Sample SLOs for:

Psychology

- 1. Students will demonstrate sufficient communication skills by a) communicating thoughts, arguments, and research work in writing using the tone, grammar, and organization appropriate to professional work in psychology and b) demonstrating effective oral communication skills in group discussions and class presentations.
- **2.** Students will demonstrate effective collaboration with team members in group activities such as projects, recruiting research subjects, collecting data, presenting research findings and/or working in research labs.
- **3.** Students will demonstrate competence in electronic and information technologies by a) using computational and statistical software, b) using computers to review abstracts appearing in relevant databases and obtaining full-text versions of the literature relevant to a research topic, c) paraphrasing, quoting, and citing appropriate sources to avoid plagiarism and d) sufficient use of the American Psychological Association (APA) Style Manual.
- **4.** Students will demonstrate critical thinking skills and skeptical inquiry by evaluating the strengths and weaknesses of current research literature and/or their own research using psychological research methodology.
- **5.** Students will demonstrate sufficient use of statistical analysis, interpretation, and presentation of psychological data.
- **6.** Students will demonstrate appropriate and ethical use of subjects by going through the process of subject recruitment and debriefing the human subjects involved in psychological research.
- **7.** Students will demonstrate knowledge of the theories, concepts, and empirical approaches from diverse perspectives of psychology, including biological processes, developmental processes, individual and social processes, learning and cognitive processes.
- 8. Students will demonstrate personal, sociocultural and international awareness.

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Note: These sample SLOs are provided as a model for the creation of SLOs for your own course or program. If you have questions, or would like assistance in writing SLOs, please contact Dr. Gary Williams, Instructional Assessment Specialist, at (909) 389-3567 or gwilliams@craftonhills.edu.