

# CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY

Master



INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL UNIVERSITY  
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# What is IMU's Clinical Psychology Programme About?



*Students engaging in self-directed learning after classes.*

## OVERVIEW

The IMU Master of Clinical Psychology focuses on developing clinical psychologists with professional attitude, knowledge, skills and competencies in the areas of clinical psychology practice and research.

This programme offers practical skills training which enables graduates to apply evidence-based practice and theories to perform assessment and interventions for a diverse population in a safe and effective manner. Graduates of the programme will be prepared to assume positions in the fields of healthcare, education, research, corporate and community settings.

The programme is accredited by the Malaysian Qualifications Agency (MQA). Graduates of the programme will be eligible to apply for registration and practice of clinical psychology with the Malaysian Allied Health Professions Council

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### DEGREE / DURATION

**Master of Clinical Psychology (IMU)**

**2 years (full-time)**

**4 years (part-time)**

### COMMENCEMENT

**September**

# A Word from the Psychology Head of Department

“IMU’s Master of Clinical Psychology is an advanced education in the field of psychology to produce allied health professionals who are qualified to practice in the field of clinical psychology and related industries. This programme has been designed to deliver high standards of personalised, small group learning and cater for diverse opportunities of clinical exposure during students’ practicum placements, which is the hallmark of a good clinical psychology programme. Taught, supervised and mentored by experienced faculty of psychology educators and practitioners, our students will be equipped to complete this programme with confidence, compassion and competence to stand out in their future mental health industry careers.”

**DR SERENA IN**

Head of Department, Clinical Psychologist and Lecturer  
BSc (Hons) Psych (Upper Iowa),  
MClin Psych (HELP),  
PhD Psychology (Monash, Australia)

# How Does the Programme Work?

## PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

This programme comprises of compulsory, core, elective and practicum modules as listed below:

- Adult Psychopathology
- Child & Adolescent Psychopathology
- Psychological Assessment
- Psychotherapy 1
- Psychotherapy 2
- Clinical Neuropsychology
- Crisis Intervention & Addiction
- Intermediate Research Methods & Statistics
- Cultural Diversity, Ethics & Professionalism
- Research Project 1, 2 & 3
- Practicum 1, 2 & 3
- 3 Elective Modules

## ASSESSMENT

The IMU Master of Clinical Psychology programme employs both continuous and final assessments in assessing students.

Majority of the modules employ continuous assessment with a variety of assessment methods such as practical skills, reflective writing, critical review report, research proposal, case study analysis, self-assessment, etc. As for the final assessment, students will go through an examination which focuses on evaluating students' application of theoretical knowledge and ability to think critically.

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- A Bachelor's Degree of at least 3 years' duration in Psychology or its equivalent with minimum CGPA 2.75 out of 4.00;  
Note: A Bachelor's Degree in Psychology not meeting CGPA of 2.75 (but not lower than 2.5) may be considered subject to rigorous internal assessment by an independent review panel.
- Shortlisted applicants who meet the entry requirement will undergo an interview session. Shortlisted applicants must pass the interview carried out by members of the selection committee.
- Students who have any relevant work experience would have an added advantage.

# How Does the Programme Work?

## ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

### For International Students

1. IELTS : Band score 5.0; or
2. TOEFL (iBT) : Overall score of 42; or
3. Cambridge English : Advanced (CAE) : Overall score of 154; or
4. Cambridge English : Proficiency (CPE) : Overall score of 154; or
5. Cambridge Linguaskill : Overall score of 160; or
6. Pearson Test of English (PTE) : Overall score of 47;

The following categories of students are exempted from the above requirements:

1. International students from countries in which English is the first language.
2. International students who graduated from any Malaysian or other institutions where the curriculum is delivered in English.

## CAREER PATHWAY

Graduates of this programme are eligible to apply for registration with the Malaysian Allied Health Professions Council. Upon receiving approval from the council as a registered clinical psychologist, graduates can seek employment in a variety of work settings such as healthcare facilities (hospitals, clinics and psychological centres), private practice, academia, education, consulting firms, welfare, community agencies, and government departments. Graduates would also have the option to set up their own private psychological centre, training centre, social enterprise, or community centre.

