

Clinical Internship arrangements for the academic year 2023-2024

From 2013/2014, students wishing to undertake a clinical internship in order to obtain the Psychodiagnostics Basic Registration ('Basisaantekening Psychodiagnostiek' – BAPD, see www.psynip.nl) and/or meet the entry requirements for the Healthcare Psychologist ('Gezondheidszorgpsycholoog') degree programme (see <http://www.vlogo.nl>) will only be able to do this within the Faculty of Psychology and Neuroscience **after graduation** from the Master's programme as a **non-degree seeking student**. The Dutch Association of Psychologists (NIP) and the LOGO Association ('Vereniging Landelijk Overleg Geestelijke gezondheidszorg Opleidingsinstellingen', or the Association for National Consultation on Educational Institutes for Mental Healthcare) have given permission for this arrangement. Students who want to receive the BAPD and/or LOGO declaration via Maastricht University need to finish the internship within nine months following graduation (for BAPD) or within one year following graduation (for LOGO)

The Psychopathology (PP) and Neuropsychology (NP) specialisation of the Master's and Research Master's are an exception to this rule. With the Psychopathology Research Master's programme the clinical internship is a standard part of the curriculum. With both Neuropsychology specialisations (Research Master and Master), you can choose the option of having the clinical internship as part of the programme. If you choose this option, the clinical internship is undertaken during the Master's programme, as it is a requirement for graduation, it is therefore possible (provided that all the requirements are met) to obtain the BAPD and/or meet the entry requirements for the Healthcare Psychologist programme during one of these specialisations.

As a non-degree seeking student, you pay €140,-- per ECTS. For a clinical internship of a minimum of 19 ECTS, the total cost would amount to €2.685,--. Under its alumni policy, the Faculty of Psychology and Neuroscience offers graduates of the Master's programmes the option to undertake the clinical internship at a reduced fee of €1.892, --. These amounts can be indexed annually.

If you have identified an institution, at which you wish to undertake a clinical internship as a non-degree seeking student, you must fill in the 'Request for Registration as a Non-Degree Seeking Student' application form (<https://www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/about-um/faculties/psychology-and-neuroscience/education/non-degree-seeking-students>).

The application for a clinical internship (the application form must be submitted at least one month prior to the start of the internship), supervision from the Faculty of Psychology and Neuroscience, and the writing of the case study reports for the BAPD and the clinical internship report can be found on Eleum /Ask Psychology+ (under 'Internships' > 'Clinical internship', 'BAPD')

Please note

If you have completed a Bachelor's degree in Psychology elsewhere or have completed a Bachelor's degree in different field, you are not automatically eligible for a BAPD or the LOGO declaration required to apply for the Healthcare Psychologist programme after having successfully completed a clinical internship. The Faculty of Psychology and Neuroscience is only accredited to issue these to students who have a Bachelor's in Psychology from Maastricht University, combined with a Master's qualification in Psychology from Maastricht University

with a clinical specialisation. If you have any questions about this, please contact Ieke Winkens (i.winkens@maastrichtuniversity.nl).

Frequently Asked Questions

→ I have found an internship placement, but I can only intern there one day a week. Will this enable me to meet the requirements for the LOGO declaration needed for the Healthcare Psychologist programme?

The requirements, that have been set by the Dutch Association of Psychologists and the LOGO Association, are that you must complete a clinical internship comprising a minimum of 520 hours in order to meet the entry requirements for the Healthcare Psychologist programme. If you are only able to intern one day a week, you will only be able to complete a maximum of 416 hours during the year following graduation.

→ I have completed my research internship, but I still need to resit a module (course) from the master's specialisation in period 2. Can I start with clinical internship in September anyway?

No, you can only start the clinical internship if you have completed the Master's programme with the exception of the options available in the Psychopathology and Neuropsychology specialisations, as mentioned above.

→ I will graduate on 31 August, but I will not be able to start a clinical internship until February and the institution wants me to intern for a minimum of nine months. This means I will not be able to meet the requirement of obtaining the BAPD within nine months, and the LOGO declaration required for the Healthcare Psychologist programme within one year after graduation.

In this case, you can ask the institution for permission to start diagnostics immediately as of February 1st, so that you will be able to complete the case studies for the BAPD qualification in May and to have these assessed so that we can issue the BAPD. You will then need to complete the rest of your internship hours and your clinical internship report in August. Your faculty supervisor will then be able to sign off on the internship, enabling us to issue the declaration stating that you meet the entry requirements for the Healthcare Psychologist programme. As agreed with the institution, you will continue interning there until you have completed the nine month period. Please note: You should check if you are insured in the period after you have submitted all the required coursework to Maastricht University and all components of the internship have been signed off, but you continue working at the institution at which you are undertaking your clinical internship.

→ I have obtained a Master's qualification from Maastricht University in one of the specialisations, which are not accredited for the BAPD and /or the Healthcare Psychologist statement. Is it possible for me to take the courses in a specialisation that is accredited, and then undertake a clinical internship after that?

In principle, this is possible. You can take the relevant Master's courses as a non-degree seeking student in the period from September to December. You will then be able to undertake the clinical

internship as a non-degree seeking student in January. Please note that in this case, you will be required to pay €1.892, -- twice.

→ I have been unable to find a clinical internship placement, what do I do now?

The Faculty of Psychology and Neuroscience is not responsible for arranging internship placements.

The internship specialisation coordinator will probably be able to suggest possible internship placements. But it is up to the internship institution itself to decide if and when to take someone on as an intern. The faculty has no saying in this.

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