


Doctorate in Clinical Psychology: Clinical Placements



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Clinical Placements

- Under the close supervision of a qualified Clinical Psychologist trainees get to work clinically with children, adults, and older adults.
- Variety of presenting problems seen (e.g., anxiety, depression, post-traumatic stress, psychosis, persistent physical symptoms, brain injury, and intellectual disability).
- Clinical work includes carrying out thorough assessments and when indicated treatment - reduce distress, and support those seen in clinic to better manage and cope and have an improved quality of life.

Clinical Placements

- Across the three years of training:
 - 5 Placements
 - First year has an extended clinical placement

Clinical Placements at Queen's

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
1 Placement	2 Placements	2 Placements
Adult (presentations commonly seen in adulthood)	A child psychology placement and an intellectual disability placement.	Specialist / elective placements (e.g., Neuropsychology, Forensics, Neonatology, Specialist CAMHS, Specialist Paediatric Psychology)

Clinical Placements

- The 4 clinical placements in years 2 and 3 are approx. 6 months in duration
- In placement typically for three days a week during term time and rising to four days during the summer months

Linking theory and practice

- Apply the teaching at Queen's in clinical work on placement. Theory and research findings should inform clinical practice.
- Clinical science in practice – research supported psychological interventions. Evaluate treatment.
- Trainees bring their clinical experience and observations back into the classroom which can complement teaching / enhance learning.
- Reflective scientist-practitioners.



Thank You

Have you any questions?