# Learn from Our Experienced Lecturers



## DR SERENA IN

Head of Department,  
Clinical Psychologist and Lecturer  
BSc (Hons) Psych (Upper Iowa),  
MClin Psych (HELP),  
PhD Psychology (Monash, Australia)

Dr Serena In is a clinical psychologist, registered with the Malaysian Society of Clinical Psychology. She previously taught at Sunway University in the American Degree Transfer Programme and also in the AUSMAT programme at Sunway College from 2011-2015. She has more than a decade of clinical experience in providing psychological assessments and interventions for individuals, couples and families, dealing with depression, anxiety, grief, stress, pregnancy, postpartum challenges, parenting and relationship difficulties in private centres in Klang Valley. She was also previously Head of the Counselling Unit at CLM, a community-based organisation. She has supervised Masters-level counselling and clinical psychology interns for their external practicum since 2016. She is regularly invited to conduct mental health awareness talks in private corporations and community-based settings.



## CHERYL THAM SIN YI

Clinical Psychologist and Lecturer  
BPsych (Hons) (HELP University)  
PGCert Special Needs (The University  
of Nottingham)  
MClin Psych (HELP University)

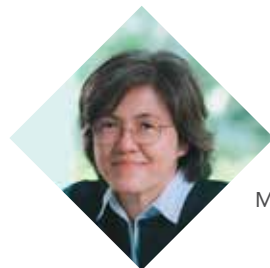
Cheryl Tham is a clinical psychologist. She is a registered Full Member of the Malaysian Society of Clinical Psychology (MSCP) and has also served as an Event Management Subcommittee Member of the society. She is also a Founding Member of the Kuala Lumpur Psychoanalytic Group. She currently teaches in the undergraduate psychology and postgraduate counselling programme at IMU. She has worked with individuals of various mental health conditions in the public and private healthcare settings as well as the community of refugees/asylum seekers in Malaysia. Her professional interests include the understanding of intergenerational trauma, identity formation and personality disorders from a psychoanalytic perspective, as well as its cultural and transcultural aspects.



## DR SHAMALA RAMASAMY

Senior Lecturer  
BSc (Hons), MA, PhD

Dr Shamala Ramasamy is a Senior Lecturer at the Psychology department, International Medical University. She is a member of the American Psychological Association and an international affiliate member of Society for Industrial & Organizational Psychology, US. She holds a PhD in Education, Masters in Industrial & Organizational Psychology from UKM. She has 23 years of working experience at various universities. She has secured a Fundamental Research Grant Scheme from the Ministry of Education as a primary investigator. Her research passion is in critical thinking, informal reasoning fallacy, industrial and organizational psychology and higher education field. She has published research articles in various journals and supervised many undergraduate and post-graduate students. Dr Shamala's social activism spans a wide spectrum from being as a Secretary at Rainbow Bridge NGO, a panel for the Best Interest Determination (BID) of UNHCR for refugee children and leads the CSR projects in IMU.



## DR TEOH GAI KIN

Senior Lecturer  
BA Psy (BGSU, USA), MA (LCS, USA),  
MCouns (UM), PhD Couns (UM), KB; PA

Dr Teoh is a Senior Lecturer in the Psychology Department at the International Medical University (IMU). She is a registered counsellor and practised as a counsellor since 2001 in NGOs. Her PhD research focused on marital strengths of long term married couples. Her postdoctoral research focused on building community partnerships. She has published articles, a book chapter and books in areas such as promoting active ageing, marriages, and community based participatory research.

# Why Study Clinical Psychology at IMU?

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## **An Established Private Healthcare University**

IMU is Malaysia's first and most established private medical and healthcare university with over 30 years of dedicated focus in healthcare education. IMU achieved the SETARA - 2018/2019 Tier 6 status (Outstanding) under the Mature University category.

2

## **Comprehensive Curriculum**

The curriculum is tailored in a comprehensive manner which prepares students to be competent in performing psychological assessment, diagnosis and various psychological intervention (for example, individual, couples and family therapy) catered to a population of diverse gender, age, cultural, ethnic and socioeconomic background.

3

## **Serving the Community**

To enhance the learning experience, students will be participating in IMU Cares Community projects related to mental health activities such as mental health screening, assessment, psychoeducation and other activities to promote mental wellness.

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## **Multidisciplinary Learning and Collaborative Practice**

To enhance students' competence in providing collaborative care to clients, students will work closely with different healthcare professionals in a multidisciplinary setting to co-manage cases and co-construct intervention plans

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## **Platform to Practice**

To enhance the practical learning experience, students will have the opportunity to practise in the IMU Psychology and Learning Centre and established centres with close supervision by qualified clinical psychologists and other relevant mental health professionals. This will provide students with an up-close experience to help clients in an integrated psychology and healthcare setting.

