

New Zealand Diploma in Psychology (Level 5)

In order to understand ourselves and interact with others, we must first understand the basis for behaviour. The study of psychology provides students with an understanding of why people think and act as they do. If you are interested in a deeper understanding of the human condition, the New Zealand Diploma in Psychology (Level 5) may be the right qualification for you. You'll gain research, analysis, synthesis, and evaluation skills that are essential for any career, and gain valuable insights into the dynamic field of behavioural science.

Graduates will possess a broad understanding of modern psychology following the completion of the Diploma.

Qualification code NZ3515

Level > 5

Credits > 120

Workload >

Allow 10-12 hours of study per course per week. Your workload may be higher around assessment due dates

Study type >

Trimester

Cost >

See the qualification page on the website

Student loan >

You can get a student loan for this qualification if you meet the criteria. Visit studylink.govt.nz for more information.

Career Opportunities

This qualification will prepare you to work in any industry that involves interaction with people. This may include human resources, student services, marketing, community work, and more.



How to apply

Go to the choose courses tab on the qualification page on our website. 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 six courses. All courses are 20 credits. We recommend all students to complete courses in the following order:

Visit the qualification page on our website to check course availability and prerequisites before applying to enrol.

Course Code	Course Name	Level
73132	Psychology of Stress	5
73198	Human Development	5
73196	Social & Individual Psychology	5
73197	Counselling Theory	5
73195	General & Applied Psychology	5
72160	Statistical Analysis	5

What you will learn

When you achieve this qualification you will know how to:

- use psychological principles when interacting with people for the benefit of the group and individuals
- evaluate social, educational and workplace situations, whilst considering behavioural, social, and cultural factors that affect these situations, including those unique bicultural factors relevant to Aotearoa New Zealand contexts
- differentiate the fields and sub-fields within psychology and know how and why these relate to specific psychology-related career paths and employment areas within Aotearoa New Zealand
- apply scientific analysis to individual, social and group interactions to identify interconnecting factors that may underlie complex situations.

Entry requirements

To enrol in this programme you need to have NCEA Level 3.

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.

Computer and online access

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 to view our online learning and study tools.

Textbooks

You will need to purchase textbooks for some courses at an additional cost to your course fees. You can find more information about the textbooks you might need at openpolytechnic.ac.nz/currentstudents/manage-your-studies/textbooks

English language requirements

International students must also have an IELTS (Academic) score of 5.5 with no band score lower than 5.0, or equivalent.

Domestic students for whom English or Māori is not their first language must also have an IELTS (Academic) score of 5.5 with no band score lower than 5.0, or equivalent.

Visit openpolytechnic.ac.nz/englishlanguage to view our English language criteria.

International students and domestic students living overseas

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

Visit openpolytechnic.ac.nz/internationalstudent for more information about the special conditions and fees.