

Postgraduate Certificate in Psychological Science*

(PGCertPsycSc – 60 points)

* Subject to CUAP and TEC approval.

These regulations must be read in conjunction with the General Regulations for the University.

1. Version

- (a) These Regulations came into force on 1 January 2026.
- (b) This certificate was first offered in 2026.

2. Variations

In exceptional circumstances the Amo Matua, Pūtaiao | Executive Dean of Science or delegate may approve a personal programme of study which does not conform to these regulations.

3. The structure of the qualification

To qualify for the Postgraduate Certificate in Psychological Science a student must be credited with at least 60 points from the Schedule E to these regulations.

4. Admission to the qualification

To be admitted to the Postgraduate Certificate in Psychological Science a student must have:

- (a) satisfied the Admission Regulations for admission to the university; and
- (b) either:
 - i. qualified for an Aotearoa New Zealand university degree with a major in Psychology (or a named Psychology degree) with a GPA of at least 5.0 (B) in 75 points at 300-level in Psychology, including at least a B in PSYC375 or equivalent; or
 - ii. qualified for an Aotearoa New Zealand university degree that does not include a Psychology major and completed a qualifying course prescribed by the Tumuaki Tari | Head of Department and approved by the Amo Matua, Pūtaiao | Executive Dean of Science or delegate, with a GPA of at least 5.0 (B); and
- (c) been approved as a student by the Amo Matua, Pūtaiao | Executive Dean of Science or delegate.

5. Subjects

There are no majors, minors or endorsements for this qualification.

6. Time limits

The time limit for this qualification is 24 months.

7. Transfers of credit, substitutions and cross-credits

This qualification adheres to the General Conditions for Credit and Transfer Regulations, with no additional stipulations.

8. Progression

This qualification adheres to the General Regulations for the University, with the following stipulation:

- (a) A student will be withdrawn from the qualification if they fail more than 30 points.

9. Honours, Distinction and Merit

This qualification adheres to the General Regulations for the University and may be awarded with distinction and merit.

10. Exit and Upgrade Pathways to other Qualifications

- (a) There are no exit qualifications for this degree.
- (b) A student who has completed the requirements of a Postgraduate Certificate in Psychological Science with at least a B average but has not yet graduated may apply to the relevant Amo Matua | Executive Dean of Science or delegate for admission to the Postgraduate Diploma in Psychological Science and have the credits transferred.
- (c) A student who has graduated with the Postgraduate Certificate in Psychological Science from Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha | University of Canterbury may apply to the Amo Matua | Executive Dean of Science or delegate for admission to the Postgraduate Diploma in Psychological Science and have their certificate subsumed in accordance to the General Regulations of the University.

Schedule E: Elective Courses for the Postgraduate Certificate in Psychological Science

A minimum of 45 points from PSYC408-444, PSYC451-499 and PSYC678. Up to 15 points can be from CFPY401-CFPY407.