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Teaching Psychology
at Level 3?

Choose BTEC Nationals



Welcome to your Guide to BTEC Level 3 Nationals in:

Applied Psychology

Your guide includes everything you need to know about BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Applied Psychology qualifications, why universities and employers are so excited about BTEC qualifications, and why **around 1 in 4 students entering university in the UK do so with a BTEC.***

*Source: UCAS Progression Pathways – Jan 2016

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Why choose BTEC Nationals?

Young people taking their first steps towards a new career need the right blend of **technical and academic skills** in order to become the highly skilled, work-ready individuals employers and universities look for.

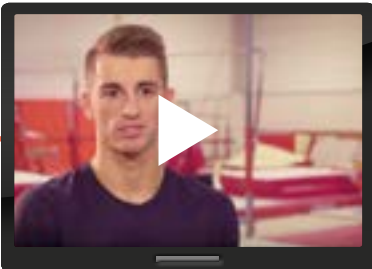
BTEC Level 3 Nationals are vocational qualifications designed to help your learners succeed. They have been developed in collaboration with over 5,000 universities, employers and professional bodies with **employability at the heart**, so your learners can develop the skills and confidence they will need to step into their future.

Why universities choose BTEC



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Why Olympians choose BTEC



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Why scientists choose BTEC



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What's new

Your new BTEC Level 3 National qualifications take a unit-by-unit approach and provide your learners with practical, work-related courses. They offer:

Combination of assessment styles

Learners can demonstrate their knowledge, skills and understanding through work-related contexts. (see page 18 for details).

Large foundation of mandatory units

Universities and employers have evidence of a consistent level of core knowledge and skills.

Comprehensive support

We've listened to feedback and put together our most comprehensive support package yet. (see pages 12–17 for details).

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The route to success

After 30 years of proven success, more and more employers and Higher Education institutions across the globe are choosing BTEC-qualified candidates for their **practical knowledge** and **employability skills**.

More than a million learners choose BTEC each year.

BTEC Level 3 Nationals provide your learners with:

- ① **modern, work-related qualifications** with **clear purpose and defined progression routes** into higher education or employment
- ② **the help they need to develop high-level skills** employers and universities look for such as teamwork, creative thinking and presentation skills
- ③ **the opportunity to build independent research and study skills** essential for success at university and in the work-place.

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“BTEC courses give you real, hands-on experience. It’s what I call ‘learning by doing’ and gives you the skills today’s employers are looking for.”
*Peter Jones CBE,
Entrepreneur*



Find out why **Peter Jones** and our **other ambassadors** choose BTEC at quals.pearson.com/BTECAmbassadors.

See some great BTEC success stories and meet our **BTEC Science** student of the Year at: quals.pearson.com/BTECAwards



Did you know...

4 out of 5 BTEC students go on to receive a **First or Second class degree**

(The outcomes associated with the BTEC route of degree level acquisition, London Economics 2013)

37% of businesses prefer recruits to hold a mix of academic and vocational qualifications or value them equally

(Inspiring Growth: Pearson/Skills CBI Skills survey 2015)

Your qualifications explained

The BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Applied Psychology courses offer a flexible range of qualifications that can be studied alongside other level 3 qualifications such as A levels or other BTEC Nationals as part of a larger programme of study.

- They are designed for post-16 Level 3 learners wishing to go on to further or higher level study of the sector or directly to employment.
- All sizes attract **UCAS points** and are widely recognised by universities and employers.



Applied Psychology

Your BTEC Level 3 Applied Psychology qualifications are available in two sizes and are **Applied General** style qualifications.

Find out more

The following pages provide you with an overview of each course. For full details or to download your specifications please go to www.pearsonfe.co.uk/btec-applied-psych

