
PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE IN YOUTH PSYCHIATRY

COURSE OUTLINE 2023



OVERVIEW

Developed by Orygen, a global leader in youth mental health, the Professional Certificate in Youth Psychiatry is the only fully online course in Australia and New Zealand designed specifically for psychiatry trainees who wish to specialise in youth mental health (YMH).

As a student, you will have access to expert knowledge and the latest theory, research and evidence-based approaches in the specialised and rapidly-evolving area of youth mental health.



COURSE AIMS

The course aims to provide graduates with the following learning outcomes:

- Apply best-practice engagement and clinical skills to optimise the therapeutic alliance
- Identify common factors and developmental issues contributing to mental ill-health in young people
- Understand and describe evidence-based approaches to prevention, early intervention and clinical care in YMH
- Understand and be sensitive to ethical and legal issues particular to YMH practice
- Conduct effective youth-friendly assessments and develop case formulations for young people experiencing mental ill-health
- Describe and explain cognitive-behavioural therapy and other contemporary psychosocial approaches to the treatment of mental ill-health in young people
- Describe a range of psychosocial interventions for working with young people and develop a treatment plan
- Describe the issues and principles of psychopharmacotherapy for young people

COURSE STRUCTURE

This course is a one year, graduate-level program designed for psychiatry trainees who have an interest in specialising in youth mental health. It will be delivered across two 12-week semesters, with a total time commitment of approximately 240 hours. The course is delivered fully online in order to allow students to easily access the content and work flexibly around other commitments. Lectures are

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delivered by experts in research and clinical practice in the field. The course is coordinated by experts in youth mental health who have joint appointments with Orygen and the University of Melbourne.

COURSE CONTENT

Students receive approximately 1-2 hours of lectures each week.

Week	Lecture Topic	Lecture Topic
1-2	Why youth mental health? The impact of mental ill-health on young people	Barriers and enablers in youth mental health
3-4	Aetiological models in youth mental health	Transdiagnostic approaches with young people
5-6	Ethical and legal considerations in youth mental health practice	Forensic issues in youth mental health
7-8	Therapeutic principles in youth mental health practice	Engaging young people in clinical practice
9-10	Youth mental health assessment frameworks	Self-harm and suicide risk assessment
11-12	Family needs assessment	Working with First Nations young people in Australia Working with Māori youth
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13-14	Working with young people with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder	Autism spectrum disorder in young people
15-16	Depression in young people	Social anxiety disorder in young people
17-18	Post-traumatic stress disorder	Personality disorder in young people
19-20	Eating disorders in young people	First episode psychosis in young people
21-22	Substance use and mental ill-health in young people	Cognitive behavioural therapy with young people
23-24	Principles of prescribing in youth mental health	Managing the impact of psychopharmacology on physical and sexual health

ASSESSMENT TASKS

The assessment requirements for this program have been designed to support students' skills development in youth mental health and aim to ensure students achieve key learning objectives of the program, whilst allowing for meaningful and deep engagement with the content.

Overview of assessment tasks

Task	Length
Weekly quiz	4 - 5 multiple choice questions per week
Graded discussion board	3000 words (250 words per post, with 12 required across the year)
Assessment, case formulation, treatment plan and reflection	1500 - 2000 words
Critical literature review	2000 words

KEY DATES

Date	Activity
17 th April 2023	First semester commences (Weeks 1-12)
15 th May 2023	Census date (withdraw by this date to avoid incurring a fee)
9 th July 2023	First semester concludes
16 th July 2023	Semester 1 assignments are due (Assessment, Case Formulation, & Treatment Plan; Quizzes for weeks 1-12; Discussion Posts for weeks 1-12)
28 th August 2023	Second semester commences (Weeks 13-24)
19 th November 2023	Second semester concludes
26 th November 2023	Semester 2 assignments are due (Critical Literature Review; Quizzes for weeks 13-24; Discussion Posts for weeks 13-24)

MATERIALS PROVIDED

You will also have access to the following via Orygen's online LMS (learning management system).

- Lectures for viewing
- Lecture slides for download
- Required reading materials
- Optional extra learning resources

