

Dear prospective students in the Clinical Neuropsychology program,

We would like to welcome you to our program. In preparation for your enrollment in the Clinical Neuropsychology master program, we would like to provide you with a brief overview of the CNP master. As you may benefit from searching for an appropriate thesis and internship before the start of the program, we would like to give you some details about this process.

Content

The CNP master consists of **four mandatory courses**, which are taught consecutively throughout the year (1 course per block). Classes are mainly scheduled on Mondays and Tuesdays, and occasionally on Fridays. This allows you to concurrently work on your **thesis and internship** on the other days of the week, each of which will typically take you one semester to complete. We advise you to first complete your thesis and subsequently complete your internship. For the internship you can choose between a regular 10 ECTS internship or a clinical 20 ECTS internship. In case of the former, an additional 10 ECTS should be obtained via elective courses. In case of the clinical internship there is no need for electives; however, you may only start your internship in the second semester of your program (so when you start in September you can start no sooner than in February; when you start in February, you can start no sooner than in September).

Planning

We advise you to start searching for a thesis and internship position early on. Preferably you start your thesis at the start of your master program. If you have specific preferences for a topic or institution, you could already inquire whether positions are available before the first week of classes by contacting researchers or browsing websites of institutions for open vacancies. On the CNP master **Brightspace page**, further details and vacancies are available; you can already visit the page via:

<https://brightspace.universiteitleiden.nl/d21/le/discovery/view/course/69581>

(note: you are not enrolled when you are not subscribed in uSis; however, you can take a look at the Brightspace page as observer).

Most students experience some difficulty in finding an internship position. Especially the 20 ECTS clinical internships can be hard to find, so please allocate a few months to search for a position. Also, as most institutions will recruit interns a few months before the position starts, we advise you to start applying in September if you wish to start your internship in February. The aforementioned Brightspace page also provides further details about the internship process.

In short, what you could do before the start of your master program:

- decide on your preferences for thesis and internship
- search for a thesis position starting at the beginning of your master program
- start applying for internship positions starting from February (if you start in September) or September (if you start in February) onwards

Contact

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