

Module code	PSY525	Level	5
Module title	Psychology in Practice	Credit value	20
Common/Core/Elective	Core	ECTS Credits	10
		Notional learning hours	200
Courses on which the module is taught	BA (Hons) Psychology	Teaching Period	Autumn

1. Module description

What is a psychologist and what kinds of things do psychologists do? In this module you will engage with potential future training, academic and research pathways in psychology and consider your own professional development planning. You will learn about the “day in the life” work of people trained in the classical disciplines of applied psychology practice - sports and exercise, health, clinical, counselling, occupational, forensic, and educational psychologists – as well as about the changing opportunities in the wider psychological, coaching, and mental health work force. International psychology training and qualified practice opportunities and environments, including differences across borders in accreditations and registration, as well as careers in academic and research psychology will also be presented.

2. Learning outcomes

Upon successful completion of this module you will be able to:

Professional Development (MLO 03)

Develop a plan for your own professional development.

Discipline Knowledge (MLO 07)

Examine and apply approaches in psychology to real life fields of practice.

Discipline Skill (MLO 08)

Employ knowledge of the techniques and tools in practitioner psychology and allied disciplines to consider future training and career pathways.

3. Learning and teaching methods

This module will involve experts-by-experience and visiting practitioners to offer “day in the life of” and service-user insights into the kinds of help psychologists provide in a fascinating range of contexts, to employees, learners, prisoners, health service users and athletes. Materials for learning will include job advertisements and specifications, case studies at work, practitioner journalism, and literature on psychology practices around the globe, to emphasise diversity and equip you with what you need to begin considering potential future pathways as a psychology practitioner.

Learning hours	
Directed learning	48 hours
Workshops/classes	48
Guided/Self-guided learning	152 hours
Total	200 hours

4. Assessment, formative feedback and relative weightings

Assessment: Other - Personal statement

Weight (%): 100%

Word Count or Equivalent: 3000 words

Produce a personal statement describing a potential future pathway in psychology. Provide a reflective and creative of the personal interests and motivations that have led you to choose this pathway, what you would enjoy and be able to contribute, and what you would need to do to achieve this goal. Outline an alternative option and evaluate why you have not chosen this.

This summative assessment will be preceded by an opportunity for formative assessment and followed by formative feedback.

Mapping of assessment tasks for the module

Assessment tasks	MLO3	MLO7	MLO8
Personal statement	X	X	X

5. Indicative resources

- American Psychological Association: <https://www.apa.org/education-career/guide/careers>
- British Psychological Society: <https://www.bps.org.uk/>
- Career options in Psychology: <https://www.bps.org.uk/career-options-psychology>
- Davey, G., (2011) *Applied psychology*, BPS Blackwell.
- Psychologist magazine <https://www.bps.org.uk/psychologist>
- Stevens, M. J., & Wedding, D. (Eds.). (2005). *The handbook of international psychology*. Routledge.
- UK Health and Care Professions Council: <https://www.hcpc-uk.org/>
- UK National Health Service: <https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles/explore-roles#3455>