Master’s specialisation
Clinical Neuropsychology

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# A quick overview

## Programme structure

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<td>Four mandatory courses</td>
<td>20 EC</td>
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## Degree

- MSc in Psychology

## Type of programme

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<td>Full time</td>
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## Starts in

- September
- February
Programme outline

September intake

- Sept-Jan semester I: Neurocognition (5 EC) → Diagnostics in Clinical Neuropsychology (5 EC) → Master’s thesis (20 EC)
- Feb-Aug semester II: Innovations in Clinical Neuropsychology (5 EC) → Intervention Strategies in Clinical Neuropsychology (5 EC) → Two elective courses* (not necessary if you do the 20 EC internship) (10 EC) → (Clinical) Internship (10 or 20 EC)

February intake

- Sept-Jan semester I: Neurocognition (5 EC) → Diagnostics in Clinical Neuropsychology (5 EC) → Two elective courses* (not necessary if you do the 20 EC internship) (10 EC) → (Clinical) Internship (10 or 20 EC)
Programme schedule - Sept start

September

Block 1
- Neurocognition: 5EC

Block 2
- Diagnostics: 5EC

Block 3
- Innovations: 5EC

Block 4
- Interventions: 5EC

Thesis (20EC)

February

Mandatory courses

Block 1
- Neurocognition: 5EC

Block 2
- Diagnostics: 5EC

Block 3
- Innovations: 5EC

Block 4
- Interventions: 5EC

Internship (10/20EC)

Electives in CNP

Methods in CNP: 5EC

Perspectives in Clin Neurosci: 5EC
Programme schedule - Feb start

**February**
- Block 3: Innovations: 5EC
- Block 4: Interventions: 5EC
- Thesis (20EC)

**September**
- Block 1: Neurocognition: 5EC
- Block 2: Diagnostics: 5EC
- Internship (10/20EC)

**Mandatory courses**
- Perspectives in Clin Neurosci: 5EC
- Methods in CNP: 5EC

**Electives in CNP**
- Methods in CNP: 5EC

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Mandatory courses

• Neurocognition
• Diagnostics in Clinical Neuropsychology
• Innovations in Clinical Neuropsychology
• Intervention Strategies in Clinical Neuropsychology
Electives

• Perspectives in Clinical Neuroscience
• Methods in Clinical Neuropsychological Research
• ... Electives offered by other master’s specialisations
Thesis (20 ECTS)

Tasks:

- Study the literature
- Develop a research question and research design (*proposal*)
- Statistically analyse the data →
- Write a *thesis*

**Data options:**

- Data collection (optional)
  - External parties sometimes call this a ‘research internship’.
- Existing database
- Existing database + Data collection for another project
- Meta-analysis
Thesis

Timeline

- You may start your thesis project at any time during the academic year
- Proposal; 4-6 weeks after your first day of the thesis project
- Final thesis; within 1 year after the start of your thesis project
Finding a thesis project

*Students are responsible for finding a thesis position*

Considerations:
- Field of interest; specific disorder or cognitive function?
- Location; willing to travel or not?
- Organisation; large UMC or smaller institute?

Where to look for positions?
- Brightspace; overview of research centers, open vacancies
- Websites of organisations you are interested in (check weekly)
- Your network (peers)
Internship

- Gaining experience in the work field
- Professional skills in a practical or research area
- Connect (clinical) skills with scientific knowledge or research
- Supervision by professionals
3 types of internships

10 EC Internship
• 280 hours (7 fulltime weeks)
• Clinical, research, ...

20 EC Clinical Practical Internship
• 560 hours (14 fulltime weeks)
• Neuropsychological examination
• Meeting NIP requirements

10 EC Internal Practical Internship
• Designed for international students (3-4 positions per year)
• Supervised by Chris Verhoeven (Health and Medical Psychology)
Finding a position

Start looking in time (hospitals, psychiatry, forensic institutes, specialised treatment centers (e.g., Autism Centre), nursing homes, rehabilitation centers)

- Vacancies Brightspace, websites, open applications (contact by phone!)
- List of previous internship organisations for available positions and/or inspiration
- Your network
Before the start of the programme

Sign up for courses
• When?
  - Course planning: *June and November*
  - Course enrolment: *July and December*
• Instructions on [student website](#) of Leiden University

Be present at the [Master’s Kick Off](#)
• We expect you to attend the kick off. More information will follow via email
We are looking forward to welcoming you at Leiden University!