

Curtin University Degree Guide

Graduate Certificate in Forensic Psychology





You belong at university

With this guide, you can make it happen.

You've always known study can open doors, but you weren't quite sure how to take the first step. Now you've done exactly that, taking a momentous leap towards unlocking your true potential. With this guide in hand, you hold the key to your ultimate future — with Open Universities Australia by your side.

Our goal? To help you realise yours. Our student advisors can:

Help you decide whether this course is 'the one'!

With knowledge across leading Australian universities and thousands of courses, our student advisors can help you compare the cost, content and outcome of this course with others.

Assist with navigating study load and enrolment.

By listening to you discuss your current lifestyle, we'll help you consider the right amount of study to begin with. When you're ready to enrol, we'll also assist with compiling and uploading documents.

Work through your funding options.

We're here to help you understand course fees, student loans and study allowances so that you can get financial assistance if you're eligible.

Get started now.

Book a consultation to get tailored advice when it suits you, at no cost.

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About Open Universities Australia

We're a not-for-profit that's been dedicated to helping students access education for over 30 years — no matter your location or study experience.

Our knowledge spans thousands of courses with leading Australian universities — this course guide represents just one of them.

Together, we've got this.

Graduate Certificate in Forensic Psychology

Snapshot

Course code

CUR-FPY-GCE-2019

Level

Postgraduate

Qualification

Graduate Certificate

Subjects

4

Provider

Curtin University

Why choose this degree

Description

This programme is designed to meet the needs of a wide variety of service professionals interested in the area of psychology and includes people working within policing, governmental departments of justice and child protection, legal practitioners, community services professionals (e.g., social workers), and health professionals (e.g., clinical psychologists, nurses) working within these contexts.

Overview

See how psychology interacts with the legal and criminal justice system. Explore the connections between crime and mental health. Deepen your understanding of victims and offenders. Apply your knowledge of human behaviour to real world settings.

What you'll learn

At the completion of this degree students will be able to:

1. apply psychological theory and knowledge to evidence-informed practice in forensic settings
2. generate effective approaches through critical analysis, reflective practice and professional reasoning

3. critically appraise and evaluate information to inform best practice
4. effectively communicate relevant knowledge to a range of professionals
5. summarise core topics in forensic psychology and how they apply within real world settings
6. demonstrate ability for self directed learning and reflective practice
7. illustrate the limitations of and challenges to the application of psychology within forensic settings
8. apply psychological knowledge to specific problems and challenges within relevant forensic psychological settings.

Degree structure details

Award requirements

To obtain the award for the Graduate Certificate in Forensic Psychology, students must complete a total of 4 subjects (100 credits) as follows:

- PSB530 Crime and Mental Health (25 credits)
- PSB540 Psychology and Policing (25 credits)
- PSB550 Psychological Contributions to Understanding Crime (25 credits)
- PSB560 Understanding Victims and Offenders (25 credits)

Subjects in this degree

Core Subjects

Total number of subjects to complete: 4 units

Code	Title	Class start	Required
PSB530	Crime and Mental Health		Yes
PSB550	Psychological Contributions to Understanding Crime		Yes
PSB540	CUR-PSB540 - Psychology and Policing (Coming in 2020)		No
PSB560	CUR-PSB560 - Understanding Victims and Offenders (Coming in 2020)		No

Entry requirements

Higher education

Applicants generally require a Bachelor Degree or equivalent credit gained for recognised learning. Any specific course entry and completion requirements must also be met.

Work and life

Applicants without an undergraduate degree will be considered on the basis of at least four years relevant work experience.

English proficiency requirements

Applicants for a Graduate Certificate are required to meet University academic and English language entry standards; details are provided at <http://futurestudents.curtin.edu.au>.

Recognition of previous work or study

Applications for credit towards a course are assessed on an individual basis. Credit reduces the amount of learning required to complete the course and may be granted for formal education qualifications, non-formal learning from non-award programs of study and informal learning through work experiences. Further information can be found at <https://futurestudents.curtin.edu.au/credit-transfer/>

Let's get enrolled. Together.

Your step-by-step guide

Whether you'd like to enrol on your own, or be guided by a student advisor over the phone, we're here to help.

Simply follow the steps that appeal to you. If you need help at any point, we're in your corner – 7 days a week.

How to enrol: Online

1. Select 'Start studying now' on the course page.
2. Tell us about yourself so that we can create your Student Hub account and check your student loan eligibility.
3. Pay your tuition fees with a student loan or credit card.

How to enrol: Over the phone

1. Visit open.edu.au/contact-us/book-consultation
2. Select a date and time you would like to receive a call from an expert student advisor.
3. Prepare for your call. This might involve writing down any questions you have, as well as finding a quiet space to talk.
4. Be guided through the steps by your student advisor over the phone. If you're eligible, you may become a student by the end of the phone call!

Unsure about meeting entry requirements?

If you're unsure whether you meet the entry requirements listed in this course guide, get in touch. We'll ask you a series of questions that will help us understand if you've studied before, or whether your work history may count as credit towards this course.

Open Universities Australia has a unique arrangement with the Australian Government and leading universities across Australia – giving you the chance to start with single subjects that have no entry requirements. They're even covered by FEE-HELP if you're eligible.

Once completed successfully, these subjects can become credit towards your ideal degree. We call this Open Access.

No matter your story, we'll find a way.

Get in touch

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