

## Bachelor of Applied Science (Psychology)

The Bachelor of Applied Science (Psychology) will give you an understanding of the science of human behaviour and what happens in people's minds to influence their behaviour. This includes how people think, remember and feel; what drives motivation and how personality is defined. Successful completion of this degree may enable you to enter graduate and postgraduate training in psychology. A postgraduate qualification is the minimum level of qualification needed for you to enter the psychology profession.

### Qualification code OP701026

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| <b>Level &gt; 7</b>      | <b>Credits &gt; 360</b>                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Workload &gt;</b>     | Allow 10-12 hours of study per credit. Your workload may be higher around assessment due dates.                                                                   |
| <b>Study type &gt;</b>   | Trimester.                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Cost &gt;</b>         | See the qualification page on the website.                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Student loan &gt;</b> | You can get a student loan for this qualification if you meet the criteria. Visit <a href="https://studylink.govt.nz">studylink.govt.nz</a> for more information. |

### Career Opportunities

This qualification will prepare you for a broad variety of careers in the public and private sectors such as health, business and research.

### How to apply

Go to the choose courses tab on the qualification page on our website. If you're enrolling in this qualification for the first time select, 72140 Business Communication and click add to enrolment plan. You'll be taken through our step-by-step enrolment process, which you can save and exit from at any time.



### Qualification structure

This programme is made up of 18 courses of 20 credits each. A maximum of eight courses can be at Level 5 and a minimum of four courses need to be Level 7. Your programme of study will need to meet the core, major and elective requirements of the qualification. If you complete 73326 Personality and Individual Differences and 73325 Psychological Assessment, you may be considered for the New Zealand Council for Educational Research (NZCER) test user registration, which may give access to mental health and behavioural tests used in specialised fields.

We recommend that you complete Level 5 courses, followed by Level 6 courses before moving onto Level 7. Visit the qualification page on our website to check course availability and prerequisites before applying to enrol.

**Note:** If you enrolled in this programme prior to Trimester 1, 2016, you can complete it under the regulations that existed at the time of your enrolment.

| Course Code                                                                                                     | Course Name                         | Level |
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| CORE GROUP - COMPLETE ALL COURSES FROM THIS GROUP. WE RECOMMEND THAT YOU COMPLETE 73196 AND 72160 BEFORE 73195. |                                     |       |
| 72140                                                                                                           | Business Communication              | 5     |
| 72142                                                                                                           | Accessing Information               | 5     |
| 72160                                                                                                           | Statistical Analysis                | 5     |
| 73196                                                                                                           | Social and Individual Psychology    | 5     |
| 73195                                                                                                           | General and Applied Psychology      | 5     |
| 73213                                                                                                           | Research Methods and Interpretation | 6     |
| 73329                                                                                                           | Research Methods and Analysis       | 7     |
| GROUP ONE - CHOOSE SIX COURSES WITH AT LEAST TWO AT LEVEL 7                                                     |                                     |       |
| 73202                                                                                                           | Social Psychology                   | 6     |
| 73211                                                                                                           | Brain and Behaviour                 | 6     |

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| 73212 | Thought, Memory and Language                  | 6 |
| 73224 | Behaviour Modification                        | 6 |
| 73225 | Te Hauora Hinengaro                           | 6 |
| 73322 | Child and Adolescent Psychology               | 7 |
| 73323 | Child and Adolescent Developmental Psychology | 7 |
| 73324 | Organisational Psychology                     | 7 |
| 73325 | Psychological Assessment                      | 7 |
| 73326 | Personality and Individual Differences        | 7 |
| 73327 | Adult Psychopathology                         | 7 |

#### RECOMMENDED ELECTIVES

Choose courses to make up the credits required to complete this qualification. More elective options can be found on the qualification page on our website under the enrol in courses tab.

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| 71130 | Organisations and Management                          | 5 |
| 71245 | Organisational Behaviour                              | 6 |
| 72141 | Academic Writing                                      | 5 |
| 72253 | Organisational Communication                          | 6 |
| 73130 | Relationship and Communication Management             | 5 |
| 73131 | Psychology of Grief                                   | 5 |
| 73132 | Psychology of Stress                                  | 5 |
| 73197 | Counselling Theory                                    | 5 |
| 73198 | Human Development                                     | 5 |
| 73221 | Child and Adolescent Issues                           | 6 |
| 73223 | Understanding Mental Health                           | 6 |
| 73328 | Mental Health and Addiction Studies: Treatment Issues | 7 |
| 74342 | Research Paper                                        | 7 |
| 74347 | Practicum                                             | 7 |

## Entry requirements

To enrol in this programme you need to have one of the following:

- New Zealand University Entrance (Visit [nzqa.govt.nz](https://nzqa.govt.nz) for details), or
- Hold a New Zealand certificate or Diploma qualification considered appropriate by the programme leader, or equivalent.

## 20 years old or over

If you are 20 years of age or over and do not hold the minimum entry requirements you will be eligible to be enrolled where your previous educational, work or life experience indicates you have a reasonable likelihood of success.

## English language requirements

International students must also have an IELTS (Academic) score of 6.0 with no band score lower than 5.5, or equivalent.

Domestic students for whom English or Māori is not their first language must also have an IELTS (Academic) score of 6.0 with no band score lower than 5.5, or equivalent.

Visit [openpolytechnic.ac.nz/englishlanguage](https://openpolytechnic.ac.nz/englishlanguage) to view our English language criteria.

## What you will learn

- the fields and sub-fields within psychology and how and why these relate to specific careers
- paths and employment areas within Aotearoa New Zealand
- how to apply and evaluate scientific research methodologies and analysis used in psychology
- how to identify and demonstrate ethical behaviour in research and professional practice
- Aotearoa New Zealand's uniquely bicultural context based on the Treaty partnership with Māori, as tangata whenua, and know when and why Treaty principles should be applied
- how to understand and apply the practice of psychology within an Aotearoa New Zealand context
- the importance of respecting cultural diversity and how to apply this knowledge in interactions with people
- how to explain and evaluate behaviour from multiple perspectives in a variety of settings
- how to develop and evaluate insight into yours and other people's behaviour and mental processes
- how to use psychological principles to work effectively as part of a team and independently
- how to use logical and innovative thinking to produce evidence-based solutions
- how to communicate clearly and effectively across a variety of formats and contexts
- how to find and critically evaluate information.

## Computer and online access

This programme is delivered 100% online. To complete this programme you will need access to a laptop or desktop computer, reliable broadband internet connection and a data plan able to support online learning such as streaming of videos (including YouTube), downloading content, and writing and submitting online assessments. If you are unsure if your current computer or internet access allows you to complete your online learning with us, please contact us before applying to enrol.

Visit [openpolytechnic.ac.nz/online](https://openpolytechnic.ac.nz/online) to view our online learning and study tools.

## International students and domestic students living overseas

You can study this programme part-time if you are an international student living in New Zealand or overseas. If you are living in New Zealand you will need to be in paid employment with a valid work permit.

You can also study this programme if you are a New Zealand citizen living overseas.

Visit [openpolytechnic.ac.nz/internationalstudent](https://openpolytechnic.ac.nz/internationalstudent) for more information about the special conditions and fees that you'll need to meet.

## Study pathways

We also offer psychology diplomas that you can achieve on your way towards a Bachelor of Applied Science (Psychology). Visit the psychology subject area on our website for information.