

Students of the two-year Research Master's program in Clinical Psychology of the Faculty of Psychology and Neuroscience, Maastricht University can do a clinical internship of 520 hours (approximately 13 fulltime weeks; <https://www.askpsy.nl/internship/clinical-internship>). It is possible to combine this clinical internship with the research internship in one institution (additionally ca. 840 hours; <https://www.askpsy.nl/internship/research-internship>). During their clinical internship the students are involved in a diversity of clinical activities, including assessment, treatment, and/or report writing. At the start of the clinical internship, learning goals are formulated. The clinical internship ends with a written clinical activities report (CAR; <https://www.askpsy.nl/internship/clinical-activities-report>). During the clinical internship, students also conduct a small-scale research project, culminating in a Minor's thesis (<https://www.askpsy.nl/internship/minor-thesis>).

Information Clinical Internship	
Place in curriculum	2nd year Period: anywhere between November and July.
Goals Internship/ Stage-doelen	<p>The aims of the clinical internship in the Research Master (RM) are twofold. Firstly, the internship provides an introduction to the organization and practice of mental health care, as well as basic experience in clinical diagnosis and therapeutic interventions. For this, students write a Clinical Activities Report at the end of the internship. Secondly, the internship is meant to provide experience in conducting research in a clinical setting. For this, students conduct a small-scale research project culminating in a Minor's thesis.</p> <p>The clinical internship thus includes performance of a small-scale clinical research project, in addition to clinical activities. The research activities and thesis (representing 5 European credits) should be accomplished in approximately 13 days, or about 1/5 of the minimally required clinical internship period of 13 weeks.</p> <p>If students choose to combine their clinical and their research internship at one institution, they additionally complete a larger research project, culminating in their Master's Thesis.</p>
Admission Criteria	<p>To start the clinical internship, students need to have obtained at least 60 ECTS, and the courses Advanced statistics I and II have to be completed.</p> <p>For the specialization Clinical Psychology, the following modules have to be completed successfully as well: Clinical Skills I-IV.</p>
Placement criteria	<p>The internship must be conducted within an institution that deals with disorders or disabilities in which cognitive, emotional, and/or behavioural problems play an important role. Diagnostic procedures and interventions (e.g., psychological treatments, neuropsychological training or psychoeducation) offered must</p>

	<p>be focused to a large extent on these problems. Note that these criteria do not limit you to adult mental health outpatient clinics or hospitals.</p> <p>Possibilities extend to health care settings for children, adolescents, adults, and the elderly, and to institutions ranging from somatic medicine, rehabilitation, mental health, forensic institutions, institutions for the mentally disabled, nursing homes, and others.</p>
Duration of Internship	13 weeks (560 hours), or spread out across 34 weeks (1400 hours) when combined with the research internship.
Credits/ETCS	<p>20 ECTS for the clinical internship including Minor's Thesis. 15 credits are given for the clinical internship (practical part) and Clinical Activities Report. 1 credit is awarded for the Minor's Thesis research proposal and 4 credits are awarded for the Minor's Thesis. The clinical internship entails 200 hours of psychological assessment practice and 320 hours of other clinical activities (intake, treatment, report writing, etc.).</p> <p>In a combined clinical and research internship, an additional 19 credits are given for the research internship, 1 credit for the Master's Thesis research proposal, and 10 credits for the Master's Thesis.</p>
Supervision and/or intervention UM	<p>Students will have two supervisors: the external internship supervisor and a second – Maastricht University (UM) faculty supervisor. (Note: For a combined research and clinical internship, both supervisors need to hold a PhD).</p> <p>The person who is responsible for guiding and evaluating the clinical aspects of the internship will usually be an employee of the institution and not a member of the UM faculty. This clinical supervisor is a qualified mental health care professional (preferably with an academic degree) who is responsible for some aspect of treatment offered by the internship institution, for example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a health care psychologist (GZ-Psycholoog) - clinical (neuro)psychologist (K(N)P) - psychiatrist - other physician, remedial education expert, mental health scientist (Geestelijk Gezondheidkundige) or social worker with advanced training in mental health care. <p>The task of the internship supervisor from the institution is to guide and monitor the student's clinical activities, and to facilitate the clinical research project. The supervisor from the Faculty advises the student concerning the execution and reporting of research for the minor's thesis (see appendix 3, article 2, Minor's Thesis) and is the contact person with the institution where the internship takes place.</p>

