

Child Psychology Course

If you are a child-minder, nursery worker, parent, teacher or a baby-sitter, then this fascinating course is an excellent way to gain an insight as to how a child's mind works and develops.

Understanding the reasons for the behaviour of children can help your parenting skills, enabling you to become a better parent or carer.

This programme is designed for people who wish to gain an understanding of principles, theory and practice of Child Psychology.

This course does not assume that you have previously studied psychology or child care courses.

Course Overview

Unit 1 looks at what psychology is, how child psychology relates to the rest of psychology and how people study child psychology. Unit 1 is used as a foundation unit for the rest of this course.

Unit 2 looks at children within the family context. Different psychologists' ideas about the importance of children's relationships with their parents are considered.

Unit 3 looks at child development and how children inter-act with people outside the family. Children are influenced by their parents and, as they become older, by their friends, media and education.

Unit 4 looks at children's mental development, such as learning how to talk.

There is continuity between the units, and when, for example, the same psychologist is mentioned in different sections and/or units, you will be reminded. This will help you to learn each topic at a time, and to build up a more complete overview of child psychology. The first time a key psychologist is mentioned, a short biographical sketch is included to help you see the psychologist's theories in their historical and cultural context.

Psychology is a social science which means it studies people in a more holistic way than a physical science, such as biology does. 'A' level psychology courses (which are also level 3) have been recently modified to focus more on psychology being a *science*. As with current 'A' level courses, the scientific nature of psychology is introduced in Unit 1, and forms an integral part of all other units.

Student Profile

This programme is designed for people who wish to gain an understanding of Child Psychology and the development of children. No prior knowledge is required although a reasonable level of literacy is necessary.

Study Details

This course can be studied at your own pace, and there are no deadlines for assignments. However, you must complete the course within 12 months from the date you receive the course. To complete this course will take in the region of 90 study hours.

Is the course a recognised qualification?

Yes, this is a course validated by the Open College Network.



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On successful completion of the assignments in this course you will receive a Child Psychology OCN Level 3 certificate with 9 Learning Credits plus a UK Open Learning Diploma.

Qualification Terms Explained

Recent development in England have meant that the terms Diploma, Certificate and Award now have specific meanings and can only relate to qualifications approved by Ofqual, the government regulatory authority. Consequently, our Open College Network courses will henceforth have the description '...a course validated by Open College Network'. This in no way diminishes the value or importance of the course but rather avoids the vagueness associated with the above terms. Should you need further information concerning this, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Assessment

Assessment takes the form of a series of tutor marked assignments plus one extended essay.

Timescale

The programme takes place over a timescale to suit the student. Once the student is registered, tutor support is available for up to one year or until completion whichever is sooner.

Location

The programme is home- or work-based enabling students to complete the course without having to attend scheduled college teaching sessions.

Tutor Support

Throughout the course, students will receive tutor support by email and by post.

How does the course work?

We send you the completed course by courier. You study the materials and carry out the short self-assessment tasks prior to completing a series of assignments which you e-mail or post to a tutor for marking.

Is there a word count for the assignments?

No, there is not specific word count but you have to prove to the tutor that you have fully understood the questions. One sentence answers will be rejected.

Is there an exam at the end of the course?

No, your qualification is awarded on successful completion of your assignments.

Is there any further reading?

You will get everything you need to complete the course. However, further reading is always beneficial. We provide an extensive reference list at the end of the course document for you to follow up if you wish to.

Payment Method:

You can choose to pay in full at the time of ordering, or you can pay in monthly instalments (no discount applies).

Course Outline

UNIT 1: INTRODUCTION

Sections:

- 1.1 What is Child Psychology?
- 1.2 Underlying theories of Child Psychology
- 1.3 Research Methods

UNIT 2: SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND THE FAMILY

Sections:

- 2.1 Child's sense of self and personality
- 2.2 Infants' multiple attachments

2.3 Privation, deprivation, institutionalisation

2.4 Parenting styles and effects on child development

UNIT 3: SOCIAL AND COGNITIVE DEVELOPMENT

Sections:

3.1 Social interaction, learning and play

3.2 Gender development (social and cognitive theories)

3.3 Moral development (social and cognitive theories)

3.4: Pro and anti social behaviour

UNIT 4: COGNITIVE DEVELOPMENT

Sections

4.1: Development of sensory perception

4.2: Language development and acquisition

4.3: Cognitive development

4.4: Measured intelligence

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A19	Paper	£275.00	£248.00	6 Months at £45.85