



**QUEEN'S
UNIVERSITY
BELFAST**

DOCTORATE IN CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY (DCLINPSY) 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

Applicants must possess, or expect to possess by the course start date, at least an Upper Second Class Honours degree (2.1) or equivalent qualification acceptable to the University, which has been accredited by the British Psychological Society (BPS) as conferring the Graduate Basis for Chartered Membership (GBC). Applicants with less than an Upper Second Class Honours degree (2.1) may apply if they also possess a higher degree (e.g. Master's or PhD or equivalent qualification acceptable to the University) with distinct relevance to clinical psychology. In addition, we accept applications from those who have at least an Upper Second Class Honours degree (2.1) or equivalent qualification acceptable to the University in a first degree other than psychology but who expect to complete, by the course start date, a qualification which confers eligibility for the Graduate Basis for Chartered Membership (GBC) with the British Psychological Society.

HOW TO APPLY

Applications for the course are made through the Postgraduate Direct Applications Portal (DAP). One application covers both the application for a place on

the course as well as for central funding. Applications normally open in September and close at the end of November each year. In applying for this course you are agreeing that you have the right to work in the UK.

Further information is available on our webpage:
<http://www.qub.ac.uk/schools/psy/Study/PostgraduateTaught/DCLinPsych/>

Applicants whose first language is not English or whose previous education and examination qualifications have not been in the English language will need to provide evidence of English language proficiency i.e. an IELTS academic overall score of 7.0 with minimum of 6.5 in all four elements of the test or TOEFL iBT (internet based test) 95 with minimum of 23 in Listening, 21 in Reading, 22 in Speaking and 23 in Writing.

WHY CHOOSE TO STUDY AT QUEEN'S?

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

COURSE INFORMATION

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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 settings (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 three years of training and involves research relevant to clinical theories and practice.

CAREERS

Currently there is 100% employment rate for graduates of this course within the National Health Service and this is often the first post attained following completion of the Professional Doctorate. There are also options to pursue careers in clinical practice combined with academic/research posts.

The course equips graduates to work in a wide variety of specialties including Adult Mental Health, Child and Family including Looked after Children, Neuropsychology, Intellectual Disability, Clinical Health Psychology and Older Adults.

RYAN MITCHELL



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.

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