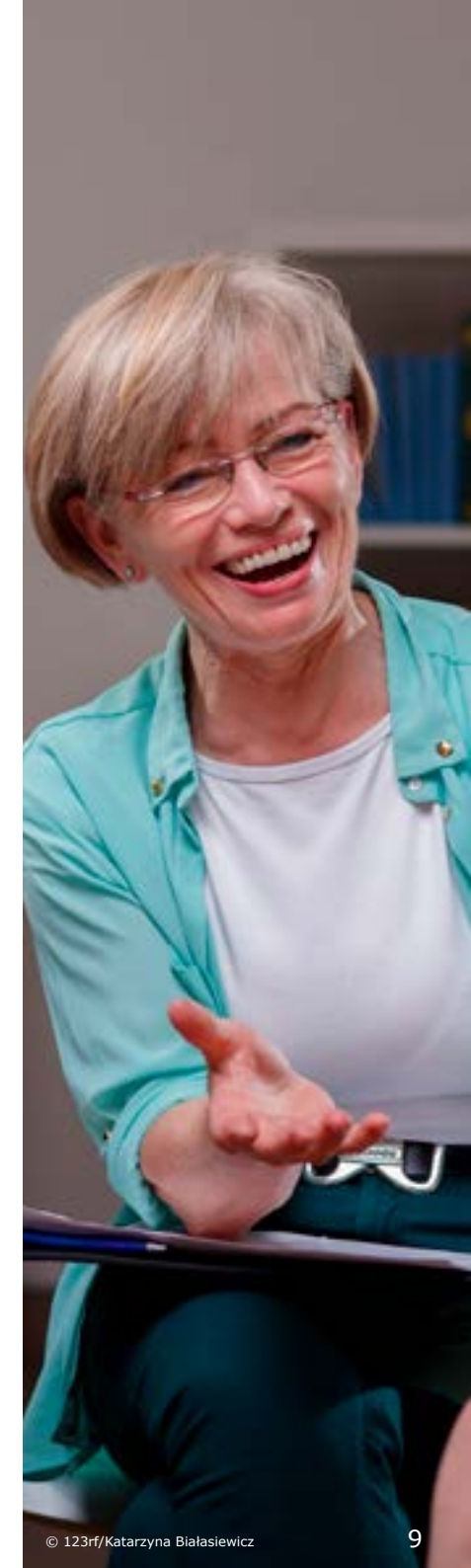
Applied General qualifications

For learners progressing to their career through higher level study, although they could go directly into employment at the end of the course. They will have the opportunity to:

- choose between different qualification sizes** so they have the option to study full or part-time or take a BTEC alongside other level 3 qualifications such as A levels
- develop transferable knowledge and skills.



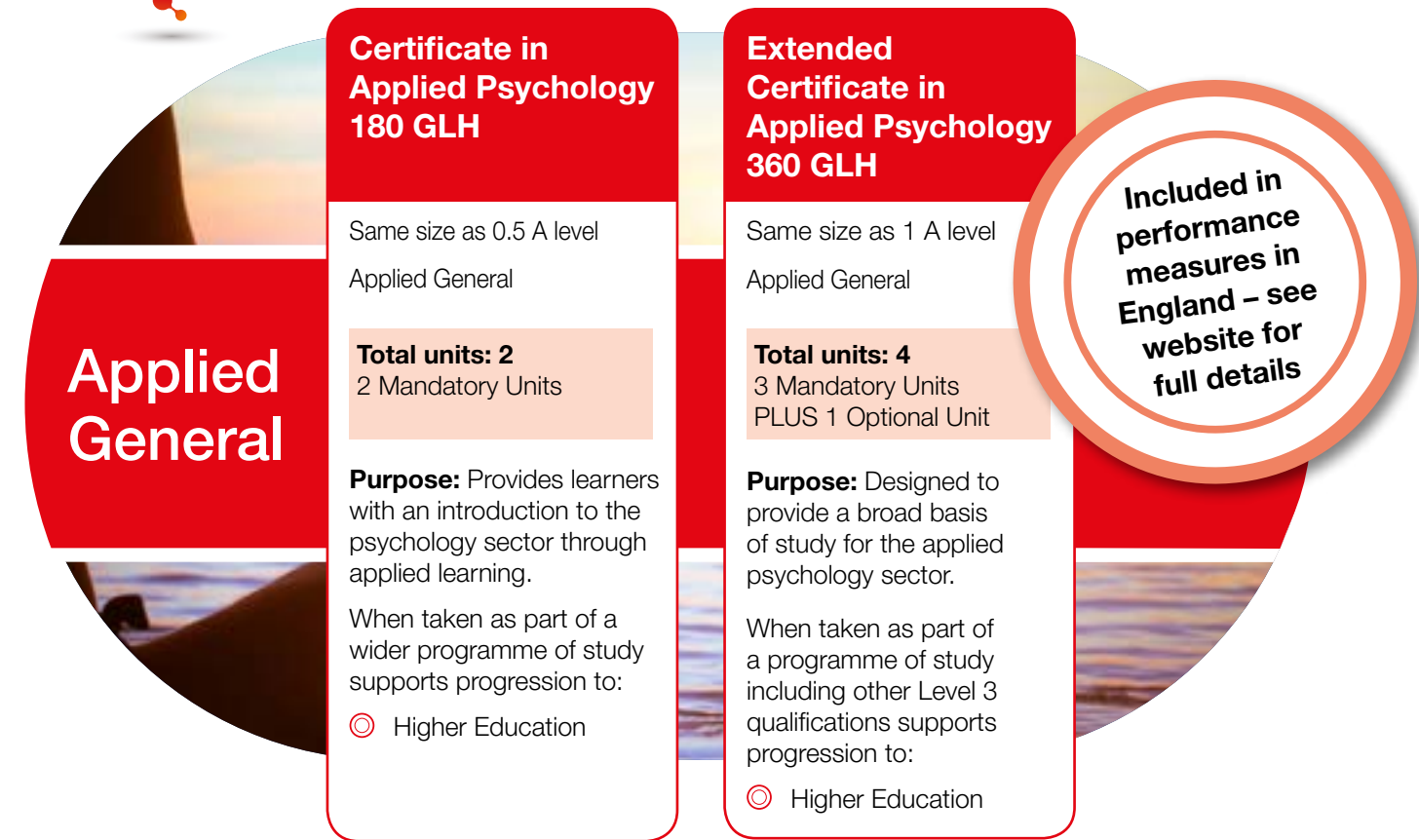
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Applied Psychology – Applied General

