

Achievement Standard

Subject Reference Psychology 2.4

Title Examine how theory is used in fields of psychological practice

Level 2 **Credits** 5 **Assessment** Internal

Subfield Social Science Studies

Domain Psychology

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This achievement standard involves examining how theory is used in fields of psychological practice.

Achievement Criteria

Achievement	Achievement with Merit	Achievement with Excellence
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Examine how theory is used in fields of psychological practice. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Examine, in depth, how theory is used in fields of psychological practice. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comprehensively examine how theory is used in fields of psychological practice.

Explanatory Notes

1 This achievement standard is derived from *The New Zealand Curriculum*, Learning Media, Ministry of Education, 2007, Social Sciences learning area, and the Level 7 achievement objectives and is related to the material in the *Teaching and Learning Guide for Psychology*, Ministry of Education, 2010 at <http://seniorsecondary.tki.org.nz>.

2 *Examine* involves explaining theory used in fields of psychological practice showing an awareness of why the theories are used within that field. The explanation includes a minimum of two fields and at least one theory per field.

Examine, in depth, involves providing a detailed explanation of how theory is used in fields of psychological practice. The explanation includes identifying the strengths and weaknesses of the theories and provides justification for why the theories are used. The explanation may include descriptions of, or references to, psychological theories or studies from published works.

Comprehensively examine involves evaluating the theories used in the chosen fields. The evaluation considers implications of the theory on the fields and predicts how the fields may evolve over time.

- 3 *Fields of psychological practice* refers to real life settings. Examples of fields of psychological practice include:
- clinical
 - developmental
 - industrial and organisational
 - forensic
 - health
 - sports
 - comparative
 - media
 - environmental
 - educational
 - social
 - cultural.
- 4 *Theory* refers to psychological ideas or concepts that describe, explain or predict behaviour or mental processes. For example, the theory of operant conditioning is relevant to the field of educational psychology and Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs is used in the field of industrial and organisational psychology.
- 5 Conditions of Assessment related to this achievement standard can be found at <http://ncea.tki.org.nz/Resources-for-Internally-Assessed-Achievement-Standards>.
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Replacement Information

This achievement standard replaced unit standard 27690.

Quality Assurance

- 1 Providers and Industry Training Organisations must be accredited by NZQA before they can register credits from assessment against achievement standards.
- 2 Organisations with consent to assess and Industry Training Organisations assessing against achievement standards must engage with the moderation system that applies to those achievement standards.

Consent and Moderation Requirements (CMR) reference

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