

Health Psychology

MSc (Online)



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Essential Information

Location

Online learning

Duration

Two to three years part-time

Start dates

September or February

Entry requirements

You will normally have or expect to obtain at least a 2:1 undergraduate degree in psychology or a related subject.

Entry requirements for EU/International students

As above (or the equivalent international qualifications). If your first language is not English, you'll need to hold IELTS 6.5 or higher.

If your degree is not accredited by the British Psychological Society or is accredited by a different association, you can apply independently to the BPS to see if your degree can be recognised. You may need to complete our MSc Psychology Conversion course first before you can continue with the MSc Health Psychology. Contact us for more information.

Suitable for applicants from



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The course aims to

- Offer the first stage of practitioner training towards becoming a registered health psychologist (BPS accredited route only).
- Provide you with the knowledge base that is required for the academic component of the route to becoming a registered health psychologist.
- Provide you with the professional skills to work within multi-professional health care contexts.

About the course

Accredited by the British Psychological Society (BPS), this course provides you with stage one training and is a prerequisite for stage two training towards becoming a Chartered Member of the BPS (CPsychol) and a Registered Health Psychologist with the Health Care and Professions Council (HCPC).

Our MSc Health Psychology curriculum meets the BPS requirements for stage one Health Psychology masters programmes. As such, you will develop an in-depth knowledge and understanding of the discipline informed by current scholarship and research, including a critical awareness of current issues and developments in health psychology.

You'll be taught by a dedicated team with expert knowledge of health psychology theory, practice and research. As part of the course you'll undertake your own research project, specialising in an area of health psychology that particularly interests you and that is relevant to your career aspirations.

Our MSc Health Psychology combines research led teaching with an innovative portfolio of assessments to ensure you develop both the knowledge and transferable skills necessary for progression towards stage two training or to go directly into employment. Our focus on professional skills is a key feature of the course. Health psychology graduates work in a range of settings across health services, industry, voluntary, and academic settings in the

application of psychology to aspects of health, illness and health care.

Our online tutors have both practical and research experience in health psychology while being specialists in online learning, ensuring you have a valuable and stimulating learning experience. You'll also benefit from support and guidance from a personal online learner advisor who will remain a key contact throughout the course for all non-academic issues.

Online learning gives you the flexibility to study alongside your career in a structured and supported environment, without the need to attend any lectures on campus. All of your learning resources are available via a bespoke learning portal and virtual learning environment (VLE), allowing you to choose the best time and place to study, whether at home, in the office or on the move.

Assessment is through coursework and assignments and you'll have the opportunity to engage with fellow students and your dedicated online tutors through a range of interactive tools such as blogs, café forums, online discussion boards, Skype, wikis and live taught sessions online.

Course content

To complete the course you'll need to study all of the modules below. The order in which you take them is dependent upon your start date.

Health Promotion and Behaviour Change

You'll explore a range of factors influencing health across the whole lifespan or for a relatively limited period. You'll be introduced to current models and values that inform health promotion practice and will develop the knowledge and skills needed to design a health based intervention and select and undertake the appropriate type of evaluation.

Living with Long Term Conditions

You'll develop a critical awareness of the role of psychology in the onset, diagnosis, progression and management of various long term conditions. You'll also develop a comprehensive understanding of key

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issues related to the nature of patient interaction with health care providers, and explore the role of the family and wider social environment in relation to health and illness.

Psychology of Health and Illness

Fundamental to much of the activity within health psychology is an understanding of the processes that relate to maintaining health, preventing disease and promoting psychological wellbeing to individuals who are physically ill. This module provides an overview of these essential areas.

Professional Skills in Health Psychology

The work of health psychologists relies on a broad range of professional skills and attributes. You'll develop your understanding of the professional issues surrounding your practice and build up the skills you need to work in health psychology.

Advanced Quantitative Methods

To conduct and evaluate research in health psychology, you need to be familiar with a range of advanced quantitative research methods and statistical techniques. You'll look at how statistical tests are performed, analysed and interpreted using SPSS (statistical package for the social sciences) within the context of investigating psychological aspects of health and illness.

Advanced Qualitative Methods

To conduct and evaluate research in health psychology, you need to use a variety of qualitative research methods. During this module you'll develop a critical appreciation of a range of qualitative data collection and analytic techniques within the context of exploring psychological aspects of health and illness.

Research Project in Health Psychology

You'll conduct a substantial piece of independent research. You'll identify a research issue, review existing literature in the topic area, and formulate novel research questions. You will then test these questions through the application of contemporary psychological methodologies and appropriate data analysis and scientific write-up.

Similar courses:

- MSc Health Psychology (Campus Based)
- MSc Behaviour Change

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How To Apply

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Fees for UK/EU students

2015/2016 fees were £965 per 20 credit module or £8,685 in total. You'll study the equivalent of nine 20 credit modules. Please see our website for the latest information.

Fees for international students

2015/2016 fees were £1,100 per 20 credit module or £9,900 in total. You'll study the equivalent of nine 20 credit modules. Please see our website for the latest information.

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