<p>Supervision and/or intervention clinical placement</p>	<p>Responsibilities of the external supervisor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Familiarizes the student with the host organization; • Provides advice, help and at least 1 hr of individual supervision per week; • Plans the clinical activities together with the student • Grades the clinical activities on the form that the student provides (clinical internship evaluation form). • Discusses options for Minor’s Thesis project, familiarizes student with data set (if applicable), or facilitates data collection internally. <p>The external supervisor is responsible for supervision during the internship and for providing grading on the clinical internship evaluation form. The UM clinical internship supervisor bears responsibility for grading and giving feedback on the Minor’s Thesis, as well as for grading the clinical activities report.</p>
<p>Responsibilities student</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensures that the relevant assessment forms are sent to the supervisors by the FPN Education office; • Complies with the guidelines described in the Handbook Writing Skills; • Formulates learning goals at the start of the clinical internship: What you will learn during the clinical internship depends on your own learning goals as well as the opportunities available at a given institution. These goals, and the activities that you will perform in order to achieve them, should be briefly outlined in your contract with the institution. Learning goals should be approved by your clinical UM supervisor. • Keeps track of and communicates the time lines for assessment of the CAR and clinical evaluation with supervisor. • Communicating with the institutional and the UM supervisor about feasible Minor’s Thesis research plans. • Working on the Minor’s Thesis independently and asking feedback when necessary
<p>Contracts</p>	<p>The FPN Education Office is responsible for setting up the contracts, based on the information provided in your application form. The internship administration officer will check whether you have met all course requirements to start your internship. The student and both supervisors must sign the internship contract and return it to the FPN Education Office within 2 weeks after the starting date of the of the internship. The contract is not valid until signed by the Clinical Psychology specialization internship coordinator, Dr. Nicole Geschwind.</p>
<p>Insurance</p>	<p>The host institution where the student conducts the clinical internship is responsible for arranging liability insurance for you. As the student will work under supervision and is not yet a licensed professional, no professional liability insurance is needed.</p>

	<p>In the event that the host institution failed to arrange the necessary insurance and something unforeseen happens, UM provides back-up liability insurance. The department of Treasury of the UM will have a mediating role.</p> <p>It is the students' own responsibility to arrange a liability insurance for the time they spend outside of the clinical work (private / off work). When students go abroad, they need to check if their policy covers them abroad as well. Needless to say, students need to take care of their own health care insurance as well.</p>
Evaluation Internship	<p>After completion, the clinical evaluation should be sent to the UM clinical internship supervisor by the external supervisor directly (i.e., it will not be given to the student). The UM supervisor will enter the grade for the internship based on this evaluation form and the CAR.</p>
BAPD-Testdiagnostics	<p>Some but not all institutions offer the option to get a BAPD or LOGO-GZ certificate. The certification of basic proficiency in assessment ("Basisaantekening psychodiagnostiek" or "BAPD") is issued by the Netherlands Institute of Psychology (Nederlands Instituut van Psychologen; NIP). It is a necessary (but not sufficient) prerequisite for post-academic professional training programs in the Netherlands. It is also important for obtaining clinical positions in mental health in the Netherlands, as institutions often will only hire psychologists that have this certificate. For graduating at UM, obtaining these certificates is not needed. Obtaining these certificates comes with extra requirements such as the three-cases-report. Several UM supervisors have been certified to judge the three-cases-report and determine whether it meets the NIP requirements. For details, see:</p> <p>https://www.askpsy.nl/internship/BAPD-and-GZ-option</p>
Contactperson clinical internship	<p>The institutional supervisor</p>
Forms	<p>For students: Apply via the Internship Application Form: https://dors-fpn.maastrichtuniversity.nl/</p>

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