The chart below gives you an overview of the course sizes available in your BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Applied Psychology Applied General qualifications.



*please see specification for details of all Optional Units available.

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These Applied General-style qualifications provide your learners with the underpinning knowledge and skills they will need to succeed.

There are two sizes available:

Certificate 180 GLH

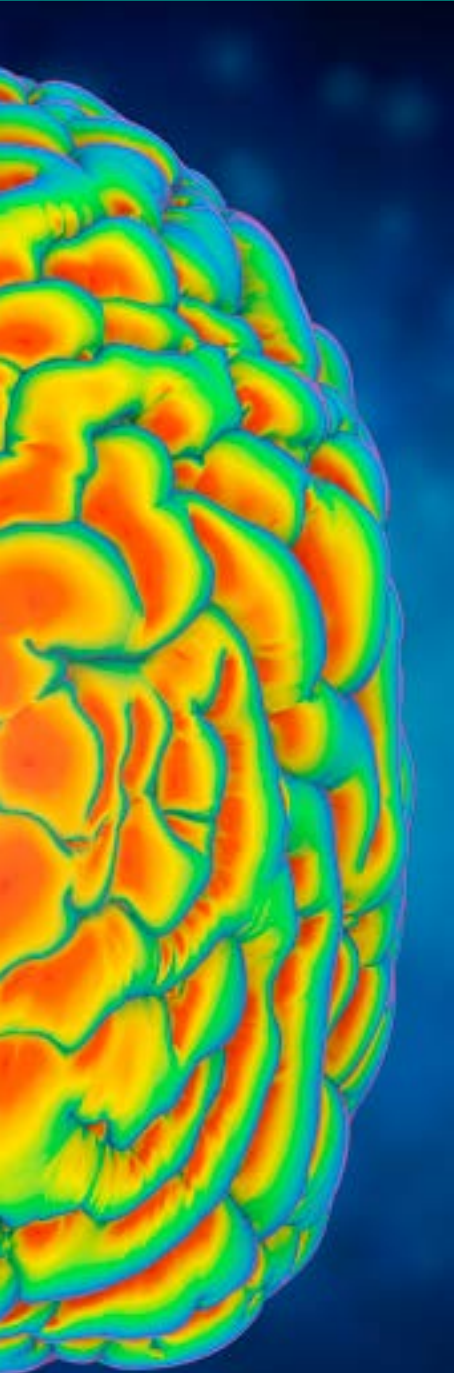
Extended Certificate 360 GLH

- Both qualification sizes have been designed to give your learners the opportunity to study psychology through applied learning.
- Learners can explore the range of approaches and applications of psychology and take the opportunity to carry out their own psychology research projects.
- Extended Certificate learners will also have the opportunity to choose a specialist topic from a range of optional units including Criminal and Forensic Psychology; Children's Psychological Development; Psychopathology; and Sport Psychology.



