



DClinPsy Open Day 2023



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Clinical Psychology training

Why Clinical Psychology?

Increased funding for services and for training

Employability of graduates
Growth in identity of psychological workforce

Workforce wellbeing and resilience

Covid19 – New ways of working

Leadership – supervision, mentoring, consultation, governance

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HCPC Revised Standards of proficiency for practitioner psychologists

- **Promoting public health and preventing ill-health** – increased understanding of the role CPs play in promoting health and preventing ill health.
- **Centralization of the service user** – a consistent emphasis on accessing the voice of the client in different ways.
- **Registrants' mental health** - emphasis on the importance of looking after own mental health, and maintaining fitness to practice.
- **Digital skills and new technologies** - developing and keeping up to date with digital skills & innovative technologies.
- **Leadership** – recognizing the importance of leadership at all levels of practice, irrespective of employees having a management role.
- **Equality, diversity and inclusion** – a key element of PPD but implications for all elements of training (learning, research and practice).

Typical profile of successful candidates?

- 60-70% are 25-30 years of age
- 80% are female
- 50% QUB / UU graduates
- 50% NI is country of birth
- 80% have worked as AP
- 80% have Masters
- 15% PhD or PhD pending

Most common application mistakes?

Important to -

- Clearly demonstrate learning acquired through studying psychology
- Clearly evidence growth & learning acquired through undertaking relevant work experience
- Clearly evidence research skills & competence
- Avoid Spelling / grammatical errors
- Demonstrate good presentation skills & focus
- Graduate basis for chartered membership (GBC)

Advice you would give to candidates?

- Motivation – why clinical psychology?
- Reflect – what would I bring to the role?
- Readiness – why now?
- Aptitude
- Personal qualities (resilience, managing competing demands)
- Clear demonstration of competencies
- Previous applications?