

Module Code	ECPS4024
Title	Psychology in Practice
Date	15/10/2025
Level	4
Credits	20
Pre-Requisites	None
DBS Check	May be required ☐ Not required ☒

AIM(S)

- To develop an understanding of the application of psychology to professional practice and the cognitive, emotional, and professional skills and competencies required to work as a professional psychologist.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon the successful completion of this module, the student should be able to:

- demonstrate the ability to apply different ideas and perspectives in Psychology to the real world and recognise associated ethical considerations;
- demonstrate awareness of appropriate personal and professional skills and professional and ethical frameworks required for a range of career pathways in Psychology.

INDICATIVE CONTENT

This module content maps onto the following BPS core curriculum areas: individual differences; research methods; social psychology.

- Professional psychology pathways including BPS routes to chartership (health, counselling, clinical, forensic, educational) and Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC) registration routes.
- Professional ethical and moral challenges in applied psychology: roles and boundaries.
- Understanding individual differences in self care and sustainable working practices.

- Real-life case studies: psychology in action (a day in life of e.g. a clinical psychologist, a health psychologist).
- Applying psychological theory to practice: introduction to theory-based interventions.
- Understanding applied research: making a real-world difference, researching with people (PPI, co-production) and measuring impact.

Study Time Allocation

The study time for the module is divided as follows:

Activity type	Hours	Percentage
Scheduled learning	30	15%
Independent learning	170	85%
Placement learning	0	0%
TOTAL	200	100%

ASSESSMENT

Assessment Component 1

☐ Written exam ☐ Coursework ☒ Practical

Mode of assessment	Volume	Weighting
Visual Assessment	Equivalent 1,000 words plus design	50%

Assessment Component 2

☐ Written exam ☒ Coursework ☐ Practical

Mode of assessment	Volume	Weighting
Written Assignment	1500 words	50%

Assessment Summary

Activity type	Percentage
Written exam	0%
Coursework	50%
Practical	50%
TOTAL	100%

This module is not linked to a Professional, Statutory and Regulatory Body (PSRB).

INDICATIVE READING LIST

Module Code	ECPS4024	
Module Title	Psychology in Practice	
Classification	Reading List entry	Electronic*
Essential	Davey, G. (2011). <i>Applied psychology</i> . BPS Blackwell.	☒
Essential	BPS (2021). <i>Code of Ethics & Conduct</i> . Leicester, BPS.	☒
Essential	BPS (2021). <i>Code of Human Research Ethics</i> . Leicester, BPS.	☒
Further	Bayne, R. & Jinks, G. (2013). <i>Applied psychology : research, training and practice</i> (2nd ed.). Sage.	☒
Further	Snyder, Lopez, S. J., Edwards, L. M., & Marques, S. C. (2016). <i>The Oxford handbook of positive psychology</i> (Snyder, S. J. Lopez, L. M. Edwards, & S. C. Marques, Eds.; Third edition.). Oxford University Press.	☒
Further	Knapp, S.J., VandeCreek, L., & Fingerhut, R. (2017). <i>Practical Ethics for Psychologists: A Positive Approach</i>	
Further	Koocher, G. P., & Keith-Spiegel, P. (2016). <i>Ethics in psychology and the mental health professions: Standards and cases</i> . Oxford: Oxford University Press.	☒
Journal	<i>Journal of Applied Psychology</i>	☒
Journal	<i>British Journal of Health Psychology</i>	☐