Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC)

Accreditation Assessment Summary Report The University of Western Australia

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Higher education provider	The University of Western Australia (UWA)
Academic organisational unit (AOU)	School of Psychological Science
Campus	Crawley
Assessment type	Out of cycle initial assessment
Accreditation period	12 October 2026 to 31 December 2027
Accreditation Standards	Accreditation Standards for Psychology Programs (effective 1 December 2025)

Assessment timeline

Dates	Assessment activities
19/12/2025	Provider submits accreditation documentation
29/05/2026	Provider submits supplementary submission
29/05/2026 – 01/07/2026	APAC conducts on-paper assessment
01/07/2026	APAC Assessment Team meeting 1
18/08/2026	Provider submits further information
01/09/2026	APAC Assessment Team meeting 2
14/09/2026	Accreditation Assessment Committee (AAC) reviews draft assessment report
15/09/2026	Provider receives draft assessment report
24/09/2026	Provider confirms no rejoinder will be submitted
12/10/2026	AAC determines assessment outcomes

Background and overview

The Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC) last reviewed The University of Western Australia's (UWA) Level 3-4 Clinical and Clinical Neuropsychology combined Masters and PhD programs for the purposes of re-accreditation in 2022. At the time of the review, the Level 3-4 combined programs were accredited without conditions.

In July 2025, UWA advised APAC they are intending on separating the combined Level 3-4 Masters and PhD qualification to offer a standalone Level 3-4 Masters program for both Clinical and Clinical neuropsychology. Due to the Masters degree being recording as an exit degree only within the 2022 re-accreditation assessment, UWA submitted Notifications of Intention and material change notifications for both the Clinical and Clinical Neuropsychology programs.

In September 2025, the material change notifications were reviewed, and it was determined that the changes justify a major material change. Following communication between APAC and UWA it was agreed that full initial accreditation assessment would be undertaken for the Level 3-4 Clinical and Clinical Neuropsychology programs.

The APAC Assessment Team considered the School of Psychological Science's 143-page self-review, including supporting evidence against the 2019 Accreditation Standards, along with a 107-page self-review, including supporting evidence against the 2025 Accreditation Standards. Following the Assessment team meeting held 1 July 2026, further information was requested and received from the School and reviewed as part of the assessment.

The findings in this report are based on the Assessment Team's evaluation of the material outlined above.

Accreditation status

Accredited

The following programs are newly accredited from **12 October 2026** until **31 December 2027:**

Program title	Campus	Level	Sequence	Program status
Master of Clinical Psychology	Crawley	Level 3-4	5-6 year	Accredited without conditions
Master of Clinical Neuropsychology	Crawley	Level 3-4	5-6 year	Accredited without conditions

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Summary of findings

Standard 1: Public safety is assured	
Level 3 Clinical	Level 3-4 Clinical Neuropsychology
✓	✓
Standard 2: Academic governance and quality assurance processes are effective	
Level 3 Clinical	Level 3-4 Clinical Neuropsychology
✓	✓
Standard 3: Program of study, design, delivery and resourcing enable students to achieve the required graduate competencies	
Level 3 Clinical	Level 3-4 Clinical Neuropsychology
✓	✓
Standard 4: Students are provided with equitable and timely access to information and support	
Level 3 Clinical	Level 3-4 Clinical Neuropsychology
✓	✓
Standard 5: Assessment is fair, reliable and valid	
Level 3 Clinical	Level 3-4 Clinical Neuropsychology
✓	✓
Standard 6: Cultural Safety	
Level 3 Clinical	Level 3-4 Clinical Neuropsychology
✓	✓

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Monitoring requirement

Monitoring is required to ensure the Accreditation Standards continue to be met.

Program levels	Criteria	Monitoring	Rationale	Due dates
Level 3-4 Clinical Level 3-4 Clinical Neuropsychology	3.5	Further evidence is required to demonstrate that there are plans in place to ensure learning, assessment, and staffing resources (including within the clinic space) remain sufficient to sustain the quality of education that is required to ensure the achievement of program learning outcomes.	The submission provided information on the School's plans to expand the student cohort with the introduction of the new programs. Information is required to demonstrate the School has plans in place to manage the increased pressure on resources and staff.	31/12/2027
Level 3-4 Clinical Level 3-4 Clinical Neuropsychology	6.4	Evidence is required to demonstrate that the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Group is established and incorporated into the program's governance and leadership, and providing input into program design, assessment and ongoing management.	The submission provided evidence of plans to establish an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Group to ensure Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander governance and leadership is included in program design, assessment and ongoing management. However, information was not available that this Advisory Group had been established at the time of assessment.	31/12/2027

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Key findings

The Assessment Team considered evidence against the 2025 Accreditation Standards for Psychology programs and the APAC Evidence Guide, including evidence relating to:

- Unit outlines,
- Graduate competency and program learning outcome mapping,
- Program handbooks,
- Placement guides,
- Consent documentation,
- Staff CV's,
- Assessment and marking rubrics.

The Assessment Team identified a few key areas for UWA to address against the Accreditation Standards, these relate to:

- Increase of learning, assessment, and staffing resources to address the growing cohort,
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People's governance and leadership in the programs design, assessment and management.

The Assessment Team formed the view that The University of Western Australia demonstrated a strong commitment to meeting the Accreditation Standards.

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Recommendations

The Assessment Team offers the following recommendations for continuous improvement.

- Increase and expand interprofessional education and collaboration further by introducing more standardised opportunities for co-learning and co-practice in multidisciplinary environments (related to criterion 3.9).

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