



Certificate in Psychology

with Childhood Studies

Course Overview

Psychology is the study of the human mind and behaviour, covering almost every aspect of human experience, from the development of language, thought and a sense of identity, to how we make sense of everyday life.

Psychology also investigates differences between people, including personality; gender differences; the effects of brain damage; and the nature of mental illness.

Studying Psychology with Childhood Studies can enhance your understanding of children's development & learning, and the many factors that influence the healthy development of each child. You will be introduced to a range of theories, activities & exercises to support children's positive development & learning.

Course Structure

The Certificate is a 3 to 5 year part-time time study programme. You can take up to 5 years after registering to complete the Certificate. You must complete 12 ten-credit modules, made up of 7 core modules & your own choice of 5 further modules from the programme. On completion of all 12 modules (120 credits) you will receive a Certificate of Higher Education in Psychology with Childhood Studies, equivalent to the first year of a full time degree (NVQ Level 4).

Core Modules	Further Module Options	Futher Module Options
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Foundations of Psychology ● Brain & Behaviour ● The Developing Child ● Social Psychology ● Understanding Children's Behaviour ● The Psychology of Play ● Learning in the Early Years 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Education for All ● Play for Emotional Intelligence ● Supporting Young Children Reading ● Psychology of Individual Difference ● Mind & Body ● Psychology & Addiction 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Forensic Psychology ● Skills for Counselling ● Further Counselling Skills ● Dealing with Conflict ● Working with Groups ● Supporting Effective Parenting ● Study Skills ● Research in Psychology

Course Progression

The Certificate is a qualification in its own right, but you can also use it to progress to Year 2 of the full time BA Hons Degree in Childhood Studies at Aberystwyth University (subject to a you completing a successful interview for the degree programme).

Whether you are studying for personal or professional development, or for your own interest, the Certificate offers:

- quality part time Higher Education in the community
- courses open to all learners
- day, evening, weekend and flexible study
- a cost effective way to gain a qualification from a respected university
- a pathway to further study

Career Development

Gaining the Certificate demonstrates to employers or training providers that you:

- can understand & support children's development & learning
- have a good foundational knowledge of the subject area
- are able to study successfully at degree level
- have gained transferable skills such as communication, self management, research skills, critical thinking

For successful & suitable students: an academic reference of your abilities & suitability for any new employment you may choose to undertake may be available. This academic reference will support you in your job application process & career development.

Assessment

There are no exams. Instead, assessment tasks are a natural part of the learning process which help you to research issues, practise skills and discuss ideas taught on the course.

Assessment tasks might include:

- taking part in a class discussion
- using observations or case studies to apply what you have learned on the course
- preparing a report reflecting on your own work or experience

Don't worry if you have not studied for some time. The study skills module will help build your skills in writing, critical reading, time management and organisation.