



Queen's University  
Belfast



# DIPLOMA/MSC IN APPLIED PSYCHOLOGY (CLINICAL SPECIALISM)

(Diploma 1 year / MSc 2 years: both part-time)

## The Subject

The course aims to provide students with the psychological knowledge base and core skills in psychological assessment, formulation and circumscribed interventions as applied to at least one commonly presenting clinical population.

The programme delivers training for individuals who currently work in clinical posts (e.g., Assistant/Associate Psychologists, Community Psychiatric Nurses (CPN's), social workers etc.) within a NI healthcare setting as well as psychology graduates with clinical experience.

The Postgraduate Diploma (PGDip) provides students with skills in psychological assessment and circumscribed interventions. The MSc develops skills in conducting health service research.

## Entrance Requirements

The Diploma/MSc have both essential criteria and desirable criteria. Applicants must meet essential criteria in order to be considered.

### Essential criteria:

- The applicant has a 2:1 honours degree in psychology, or its equivalent, from a recognised university course, which confers the graduate basis for registration with the British Psychological Society. Applicants that have a 2:2 psychology degree but also a postgraduate psychology qualification may be considered.
- The applicant demonstrates a satisfactory level of personal and professional competence required for the course, as evidenced in their personal statement.

### Desirable criteria:

- The applicant is currently employed, or will be by the time of course entry, as an Assistant/Associate Psychologist (or "equivalent" (e.g., Community Psychiatric Nurses (CPNs), social workers) within a Northern Ireland healthcare setting.
- The applicant receives, or has arranged to receive upon successful entry into the course, supervision from a qualified clinical psychologist.

### Additional information for international students:

Successful international applicants will be required to either have secured employment as an Assistant/Associate Psychologist (or "equivalent") in Northern Ireland at the time of applying or undertake a Voluntary Assistant Psychologist placement in Northern Ireland for a year upon commencement of the course, and are likely to require a work visa. The course requires a minimum International English Language Testing System (IELTS) score of 6.5. For more information please visit: <http://go.qub.ac.uk/EnglishLanguageReqs>

### Course Information:

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### Why choose to study at Queen's?

We have been successfully delivering this programme since September 2009. The Diploma/MSc in Applied Psychology (Clinical Specialism) is a highly commended training course and one of only two postgraduate MSc courses specifically designed to train Assistant/Associate Psychologists to become a more effective part of the health service workforce. We are seeking formal accreditation of the course by the British Psychological Society in 2017.

Currently we have a very high employment rate for graduates of the course (90 – 100%) with approximately 53% of graduates securing places on clinical psychology doctoral training courses. Both graduates and their managers/supervisors endorse that the programme led to substantive improvements in their knowledge of clinical presentations and ability to assess/treat clients using psychological therapies.

The Diploma year entails approximately one taught day per week (during term time) and two core teaching blocks each semester.

Successful applicants are required to pay only 20% of fees if Department of Health funding is available.



*" The Diploma in Applied Psychology provided the perfect avenue to bridge previous academic experiences towards a clinical setting.*

*This course was hugely rewarding and endowed greater confidence in applying clinical knowledge and skill within my work as an Assistant Psychologist. I would recommend this course without hesitation for aspiring psychologists".*

**Mary-Kate Burke**



*" Our course has been recognised as one of the most useful postgraduate degrees in developing clinical skills. We've been fortunate that many of our graduates have developed*

*successful careers in clinical psychology and the health service as a result of the therapeutic skills and research knowledge acquired on the course."*

**Dr. Kevin Dyer**