

APPLICATION FOR HONOURS STUDIES IN PSYCHOLOGY 2024

Bachelor of Health Sciences Honours in Psychology

Qualification- and programme code: 8DL L01; G602P/M/V

Dear Applicant

Thank you for your interest in the Bachelor of Health Sciences Honours in Psychology programme at North-West University (NWU). This document includes all the information you will need about the programme, the application- and selection processes, and contact information. Please read the information attentively before you start with your application process.

BACHELOR OF HEALTH SCIENCES HONOURS IN PSYCHOLOGY PROGRAMME

The Bachelor of Health Sciences Honours in Psychology programme is an academic programme only with no internship opportunities and therefore successful completion of the programme will not enable you to write the board exam or to register with the Health Professions Council of South Africa as a psychometrist or a registered counsellor. You will be able to apply for a master's programme in Psychology and for the B.Psych Equivalent programmes offered by certain tertiary institutions in South Africa. To be eligible for the master's programme in Psychology, you need to have an average in psychology modules of at least 65%.

The programme consists of 9 modules that include psychological evaluation, applied positive psychology, adulthood psychopathology, community psychology: theory, intervention techniques, theoretical perspectives on rendering help, child and adolescent psychology, child and adolescent psychopathology, and a research report: theory and practice.

You are reminded that the programme is only presented on a **full-time** basis and its duration is one year. Although the timetable is revised annually, lectures (and practical community work if permitted) take place on weekdays between 08:00 and 13:00. The teaching method consists of lectures, papers, seminars, practical assignments, role-play, discussion groups, and self-directed learning, among others.

Students are expected to attend all classes, complete coursework, and conduct themselves acceptably and professionally throughout.

Please ensure that you **follow and complete all the steps** in the twofold application process, that is outlined on the next page.

THE APPLICATION PROCESS

The application process is **twofold**.

1. Step 1: Application for admission to the NWU

Applicants need to complete the NWU online application process. Before starting the application process, please read the information provided that explains the application process and follow the steps to complete your application on the following link: <http://studies.nwu.ac.za/studies/how-apply-online>.

Please complete and submit the form online. **Do not send it to the Psychology subject group**. You are **not required** to submit a referee form, motivational letter or research proposal with step 1 of the application process, even if the online instruction indicates this. The **closing date** for this application process is **31 August 2023**.

If you experience any problems during step 1, please contact the academic administrator on the relevant campus. Their details are as follows:

Mahikeng	Potchefstroom	Vanderbijlpark
Mr Petrus Cloete 018 389 2821 23606118@nwu.ac.za	Mr Keith Boer 018 299 4055 29936233@nwu.ac.za	Ms Thapelo Chueu 016 910 3114 21875170@nwu.ac.za
Please do not contact the Psychology subject group as we will not be able to assist you with this step of the application process.		

2. Step 2: Departmental Application Form

The departmental application form must be completed online. The purpose of the departmental application form is to keep track of applicants who completed step 1 of the application process and for verification purposes. The form can be accessed at the following link: <https://forms.gle/Fw3NMKEfHSchLamD7>. Please note that the link will only be open from **7 August 2023** to allow current third-year students to obtain their first semester marks before completing this departmental application form. This Google Form will close on **31 August 2023**.

All applications need to be submitted by 31 August 2023 if the applicant wishes to attend the course in the subsequent year. Please note:

- Applications received after the closing date will not be considered.
- Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- **Please only apply once you have received all your third-year, first-semester marks. Your application will be incomplete without these marks.**
- Please check the correctness of your marks before submitting your application.

Non-compliance and non-adherence to the process and application steps outlined in this letter will result in your application being seen as incomplete and therefore unsuccessful.

THE SELECTION PROCESS

Applicants who wish to be considered for the programme will undergo a strict selection process. This process will take place from **September – November 2023**. The selection process consists of three phases and it is explained below:

PHASE 1

Phase 1 selection date: September 2023. Phase 1 feedback date: End of September 2023.

Once applications have closed, the Psychology subject group will complete a paper selection process. The selection process evaluates applicants to determine whether they fulfil the academic requirements to successfully master the demands of the Bachelor of Health Sciences Honours in Psychology programme. The selection process is based on academic achievements as displayed on the candidate's academic record.

The honours degree programme is an academic qualification with specific admission requirements.

All prospective honours students must **comply with the following requirements**:

- Applicants should be in possession of an applicable Bachelor's degree with third-year Psychology or should have passed third-year level with Development Psychology and Psychopathology (undergraduate) as part of a curriculum, as well as a combined minimum average of **65%** in all Psychology modules;
- The complete academic record is however taken into consideration but the department holds the decision to change the minimum criteria depending on the number of applications;
- If an applicant is enrolled for another qualification at the time of selection, selection will only be provisional and may be cancelled by the department if the aforementioned qualification is not completed at the end of the academic year.

Once your application has been evaluated, you will be notified of the outcome of phase 1 via email. Due to the large number of applications we receive, unfortunately, we are not able to provide individual feedback. Depending on the cohort of applicants, the top candidates will be invited to Phase 2 of the selection process in October 2023.

PHASE 2

Phase 2 selection date: October 2023. Phase 2 feedback date: October 2023. Specific dates will be communicated with candidates who proceeded to phase 2.

Phase 2 requires applicants to complete an online research activity that will be assessed. Upon completion of this activity, the top candidates (depending on the cohort of applicants) will be invited to phase 3 of the selection process during October 2023. You will be notified of the outcome of phase 2 via email. Due to the large number of applications we receive, unfortunately, we are not able to provide individual feedback.

PHASE 3

Phase 3 selection and feedback dates: specific dates will be communicated with candidates who proceeded to phase 3.

Phase 3 requires candidates to partake in an online individual/group interview/activity.

The subject group will combine all the scores of Phases 1 to 3 and finalise the list of top candidates selected for intake in 2024. You will be notified of the outcome of phase 3 via email. Due to the large number of applications we receive, unfortunately, we are not able to provide individual feedback.

Kindly contact us should you have any questions regarding the **departmental application or the selection processes**:

Mahikeng	Potchefstroom	Vanderbijlpark
Ms Naane Mogotsi Senior Administrative Assistant 018 389 2635	Mrs Ronelle Lubbe Senior Administrative Assistant 018 299 1784	Ms Kgomotso Kibi Senior Administrative Assistant 016 910 3413

We welcome your application and look forward to helping you to further your studies in psychology. All the best!

Kind regards

The Bachelor of Health Sciences Honours in Psychology Selection Panel