ONLINE LEARNING AND ASSESSMENT

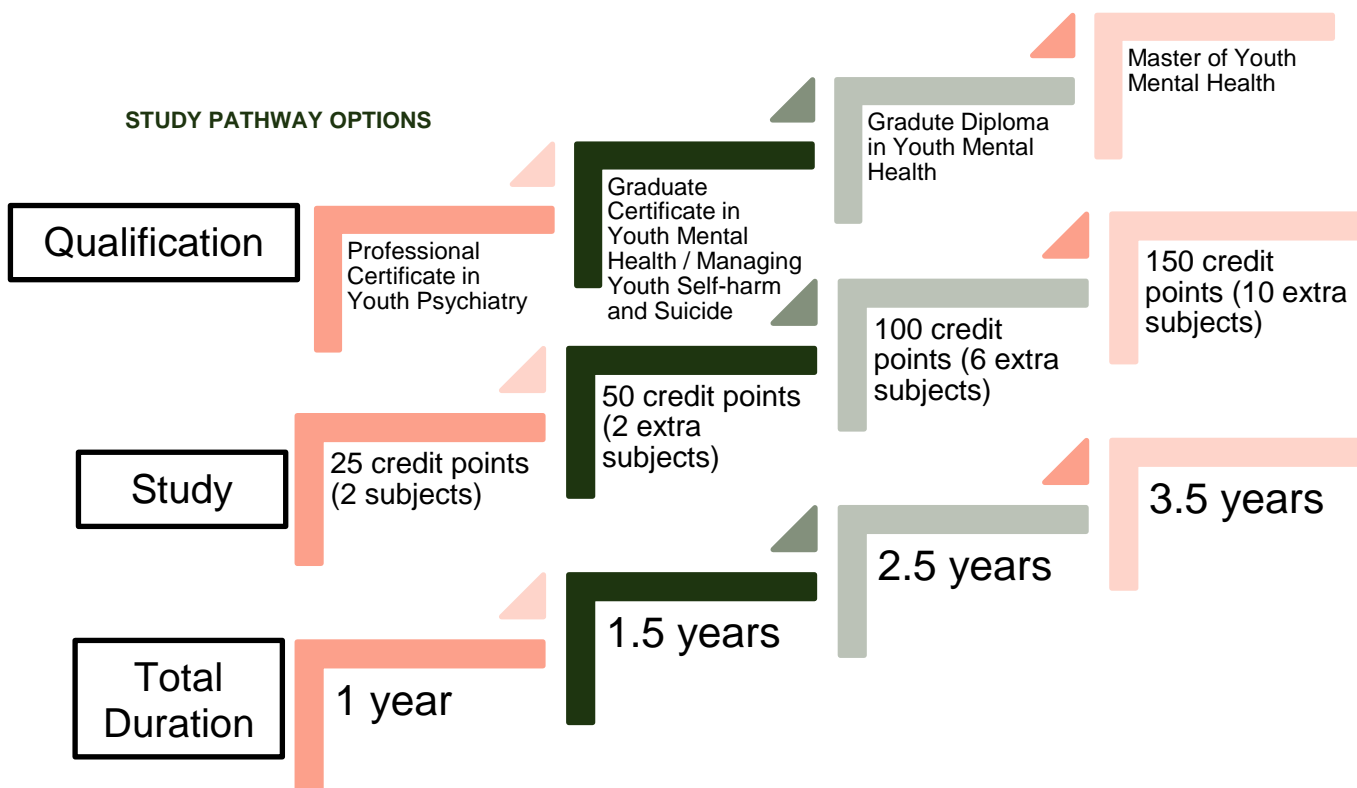
It is strongly recommended that you take a week-by-week approach to your study in this course. Start by watching the lecture for the week. Following the lecture, complete the weekly quiz. Work through each week's required readings. Please refer to the assessment guidelines document for detailed guidance regarding assessment requirements.

FURTHER QUALIFICATIONS

Participants will be able to exit this course with a Professional Certificate in Youth Psychiatry. Under recognition for prior learning arrangements with the University of Melbourne, completing this certificate will be recognised as the equivalent of 25 credit points (or two university graduate level subjects). This advanced standing can be used to substitute the first two subjects in any of the following qualifications at the University of Melbourne, if you enrol within four years of graduating from this course.

- Master of Youth Mental Health
(<https://study.unimelb.edu.au/find/courses/graduate/master-of-youth-mental-health/>)
- Graduate Diploma in Youth Mental Health
(<https://study.unimelb.edu.au/find/courses/graduate/graduate-diploma-in-youth-mental-health/>)
- Graduate Certificate in Youth Mental Health
(<https://study.unimelb.edu.au/find/courses/graduate/graduate-certificate-in-youth-mental-health/>)
- Graduate Certificate in Managing Youth Self-harm and Suicide
(<https://study.unimelb.edu.au/find/courses/graduate/graduate-certificate-in-managing-youth-self-harm-and-suicide/>)

These courses follow a nested structure outlined below, offering students the opportunity to pursue the amount of study that best suits their career development.



ASSISTANCE OR SUPPORT AVAILABLE FROM THE ACADEMIC STAFF

The course coordinator will provide support that includes:

- Moderating online discussions if necessary
- Answering general enquires regarding the course materials or teaching procedures
- Assistance with clarifying assessment requirements
- Assistance with accessing additional reading materials

You are also welcome to contact the course coordinators at any time to provide feedback on materials provided to you.



CONTACTING OTHER STUDENTS

The General Discussion Forum will remain open for the duration of the course. This is the best way to communicate with your fellow students.

CONTACTING THE COURSE STAFF

The easiest way to contact the course coordinators is by e-mail on youthpsychiatry@orygen.org.au

FEES

The 2023 fee for the Professional Certificate is \$3000 AUD (including GST).

ENROLMENT

To enrol, please complete the [Professional Certificate in Youth Psychiatry](#) application form. Successful applicants will be emailed further instructions for payment of course fees. Full payment is required prior to commencement of the course. **Please note that applications close 19th March 2023.**

FURTHER INFORMATION

Please contact us at youthpsychiatry@orygen.org.au if you have any questions.