



Faculty of
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**MASTER OF HEALTH
SCIENCES IN CLINICAL
OR COUNSELLING
PSYCHOLOGY
PROGRAMME (NORTH-
WEST UNIVERSITY)**

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1. Duration (minimum and maximum)

The minimum duration for the study is one year and the maximum duration two years, calculated from the date of first registration for the programme. The faculty's decision is based on the current subsidy model for universities and may differ from other faculties or regulations.

Students who apply for an additional study year according to the Academic rules of the University, must note that it will have financial implications for them.

2. Admission requirement of the qualification

A student who wishes to register for a masters-degree must have acquired an honours degree or equivalent qualification on NQF level 8 in the applicable field as approved by the Senate.

3. Selection Requirements

- a) An honours degree in Psychology or an applicable equivalent qualification is required.
- b) An average of 65% in the honours degree is required.
- c) A paper selection based on academic performance, relevant skills and quality of reference reports will be conducted.
- d) A formal selection process based on an individual in-depth interview by a panel of psychologists, a research assignment, evaluation of traits, skills, and potential by means of case studies and group work will be conducted.
- e) A final in-depth interview by a selection panel of internal and external psychologists (departmental and internship representatives) will be conducted.
- f) Final approval is subject to a specific research concept within the focus of the subject group
- g) A satisfactory behaviour and functioning record should be maintained on a continual basis by all students in the professional programmes. The department is free to terminate a student's study if the academic, behavioural and/or functioning record is unsatisfactory and/or poses a threat to their own health or that of society.

h) Academic excellence is always a priority:

- A participation mark will be defined and determined for each module.
- A subminimum of 50% participation mark is required to be able to write examination.
- A pass mark of 55% per module and an examination sub-minimum of 50% per module are required. The weights for determining the final module mark will be 50% participation mark and 50% examination mark.
- Candidates will receive a second examination opportunity for ONLY one module, only if paper has been failed, and a maximum mark of 50% will be allocated for such examination opportunity. If the 2nd opportunity is failed, the entire year must be repeated.
- If more than one module is failed, the student fails the course.
- If the experiential progress is not as desired, the internship may be extended.

3.1. Application Process

Step 1 – Complete and Submit the Official NWU Application Form

The official university application form with all the relevant documentation as required on the form. This form is available at <http://studies.nwu.ac.za/postgraduate-studies/higher-degree-admissions> and must be submitted online.

NB: Please do not send these documents to the Subject Group Psychology.

Step 2 – Additional Documentation to the Subject Group Psychology

The Departmental Application Form (Potchefstroom and Mahikeng respectively) and supporting documents must be completed and submitted on Google Forms. Yearly links will be available online at <https://health-sciences.nwu.ac.za/compres/postgraduate-studies>

NB. Please take note that all applicants need to pay a selection fee of R420.00. Please refer to the Departmental Application form for banking details (Potchefstroom and Mahikeng respectively).

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