For many years, Clinical Neuropsychologists in Western Australia have experienced difficulty meeting the eligibility requirements for some posts within the Department of Health due to a lack of clinical psychology specialist skills within their training. Concurrently, there has been a movement within psychological training in Australia towards integration of skills across psychology colleges within the Australian Psychological Society. The integration of Clinical Psychology and Clinical Neuropsychology training is also consistent with international standards for training in Clinical Neuropsychology (especially in the USA, Canada and UK), where extensive training in Clinical Psychological skills are a required part of the Clinical Neuropsychology training.

The School of Psychology at UWA has been at the forefront in leading this movement by integrating Clinical Psychology and Clinical Neuropsychology to the extent allowed by the constraints of a two-year degree. However, the skills required for competence in both Clinical Psychology and Clinical Neuropsychology cannot be adequately taught in that timeframe. Therefore we have developed a bridging program in Clinical Psychology for individuals who have completed an accredited MPsych or DPsych in Clinical Neuropsychology.

Specifically, Clinical Neuropsychologists who take the proposed Graduate Diploma in Clinical Psychology would not only be eligible to apply for endorsement in both specialties with post-degree supervision, but would be better able to serve their clients’ diverse clinical needs and fulfill multiple roles within the health department. It has been approved by APAC and the APS College of Clinical Psychologists, and contains one year FTE of content. However, to meet the needs of clinicians already in the workforce it is designed to be completed over two to three years part time.

The degree includes four coursework units and 2 placement units:

1. Coursework in Clinical Psychology. The following units provide the central required content.
   - PSYC5672 Foundations in Clinical Skills I
   - PSYC5672 Foundations in Clinical Skills II
   - PSYC5675 Assessment and Intervention: Emotional Disorders
   - PSYC5531 Assessment and Intervention: Adult Complex Disorders
   - PSYC8674 Assessment and Intervention: Childhood Disorders
   - PSYC5533 Clinical Psychology and Health 2

2. Two Clinical Psychology placements for up to 1000 hours. The following units provide that required content:
   - PSYC5663 External Placement
   - PSYC5664 External Placement

3. A research thesis judged relevant to both clinical and clinical neuropsychology colleges by the respective program directors.

The application deadline is October 31 for next year’s intake. An information session regarding all psychology postgraduate programs will take place in September, (date, time and venue will be confirmed at [http://www.psychology.uwa.edu.au/courses/postgraduate](http://www.psychology.uwa.edu.au/courses/postgraduate)). In addition please feel free to contact the program coordinator Werner Stritzke (werner.stritzke@uwa.edu.au) with questions.