



Queen's University  
Belfast



# DOCTORATE IN CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY (DCLIN)

## 3 YEARS FULL TIME

### The Subject

The core purpose of the Doctorate in Clinical Psychology course is to provide professional training in clinical psychology for those entering the profession.

The course seeks to provide trainees with a broad range of psychological expertise based on academic knowledge, research and clinical skills.

The course aims to promote the development of the core competencies of the profession (assessment, formulation, intervention and evaluation) which can be applied to different settings and client groups and at different levels of the health care system.

### Entrance Requirements

A first or upper second class Honours degree in Psychology, or its equivalent, which confers the Graduate Basis for Chartered Status (GBC) with the British Psychological Society. Those with a 2.2 Honours degree or an equivalent qualification acceptable to the University may also apply if they have also achieved a postgraduate qualification (e.g. Diploma/Masters) relevant to Clinical Psychology.

#### Additional information for international students:

Normally salaried places cannot be offered to non-EU nationals. Applications from non-EU applicants who are able to self-fund, or who have other sources of funding, will be considered.

International students (for whom English is not their first language), must be able to demonstrate their proficiency in English in order to benefit fully from their studies. Non-EEA nationals must also satisfy UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI) immigration requirements for English language for visa purposes.

Evidence of an IELTS\* score of 7.0, with not less than 6.5 in any component, or an equivalent qualification acceptable to the University is required. (\*Taken within the last 2 years). For more information on English Language requirements for EEA and non-EEA nationals see:

<http://go.qub.ac.uk/EnglishLanguageReqs>

### Why choose to study at Queen's

Our course is approved by the Health Professions Council (HPC), the statutory regulator for practitioner psychologists and courses in the UK. The course is also accredited by the British Psychological Society.

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### The Course

The course is a three year (36 month) postgraduate professional training course, accredited by the British Psychological Society as conferring eligibility for chartered status and approved by the Health and Care Professions Council as conferring eligibility to apply for registration as a clinical psychologist.

Our Doctorate in Clinical Psychology consists of 18 compulsory modules including:

- Clinical presentations
- Psychological assessment and formulation
- Psychological therapies
- Personal and professional development
- Practice placements
- Research

The academic modules are delivered at the university base and occur in blocks of varying sizes, at two stages of the year, supplemented by one academic day per week or fortnight, depending on stage of training. Five placement modules take place in a variety of health service setting (e.g. in-patient/residential and out-patient, secondary healthcare and community/primary care) and involve direct work with clients, multidisciplinary work, indirect work and consultancy, drawing from one or more models of psychological therapy as specified. Research occurs throughout the 3 years of training and involves research relevant to clinical theories and practice.

### Careers

Currently there is 100% employment rate for graduates of this course, most as clinical psychologists in the health service or voluntary sector. Some pursue careers in clinical practice in combination with academic/research posts.

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The course equips people to work in a wide variety of setting and with a wide variety of people. Graduates have found employment with clients of all ages (from children to older adults who have a variety of different mental or physical health issues, such as:



I had previously completed a PhD in mental health and the course allowed me to continue to develop my academic and research skills, whilst learning how to work sensitively and effectively with clients in a broad range of health service environments.

The Doctorate in Clinical Psychology provides a highly rewarding intellectual and personal challenge, and the atmosphere at Queen's is very supportive and friendly. I would strongly recommend this course to anyone with an interest in studying Clinical Psychology

**Ryan Mitchell**