



PG Certificate in Neurodiversity

School of Psychology

Programme Aims

The PG Certificate provides a programme that aims to increase knowledge, awareness and application of working with neurodivergent individuals within the education sector, the workplace and the criminal justice system.

The first mandatory module is an introduction to neurodiversity which provides all students on the programme with an understanding of neurodiversity by looking at neurodiversity through the lifespan, how neurodiversity is categorised, the types of diagnostic assessments used as well as examining barriers and enablers that neurodivergent individuals face.

Programme Structure

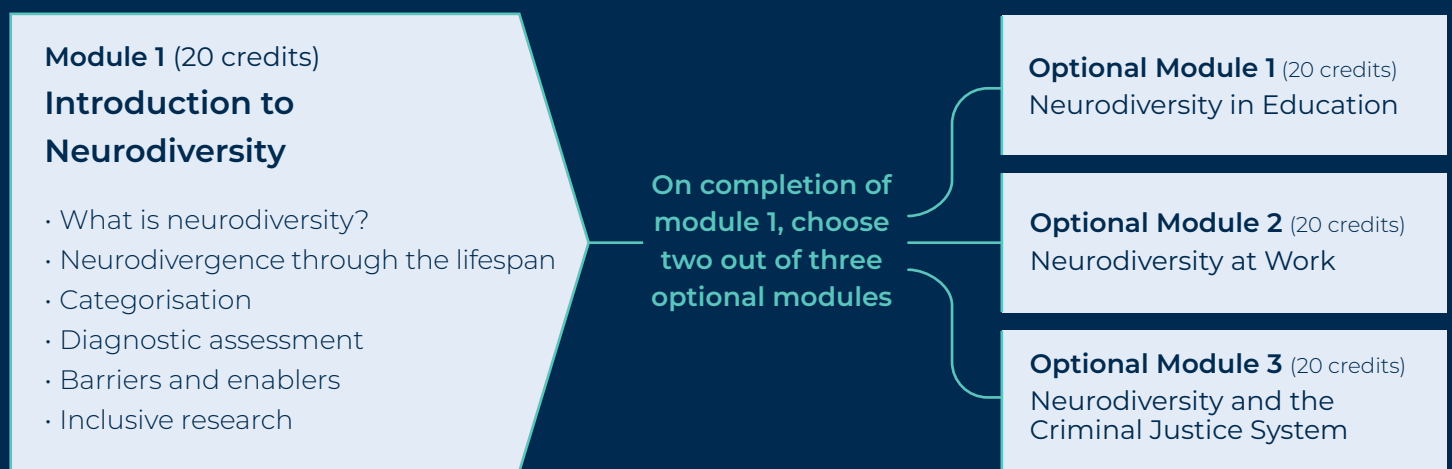
Students will have the choice of two out of three modules to complete the PG Certificate in Neurodiversity:

- **Neurodiversity in Education**
- **Neurodiversity at Work**
- **Neurodiversity and the Criminal Justice System**

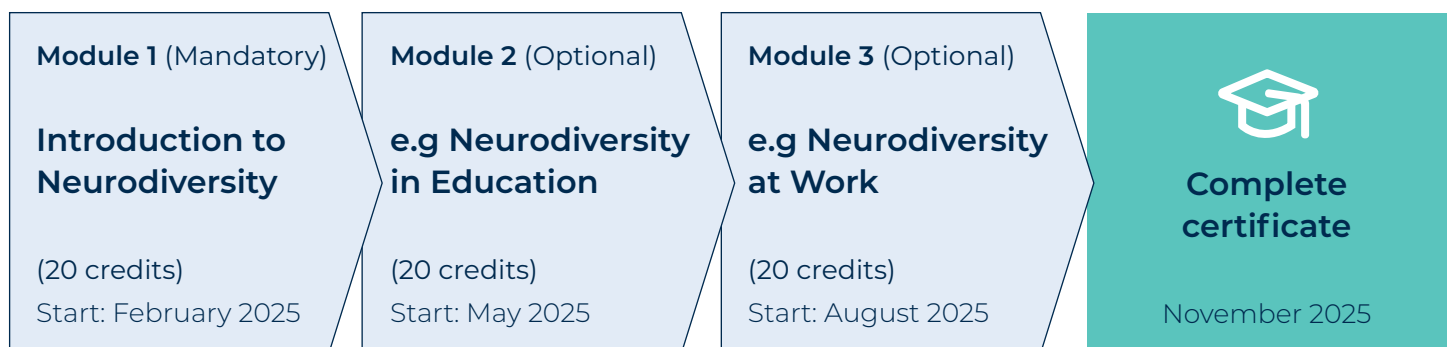
Each module provides a more in-depth exploration of these areas.

How does it work?

This is an online programme and all sessions will be scheduled outside usual working hours.



Example timeline of course



Module 1 - Introduction to Neurodiversity (Mandatory module - 20 credits)

This module aims to introduce students to the topic of neurodiversity. It will cover a wide range of key theoretical approaches to neurodiversity as well as models such as the social model of disability, as well as outlining different categorisations of neurodiversity and diagnostic assessments. Historical and cultural aspects will be considered, and disability stigma discussed.

How will I be assessed?

You will be assessed via a variety of assessment types such as:

- Essays
- Consultancy Reports
- Recorded Presentations
- Case Studies
- E-Portfolios
- Visual Research

Each module spans 9 weeks. Weeks 1–7 cover content, while weeks 8 and 9 are for completing assessments. No examinations will be set, and alternative formats will be offered.



Neurodiversity in Education

Optional module (20 credits)

Indicative Module Content:

- Primary and secondary education
- Inclusive practice
- Exclusion
- Inclusive curriculum design
- Further and Higher education
- Effective student support



Neurodiversity at Work

Optional module (20 credits)

Indicative Module Content:

- Responsibilities of the workplace
- Legal considerations
- Ethical considerations
- Attracting neurodiverse talent
- Considerations in the recruitment and selection process
- Supporting neurodiversity in the workplace
- Strengths and challenges of neurodiversity in the workplace
- Supporting the mental health and wellbeing of neurodiverse employees



Neurodiversity and the Criminal Justice System

Optional module (20 credits)

Indicative Module Content:

- What are the considerations of neurodiversity
- Developmental considerations across the lifespan
- SEND and the education system
- The importance of early identification and intervention strategy
- Youth offending
- Police arrest, detention, questioning, and inclusive practice
- Legal representation
- The court system
- The 'Revolving Door' issue
- Accessibility and support
- Rehabilitation
- Models of best practice

Benefits of completing the course

The PG Certificate in Neurodiversity will provide a broad foundation in neurodiversity that can be used for personal understanding of the subject, it will assist and develop skills to better understand and further support neurodivergent individuals in the outlined areas. The qualification can also act as a stepping stone for further postgraduate study.

Accreditation

Arden University is committed to excellence in teaching and continual quality improvement. We are proud that this programme has gained the National Autistic Society's Autism Inclusion Award, recognising our commitment to improving support for autistic people.



Programme entry requirements

Arden University is keen to ensure that the qualification is available to all those who can benefit from it therefore entry requirements are as follows:

- A degree equivalent to UK second class honours or above (or equivalent)
- English language ability equivalent to IELTS 6.5 (no less than 6.0 in any element), where the language of undergraduate study was not English.

All applications will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Significant relevant professional work experience, or non-degree equivalent Higher Education qualifications will be considered.



Further Information

To find out more about the course, please visit the programme webpage:

arden.ac.uk/our-courses/postgraduate/masters/pg-cert-neurodiversity

Do you work in a school, college or community group?

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