



Higher Diploma in

Psychology

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This programme aims to equip students with a strong foundation in core psychological domains – cognitive, developmental, biological, and social psychology – supported by basic research methods and statistics. With a strong applied focus, students develop communication and interpersonal skills, professional ethics, and counselling fundamentals for entry-level roles across health, social welfare, education, and community settings. Students learn how to apply psychological knowledge across local service settings and to work with diverse populations.

Programme Objectives

- To build a solid foundation in core psychological domains (cognitive, developmental, biological, social) and basic research methods and statistics;
- To understand how psychological and social factors shape psychological well-being, personal development and group behaviour;
- To develop effective communication and interpersonal skills, a caring attitude, and professional ethics to work in health, social care, and related services;
- To apply psychological knowledge to local service contexts and diverse populations across the life span;
- To gain introductory competence in digital mental health (tele-support, online screening/psychoeducation, data privacy) and elderly counselling (age-sensitive communication, caregiver engagement).

Professional Recognition

- Students are required to complete 240 hours of work placement in psychology-related field, applying theoretical knowledge gained in the classroom to real-world professional settings.
- Training in transferable and future-ready skills, including teamwork, problem-solving, basic digital literacy for mental health, and activity planning.

Career Prospects & Further Studies

- Graduates can enter careers in human and social care services including psychological service assistants, counselling assistants, welfare workers, community support workers, marketing assistants, human resources assistants and student development assistants.
- Graduates with satisfactory performance may articulate to senior year entry of the Bachelor of Social Science (Honours) in Applied Psychology at TWC, or relevant bachelor's degree programmes at other institutions in Hong Kong and beyond (e.g., psychology, social work, gerontology, or health services), subject to each institution's admission requirements.



Medium of Instruction English

Total No. of Credits 60 credits

Years of Study 2 years



QF Level: 4

QR registration no.: 16/000198/L4

Validity period: 1/9/2016 to 31/8/2030



Programme Information

Graduate Sharing

Ho Chi Fan

Graduate of Higher Diploma in Psychology (2024)

Now studying Bachelor of Social Science (Honours) in Applied Psychology at TWC

The Psychology program at TWC is exceptional. It feels like "home"—a place that refreshes students' minds and mental well-being whenever they enter. Our Psychology teachers have made significant contributions by teaching valuable theories and sharing practical experiences. Through my Higher Diploma program in Psychology, I've gained essential professional skills applicable in occupational settings. My teachers have provided guidance, discovered my potential strengths, and helped shape my future path. Their care and support have increased my desire to pursue a bachelor's degree in applied psychology at TWC. Additionally, I've received numerous opportunities to travel outside Hong Kong and visit foreign countries. These experiences have helped me realize that my ultimate goal is to become a people-oriented and compassionate leader.



Tuition Fee

Year	Tuition Fee (HK\$)
Year 1	64,390
Year 2	64,390
Programme Total	128,780

- The College will adjust the tuition fee of its programmes based on the Composite Consumer Price Index to be announced by the Government annually.
- Tuition fees are normally charged by two instalments per annum and are payable before the commencement of each semester. New students are required to settle the balance of the tuition fee for the first semester (i.e. after deducting deposit) upon programme registration in August.
- Students are required to pay additional fees for all retake/additional courses which would be charged at the rate of the normal cohort and be calculated by the number of credits to be taken. Please refer to the College's Fees Regulation at https://www.twc.edu.hk/en/Administration_Units/fo/our_service/student-area for details.
- All fees paid are non-refundable and non-transferable, and apply to local applicants only.

Admission Requirements

For Year 1 entry to Higher Diploma programmes, applicants should meet one of the following requirements:

1. Have obtained Level 2 in five HKDSE subjects⁽¹⁾ including Chinese Language⁽²⁾ and English Language. (Applicant is allowed to use Applied Learning subjects⁽³⁾ in the application); OR
2. Have obtained a pass in one AL subject or passes in two AS subjects in HKALE and five passes in HKCEE including Chinese Language and English Language; OR
3. Have obtained a pass in one AL subject or passes in two AS subjects in HKALE and three passes in HKCEE plus Level 2 for Chinese Language and English Language; OR
4. Have successfully completed a Pre-Associate Degree programme; OR
5. Have successfully completed Diploma Yi Jin / Diploma of Applied Education programme; OR
6. Have obtained an equivalent qualification⁽⁴⁾; OR
7. Have relevant and substantial work experience and/or prior qualification(s) obtained in or outside Hong Kong (e.g. assessed through recognition of prior learning and credit accumulation and transfer), with demonstrated ability to undertake sub-degree education; OR
8. Have reached the age of 21 years old or above before 1 September in the year in which admission is sought.

Notes

- (1) If one of the five HKDSE subjects is Citizenship and Social Development subject, the minimum entrance requirement would become "Attained" for Citizenship and Social Development subject and Level 2 in four other HKDSE subjects including Chinese and English. Besides, Level 2 in Mathematics Extended Part (Module 1 or Module 2) is also recognised as one of the five HKDSE subjects in fulfilling the minimum entrance requirement.
- (2) For non-Chinese-speaking learners, alternative Chinese Language qualifications will be accepted for students who have met the specified conditions: (a) students who have learned Chinese Language for less than 6 years while receiving primary and secondary education; (b) students who have learned Chinese Language for 6 years or more in schools, but have been taught an adapted and simpler Chinese Language curriculum not normally applicable to the majority of students in local schools. ApL Chinese (for non-Chinese speaking students) should, in general, be accepted as an alternative Chinese Language qualification, among other acceptable alternative Chinese Language qualifications.
- (3) The Applied Learning (ApL) subjects do not include ApL Chinese (for non-Chinese speaking students) as this subject is introduced to provide an additional channel exclusively for non-Chinese speaking students to obtain an alternative Chinese language qualification. For the 2012-2017 HKDSE Examinations, students attaining the results of "Attained" and "Attained with Distinction" in the ApL subjects are accepted as attaining the competencies required at Level 2 and Level 3 or above of Category A subjects of the HKDSE Examination respectively for the purposes of further studies and work. Effective from the 2018 HKDSE Examination, the reporting of students' performance is refined to "Attained", "Attained with Distinction (I)" and "Attained with Distinction (II)". Performance of "Attained with Distinction (I)" is comparable to Level 3 while "Attained with Distinction (II)" is comparable to Level 4 or above of Category A subjects of the HKDSE Examination.
- (4) Please refer to the College's website for examples of equivalent non-local qualifications for admission to higher diploma or bachelor's degree programmes.

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