



Swinburne University of Technology - APAC Accreditation Assessment Summary Report

Higher education provider	Swinburne University of Technology
Name of the Psychology AOU	Department of Psychological Science
Standards version	Version 1.2, 1 January 2019
Purpose of assessment	Out of cycle assessment of a new program
Programs and level of study assessed	Bachelor of Psychological Sciences (Honours) (Level 2)
Campus	Hawthorn Campus
Date of assessment	November 2019
APAC board determination date	17 December 2019
Accreditation start date	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 is 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	Standard Statement 1: Public safety is assured
	Level 2 Standard is met
Domain 2: Academic governance and quality assurance	Standard Statement 2: Academic governance and quality assurance processes are effective
	Level 2 Standard is substantially met
Domain 3: Program of study	Standard Statement 3: Program of study, design, delivery and resourcing enable students to achieve the required graduate competencies
	Level 2 Standard is substantially met
Domain 4: The student experience	Standard Statement 4: Students are provided with equitable and timely access to information and support
	Level 2 Standard is met
Domain 5: Assessment	Standard Statement 5: Assessment is fair, reliable and valid
	Level 2 Standard is substantially met