Find out more

For full details download your specification at:
www.pearsonfe.co.uk/btec-applied-psych



Course materials

BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Applied Psychology have a comprehensive range of FREE course materials available to help with **planning and teaching**, as well as **assessing and tracking** progress of your learners.

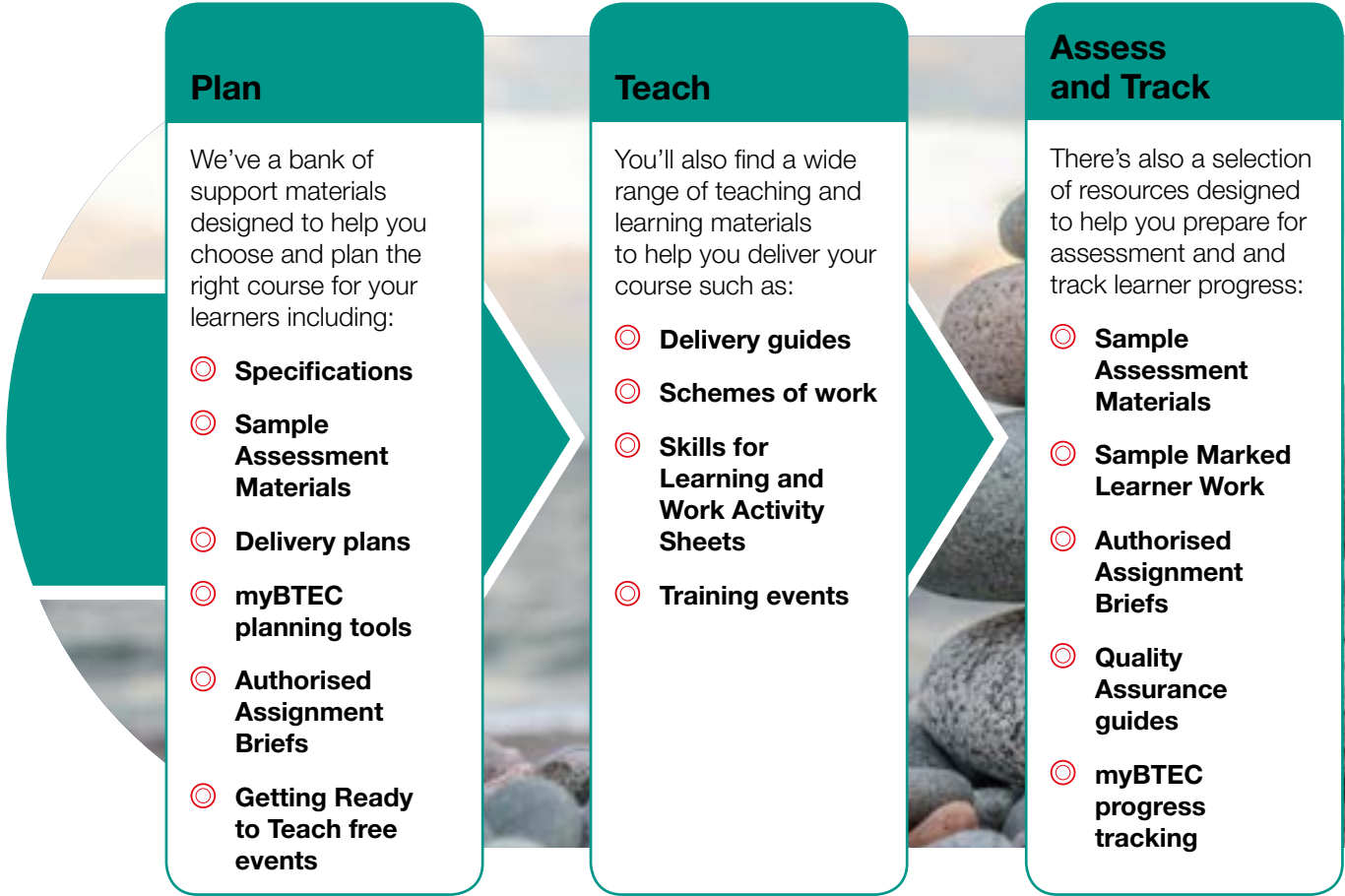
Find out more

For full details of all the support available please see website:



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You do not need to purchase resources in order to deliver these qualifications.



