

Duration: 12 months full-time or 24 months part-time (MSc)

Content: The MSc in Health Psychology aims to equip students with the knowledge and skills to achieve Stage 1 of the British Psychological Society's requirements for Chartered Membership of the society and full membership of the Division of Health Psychology.

The course covers the British Psychological Society Health Psychology MSc curriculum with both theory and methodology focused taught courses. Taught courses provide skills which are then applied in the independent research review and empirical research project. It is important to note however that while the MSc Health Psychology confers Stage 1 of the British Psychological Society's training requirements for Chartered Health Psychologist status, the PgDip does not.

Candidates shall be required to attend the following designated courses:

FULL TIME ROUTE

Stage 1

PD5006 Getting Started at the University of Aberdeen (0 credit points)
PU5022 Health Behaviour and Behaviour Change (15 credit points)
PU5029 Health Psychology Research Review (15 credit points)
PU5053 Stress, Personality and Health (15 credit points)
PU5054 Advanced Quantitative Methods and Analysis for Psychology (15 credit points)

Stage 2

PU5517 Illness, Disability and Interactions with Healthcare (15 credit points)
PU5518 Health Professional Behaviour (15 credit points)
PU5526 Systematic Reviewing (15 credit points)
PU5529 Qualitative Health Research (15 credit points)

Stage 3

PU5909 Health Psychology Research Project (60 credit points)

PART TIME ROUTE

Year 1

All students must take the following:

PD5006 Getting Started at the University of Aberdeen (0 credit points)
PU5029 Health Psychology Research Review (15 credit points)
PU5054 Advanced Quantitative Methods and Analysis for Psychology (15 credit points)

Plus any two* of the following second half session courses:

PU5517 Illness, Disability and Interactions with Healthcare (15 credit points)
PU5518 Health Professional Behaviour (15 credit points)
PU5526 Systematic Reviewing (15 credit points)
PU5529 Qualitative Health Research (15 credit points)

* Students who select a PU5909 project which involves qualitative research/a systematic review must take PU5529 / PU5526 respectively in year 1

Year 2

All students must take the following:

PU5022 Health Behaviour and Behaviour Change (15 credits)
PU5053 Stress, Personality & Health (15 credit points)
PU5909 Health Psychology Research Project (60 credit points)

Plus the two remaining courses from the second half session list above (i.e. those not already completed in year 1)

Assessment: By course work and tests, as prescribed for each course and by submission of a research review and thesis.