# HIGHER DIPLOMA IN PSYCHOLOGY

## Overview

**NFQ Level 8, Major Award**

The Higher Diploma in Psychology is a full-time programme running over two academic years from the date of first registration for the programme.

## Programme Requirements

For information about modules, module choice, options and credit weightings, please go to Programme Requirements (p. 1).

## Programme Requirements

| Code | Title | Credits |
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| **Year 1** | | |
| Students take **60** credits as follows: | | |
| *Core Modules* | | |
| AP2041 | Critical Skills for Applied Psychologists | 5 |
| AP2042 | Introduction to Clinical Psychology | 5 |
| AP2043 | Biological Psychology II | 5 |
| AP2044 | Applied Cognition | 5 |
| AP2045 | Psychology of Childhood and Adolescence | 5 |
| AP2046 | Research Design and Statistical Analyses II | 5 |
| AP2047 | Social and Organisational Psychology | 5 |
| AP2048 | Psychology and Everyday Life | 5 |
| AP2049 | Applied Developmental Psychology: The Psychology of Aging | 5 |
| AP2050 | Research Methods in Psychology II | 15 |
| **Year 2** | | |
| Students take **60** credits as follows – all listed core modules (**45** credits) and **15** credits of elective modules: | | |
| *Core Modules* | | |
| AP3112 | Conceptual and Historical Issues | 5 |
| AP3116 | Applied Psychology Seminars | 5 |
| AP3117 | Research Project | 20 |
| AP3118 | Psychological Measurement | 5 |
| AP3119 | Psychological Therapies | 5 |
| AP3120 | Personal and Career Development | 5 |
| *Elective Modules* | | |
| Students take modules to the value **15** credits from the following: | | 15 |
| AN4009 | Behavioural and Cognitive Neuroscience (5) | |
| AN4012 | Medical Imaging and Biomedical Devices in the Neurosciences (5) | |
| AP3121 | Forensic Psychology (5) | |
| AP3122 | Special Educational Needs: Aetiology, Assessment and Intervention (5) | |
| AP3123 | Positive Psychology (5) | |
| AP3125 | Cognitive Psychology: New Perspectives (5) | |
| AP3126 | Health Psychology: Models and Applications (5) | |
| **Total Credits** | | **120** |

## Programme Learning Outcomes

**Programme Learning Outcomes for Higher Diploma in Psychology (NFQ Level 8, Major Award)**

On successful completion of this programme, students should be able to:

- Demonstrate both knowledge and understanding in the core components of psychology;
- Exhibit the ability to write in an appropriate academic style;
- Demonstrate an appreciation of different research methodologies;
- Design and execute a piece of research in the area of psychology.