Find out more

- See page 15 for full details about free training events
- Download your specifications at: www.pearsonfe.co.uk/btec-applied-psych

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myBTEC

We know that as a teacher workload can be an issue, that's why to help you save time we have designed myBTEC, a unique free service that aims to reduce your admin workload.

What myBTEC can do for you:

- ⦿ **Saves you time** – for example when Internally Verifying an assignment brief, at least 50% of the questions are answered for you
- ⦿ **Reduces your workload** – for example your assessment plan is produced automatically from your assignment briefs in myBTEC
- ⦿ **Automatic grade tracking calculations**, so you know your students are on track
- ⦿ **Easily export and download all documents**, information and results
- ⦿ **Give you the complete visibility of all courses**, assessment, internal verification and results at your centre, so you can check progress at anytime.

Simply login at mybtec.pearson.com with your Edexcel online details.

Find out more
Discover myBTEC at
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Training

We offer a range of events to help you in every aspect of planning, teaching and assessing your BTEC courses.

To make it as easy as possible for you to benefit from our training, many of our **face-to-face** events are available as **online sessions**, and you can request any of our events to be delivered as paid-for events in your centre.

Our programme of events:

- ⦿ make it easy for you to access BTEC training **how, when and where** you need it.
- ⦿ offer **qualification-based** and **role-based** courses so you can choose which event is right for you.
- ⦿ are **delivered by experts** passionate about training.
- ⦿ provide opportunities to **share ideas and best practice**.

What's more, our flexible range of high quality training events not only support your delivery of BTEC courses, but also help towards your **continued professional development**.

Find out more

Book onto one of our events at quals.pearson.com/BTECNatsTraining





Admin support

New to BTEC?

If you're thinking about teaching BTEC Nationals and want to know more about what's involved and the support we can provide see our step-by-step guides at **quals.pearson.com/stepbystepBTEC**.

We've included guidance on:

- How to get started
- Building your BTEC team
- Quality assurance
- Internals assessment
- External assessment

Already teaching BTEC?

Remember you can find detailed information about key BTEC processes, forms and guidance materials at: **quals.pearson.com/BTECsupport**.

You'll also find all of the essential tools and forms on each of our dedicated qualifications pages, alongside your specifications and any additional resources specific to your BTEC.

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Specialist help and advice

You've also access to specialist support and advice from our performing arts subject advisors, Stephen Nugus and Irine Muhiuddin.

Stephen and Irine will be happy to help with any questions you may have about your BTEC Level 3 Applied Psychology qualifications.

Stephen Nugus and Irine Muhiuddin

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Find out More

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Assessment and Grading

Types of assessment

Your BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Applied Psychology qualifications take a unit-by-unit approach and offer a combination of assessment styles.

This gives your learners the opportunity to showcase their skills and apply their knowledge in an appropriate, work-related context, and provides evidence of what they can do when they apply to enter higher education or employment.

Tasks
(internally assessed)

Set and marked by: Centre
Verified by: Pearson

Tasks are practical assignments set in work-related scenarios that can be tailored to meet the needs of your learners. Learners demonstrate how they apply knowledge and skills to complete a project over a period of time.

Written exam
(internally assessed)

Set and marked by: Pearson

Written exam include a variety of question types, including short answer questions, extended open responses and scenario-based questions relating to vocational contexts.

External assessments are available twice a year in January and in May/June with sample assessment materials available to help prepare learners.

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Grading

A learner’s final qualification grade reflects their achievements across units in their BTEC Nationals course.

Both internally and externally assessed units are individually graded, and each final unit grade is allocated points.

- Internally assessed units are marked and graded in the Centre (school, college or training provider) and subject to external verification by Pearson.
- Externally assessed units are marked and graded by Pearson.

Units are graded Pass, Merit or Distinction, with external units also having a N grade in most Level 3 sectors. Total points scored across all units are used to calculate the final qualification grade.

Example of achievement of a Certificate with a D grade:

	GLH	Type (Int/Ext)	Grade	Unit points
Unit 1	90	Int	Distinction	24
Unit 2	90	Ext	Merit	22
Totals	180		D	46

Find out more
For full details see Section 9 of your specification

Download your specification at
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Your next Steps

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Sign up for updates at quals.pearson.com/BTECNats and we'll keep you up-to-date with the latest news.



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