinical supervisors and academic staff. Supervision and training during these internships utilise a hypothesis testing approach to introduce interns to the practice of evidencebased therapy, in accordance with the tradition of the scientist-practitioner model.

Within this structured and supportive environment, interns cultivate their counselling skills, which are important in the development and maintenance of a therapeutic alliance. They acquire interview skills to gather critical information to conduct initial interviews and formal psychological assessments. This approach to practical training enables students to plan, design, provide and evaluate psychological treatments, and equips them with diverse knowledge of ethical, legal, and professional practice matters.



Learn more about the BUHAWC Clinic







A tale of two passions: rural education and psychology



Leah Blakemore

GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN PSYCHOLOGY (BRIDGING) (NON-COGNATE) BACHELOR OF PSYCHOLOGICAL SCIENCE (HONOURS) (CRICOS 063047G) MASTER OF PSYCHOLOGY (CLINICAL). (CRICOS 063429E)

"I'm from a small country town out west, where I was originally a high school teacher. Being in the country during the drought, there were a lot of mental health issues and not really any services out there.

I did a bridging programme to move into psychology, and I sort of fell in love with psychology as a discipline and I really like helping people. It's rewarding to see people progress and accept that mental health is important, I really do love it.

While we're in the clinic, we have to, at a minimum, see clients face to face for 120 hours, which is probably the most important part because we get an opportunity to learn on real cases. Getting to work with real clients in the community, we learn a lot better than you would in a classroom. The combination of practical and theoretical makes us a lot more well-rounded, which is great.

We also get real-time support from our supervisors, which is really helpful, especially because if you have a big issue, you can get help straight away. It is quite a tight and interconnected group at Bond. Everyone gets along really well, and everyone is in the same boat, so it's a very supportive group of people to work and learn with. It's great that we have more psychologists coming through because there's such a need in the industry. People are beginning to understand that physical health and mental health are interconnected and interrelated. They're equally important.

I still love education and working with adolescents and youth, but being from a farm and a small working town, I also have a passion for rural Australia. I also have Indigenous heritage, so I think my ultimate life role would be travelling to rural Australia and working with those vulnerable populations or working in a school, helping kids understand how they think and how they can learn."



Learn more about student placements at BUHAWC



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In the spirit of reconciliation, Bond University acknowledges the Kombumerri people, the traditional Owners and Custodians of the land on which the University now stands. We pay respect to Elders past, present and emerging.

The information published in this document is correct at the time of printing (2024). However, all programs are subject to review by the Academic Senate of the University and the University reserves the right to change its program offerings and subjects without notice. The information published in this document is intended as a guide and persons considering an offer of enrolment should contact the relevant Faculty or Institute to see if any changes have been made before deciding to accept their offer.

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