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## PROGRAMMES AT IMU

### Pre-University

#### Foundation in Science

KPT/JPT(R/010/3/0186)09/2023  
MQA/FA3974

### Undergraduate

#### Biomedical Science

KPT/JPT(R3/421/6/0011)12/2027  
MQA/A8230

#### Chinese Medicine

KPT/JPT(R2/721/6/0059)01/2027  
MQA/A10260

#### Chiropractic

KPT/JPT(R/726/6/0054)08/2026  
MQA/A9294

#### Dentistry

KPT/JPT(R3/724/6/0010)01/2030  
MQA/FA7026

#### Dietetics with Nutrition

KPT/JPT(R2/726/6/0021)09/2029  
MQA/A8176

#### Digital Health

KPT/JPT(N/482/6/0209)03/2028  
MQA/PSA14380

#### Medical Biotechnology

KPT/JPT(R2/545/6/0014)09/2027  
MQA/FA15505

#### Medicine

KPT/JPT(R2/721/6/0033)09/2026  
MQA/FA6155

#### Nutrition

KPT/JPT(R2/726/6/0011)06/2027  
MQA/FA1298

#### Nursing

KPT/JPT(R/723/6/0125)04/2027  
MQA/FA8944  
KPT/JPT(N-DL/0913/6/0001)09/2029  
MQA/PA14397

#### Pharmaceutical Chemistry

KPT/JPT(R3/442/6/0003)01/2028  
MQA/A8229

#### Pharmacy

KPT/JPT(R2/727/6/0050)09/2026  
MQA/FA8374

#### Psychology

KPT/JPT(R3/311/6/0013)09/2027  
MQA/A8177

### Postgraduate

#### Acupuncture (MSc)

KPT/JPT(R/721/7/0071)03/2027  
MQA/PA8570

#### Analytical & Pharmaceutical Chemistry (MSc)

KPT/JPT(R2-CDL/442/7/0001)01/2027  
KPT/JPT(N-DL/442/7/0022)02/2026  
MQA/FA1191

#### Business Administration in Healthcare Management (PG Cert/PG Dip/Master)

KPT/JPT(N/345/7/1082)9/2023  
MQA/PSA11354  
KPT/JPT(N/345/7/1090)12/2023  
MQA/PSA11355  
KPT/JPT(N/345/7/1085)10/2023  
MQA/PSA11353

#### Clinical Psychology (Master)

KPT/JPT(N/0313/7/0001)07/2027  
MQA/PSA15641

#### Counselling (Master)

KPT/JPT(N/762/7/0046)09/2026  
MQA/FA12002

#### Diabetes Management & Education (PG Dip)

KPT/JPT(R/726/7/0030)01/2028  
MQA/SWA9086

#### Endodontics (PG Dip)

KPT/JPT(N/724/7/0043)05/2024  
MQA/SWA12162

#### Health Informatics and Analytics (PG Cert/PG Dip/Master)

KPT/JPT(N/720/7/0131)09/2025  
MQA/PSA13973  
KPT/JPT(N/720/7/0130)09/2025  
MQA/PSA13972  
KPT/JPT(N/720/7/0129)09/2025  
MQA/PSA13974

#### Health Professions Education (PG Cert/PG Dip/Master)

KPT/JPT(R/145/7/0066)09/2025  
MQA/SWA05162  
KPT/JPT(R/145/7/0064)09/2025  
MQA/PA5163  
KPT/JPT(R/145/7/0070)09/2025  
MQA/SWA5164  
KPT/JPT(N-DL/145/7/0120)02/2026  
MQA/SWA05162

#### Implant Dentistry (PG Dip)

KPT/JPT(R/724/7/0019)06/2026  
MQA/SWA6111

#### Molecular Medicine (MSc)

KPT/JPT(R2/545/7/0078)07/2027  
MQA/FA1299  
KPT/JPT(N-DL/545/7/0101)09/2025  
MQA/SWA 11357

#### Pharmacy Practice (Master)

KPT/JPT(R/727/7/0051)03/2024  
MQA/SWA02796

#### Prosthodontics (PG Dip)

KPT/JPT(N/724/7/0042)05/2024  
MQA/PSA12163

#### Public Health (MSc)

KPT/JPT(R2/720/7/0077)09/2025  
MQA/A10261  
KPT/JPT(N-DL/720/7/0118)09/2023  
MQA/SWA11356

#### Medical & Health Sciences (MSc/PhD)

KPT/JPT(R2/720/7/0049)06/2026  
MQA/A10618  
KPT/JPT(R2/721/8/0043)01/2027  
MQA/A3767



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