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Dear Applicant

ADMISSION TO THE 2026 MASTERS PROGRAMME IN COUNSELLING PSYCHOLOGY

Thank you for your request for information regarding Masters studies in our Department.

Please note that application to the MA Counselling Psychology degree is a dual-process. You will need to submit a general application to the University's Admissions office as well as an application to the University's Psychology Department. The documents required for each application is different. Please see below.

Admissions Application

Applicants are requested to use the online application system - please visit the following website <https://www.mandela.ac.za/Study-at-Mandela/Application>.

Documents required:

- Certified copy of your ID
- Certified copy of matric certificate/school leaving results
- Certified copies of your Honours/Undergraduate degree certificate(s)
- Academic record(s) and certificate(s) of conduct from previous institutions (with English translations where required)
- Certified copy of marriage certificate (where applicable)
- SAQA certificate for qualifications obtained at a non-South-African institute (where applicable)

Department of Psychology Application (All documents to be mailed to macounspsychapp@mandela.ac.za)

- Referee reports (to be emailed by referee directly to macounspsychapp@mandela.ac.za)
- U24 (SP5)
- Autobiography information

Please ensure you have all documents ready to upload before starting this process.

Referee Reports:

Please ask 3 people of your choice to act as referees. Two of these should preferably be senior academic staff from a Department of Psychology. If this is not possible, consider using alternative sources for referees such as clinical supervisors that you have worked for on community projects. Friends, family and fellow students are not acceptable as referees. We request that the referees return the completed forms directly to macounspychapp@mandela.ac.za by the application closing date, which is **31 May 2025**. **Please note that the completion of these referee reports is VERY IMPORTANT.**

NO LATE OR INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED.

Your application for admission to the Masters programme will only be considered once all documents for both application processes (Admissions application and Psychology Department application) have been submitted.

Applicants who qualify for the short list will be eligible to take part in the selection programme which will take place at a later date during 2025. The Department will notify you whether you have been successful or not. Please note that **no personal feedback concerning the process or outcome will be given to applicants.**

General application guidelines

- Financial Assistance:

The financial cost involved in studying towards a Master's degree is considerable. Therefore, we would like to be of assistance to you in your application for a post-graduate bursary. The Research Capacity Development Department of the Nelson Mandela University and the National Research Foundation (NRF) offer bursaries towards Master's Studies in Psychology. Please note that there are closing dates to be adhered to, when applying for these bursaries.

If you are wanting to apply for a Nelson Mandela University postgraduate bursary, please follow the following link:

<http://researchscholarship.mandela.ac.za/?fbclid=IwAR1-tH6s08MUvdko2yOZIPKI9L3U0JcFGPXt4iRP61ilckedU08MM1seiWc>

For more information on NRF bursaries and application processes, please visit their website at www.nrf.ac.za **Please note that the NRF application process is electronic only.**

- Students from other tertiary institutions:

Submit a full academic record and certificate of conduct issued by the institution at which you were registered. This certificate should be available from your Student Records department.

- Students with special needs/disabilities:

The Mandela University strives to ensure that all campus facilities are accessible to students living with special needs/disabilities. For more information on accessibility and how your particular special need/disability can be accommodated, you are advised to contact the Disability Office at (041) 504-2562/2313/4756 or disability@mandela.ac.za as early as possible.

I trust we have given you some idea of what the Masters programme in Counselling Psychology is all about. Should you require any further information please contact Ms Maraule at telephone number (041) 504-2354 or email Ebonga.Maraule@mandela.ac.za or contact Ms L Currin at email Lisa.Currin@mandela.ac.za

Curriculum specific information can be found on our webpage – <http://psychology.mandela.ac.za/>

Once again thank you for your enquiry and we look forward to receiving your application.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. Currin', written in a cursive style.

MS L CURRIN

CHAIRPERSON: MA COUNSELLING PSYCHOLOGY SELECTION COMMITTEE