APPENDIX H

Requirements for the Award of the Doctor of Psychology (Clinical Psychology)

The Doctor of Psychology (DPsyC) was revised in 2005 so that it complies with national guidelines for a Research higher degree.

The Doctor of Psychology will be awarded on successful completion of an approved program of coursework and practicums, and completion of a supervised research program on a topic that is consistent with the key research interests of the Academic unit and the Faculty.

The coursework component makes up one-third of the work load and the other two-thirds consists of the research component. The practicum components are integrated with the coursework to encourage the seamless transition from theory to practicum training.

Completion of this degree will equip students with the high level research skills required for a professional in psychology. Students will be involved in all aspects of an independent research program including a comprehensive review and critique of current literature, and the designing, conduction and reporting of one or more empirical studies. Together with other research components within the degree, the study will culminate in a doctoral thesis that constitutes a significant contribution to research or scholarship.

Research and coursework will be completed in parallel and the entire degree will be completed in four years of full-time study (or part-time equivalent).