

- **Overview**

Our 100% online and part-time Certificate of Higher Education (CertHE) in Psychology course introduces students to both subject-specific knowledge and transferable skills.

This short course introduces the scientific understanding of the mind, brain, behaviour and experience. You'll also be presented with different perspectives, promoting an appreciation of the real-life applications of psychology. Emphasis will also be placed on the role of empirical evidence in the development and critique of psychological theory, and how this influences the future of research in the discipline.

After this CertHE Psychology course, you'll have an appreciation of the scientific and theoretical underpinnings of psychology including its historical origins, progression and limitations. You'll also develop an awareness of the variability and diversity of psychological functioning and its significance. Finally, CertHE students will also be able to recognise a range of influences on psychological functioning and how these are conceptualised across three core discipline areas (social psychology, cognitive psychology, and personality and intelligence).

With an indicative study duration of just 16 months, this programme can be completed as a stand-alone qualification or used as a stepping stone towards our full BSc (Hons) Psychology degree.

Please note: This course is not accredited with the British Psychological Society (BPS).

* The start date and details of this course are still subject to University approval. In the event that approval is not granted by your course start date, an alternative date will be offered or a full refund given. If we need to make changes to this programme as part of the University of Essex validation process, we will communicate these to you at the earliest possible date.

- **Course structure**

The CertHE Psychology is made up of the following modules and, upon completion, is equal to a total of 120 credits.

- **Level 4 modules:**

Fundamentals of Effective Learning in Psychology (15 credits) *
Introduction to Social Psychology (15 credits) *
Introduction to Cognitive Psychology (15 credits) *
Personality and Intelligence (15 credits) *
The Psychology of Attitudes (15 credits) *
Mental Health, Stress and Wellbeing (15 credits) *
Introduction to Research Methods (30 credits) *

Upon completion of your CertHE Business and Management, we offer the opportunity for you to progress on to study for a full Bachelors degree (360 credits).

*** These modules are core and must be passed in order to achieve the award**

- **Course Duration:** 16 Months

- **Mode:** Online

- **Entry requirements**

We believe that education should be accessible for everyone, so we offer an Open Entry Route that means you do not need any previous academic qualifications to start our CertHE Psychology course.

You will be allowed to start the CertHE Psychology course and make an assessment of whether it is right for you during the first three weeks. You must pass your first assignment set during this time in order to continue with your studies.

If English is not your first language, your English ability should be equivalent to an IELTS (Academic) score of 6.0. If you do not hold an IELTS or equivalent qualification, we require students to pass a free online English test.

You don't need to prove your knowledge of English if you're a national of, or if you have completed a qualification equivalent to a UK degree in, any of these countries.

- **Assessment**

We adopt an assignment-based approach to assessment instead of exams.

You are always aware of your current provisional grade right from the start of the programme, allowing you to evaluate the success of your current study methods and clearly identify areas to improve.

We believe that this transparency gives you the information you need to make the most of your course. We achieve this by:

- showing your marks clearly in your gradebook, which can be viewed whenever you log onto the learning platform
- the rapid turnaround of work assessed to ensure that your gradebook is always up to date
- assessing your work throughout the module rather than waiting for end of year exams
- ensuring you have regular contact with your Student Adviser
- the simplicity and transparency in the design of our assessment criteria

We also have a policy of ensuring that work submitted by students is authentic. As well as the fact that all work is frequently assessed, we use a well-established electronic monitoring system to check for plagiarism.