



## Master of Psychotherapy (MAP)

### Document Checklist: Admission Requirements and Instructions

#### Stage 1: Submit your application through the Application Portal.

- ☐ **Official Transcript:** An official transcript must be sent directly to the Graduate Admissions Office by the issuing institution or a recognized credential evaluation service (e.g., World Education Services – WES).
  - Email to: [graduateadmissions@algonau.ca](mailto:graduateadmissions@algonau.ca)
  - Attention: Graduate Admissions and Support Specialist

#### Academic Requirement:

- ☐ A four-year undergraduate degree from an accredited institution in psychology or a related field (e.g., social work, health sciences, or other programs with foundations in social and biological sciences).
- ☐ A minimum cumulative grade point average of B+ (77-79%) or equivalent in the final two years of study.

**Applicants who do not meet the academic requirement above may still apply if they** have a three-year undergraduate degree in psychology from an accredited institution, or a degree in a non-related discipline (e.g., Political Science), and one of the following:

- ☐ the equivalent of three (3) years of full-time work experience in the health or human services fields;
- ☐ relevant post-undergraduate training in mental health or a health-related field;
- ☐ self-identify as First Nation, Métis or Inuit.

**If admitted, any required prerequisite courses not yet completed must be taken in the spring term before the start of the program.**

- These courses will be offered online asynchronously in advance to ensure students are prepared for graduate-level study.
  - Introduction to Psychology (Individual and Social Bases of Behaviour) (PSYC1107)
  - Psychopathology I (PSYC3606)

- ☐ **English Language Requirements:** Non-native English speakers must demonstrate proficiency through one of the following:
  - Duolingo English Test (DET): Overall 130



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- IELTS Academic (including IELTS Online): 7.0 overall, with no band below 6.5
- TOEFL: 94 (Computer or Home Edition)
- Pearson Test of English (PTE Academic & PTE Academic Online): 67

\*Note that specific score thresholds align with institutional graduate program requirements. An English language test may be requested from any applicant.

☐ **Resume:** Submit your resume in PDF format, including the following headings.

- Name and address
- Education including all degrees and academic qualifications with dates of completion or expected completion
- Paid experience
- Unpaid experience (e.g., practicums, internships)
- Volunteer or community work
- Scholarly work (if applicable)

☐ **Personal Statement:** Your Personal Statement is a crucial part of your application. It is your opportunity to tell us about your journey, motivations, and why you aspire to a career in psychotherapy with our program.

• **Please follow these guidelines:**

- ☐ Length: Maximum of two (2) pages (1000 words)
- ☐ Format: Single-spaced, 12-point font
- ☐ File Type: PDF

• **Please address the following areas:**

- ☐ Describe a key insight, interest, or motivation about yourself and how it influences your desire to become a psychotherapist.
- ☐ Explain why you believe you are a good fit for this program.
- ☐ Tell us why you chose Algoma University Master of Psychotherapy program.

☐ **Two (2) Letters of Recommendation**

- Provide the name, institution or organization, and email address of each referee. Algoma University will contact your references directly to request a letter of reference.



## **Response Time for Stage 1**

After applying, please allow 6 to 8 weeks for a response from the MAP Admissions Coordinator. The response letter will indicate whether your application is moving forward to Stage 2 of the admissions process or if admission is denied.

**\*Notes:**

- Due to high application volume and to ensure a fair process, no updates or partial decisions will be provided. Please refer to the response times above.
- Applications must be complete and meet all requirements to be considered.
- This is a limited enrollment program, meeting minimum criteria does not guarantee admission.
- Admission is competitive and based on the overall merit of the application.
- Admissions decisions are final and are not subject to appeal.