



DOCTORATE IN CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY |

WHO ARE CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGISTS ANYWAY?

Clinical Psychologists hold numerous roles:

- leadership and management,
- assessment and therapy,
- research and audit,
- supervision and training others.

Clinical Psychologists work in multiple settings, mostly NHS:

- neuropsychology,
- health,
- older adult, adult and child mental health,
- learning disabilities
- forensic
- academia

ENTRY CRITERIA FOR DCLINPSY TRAINING

MINIMUM CRITERIA

Applicants must have Graduate Basis for Chartered Membership with the BPS

English language (a score of at least 7.0 on IELTS) – just relevant for international students

Meet residence requirements based on the NHS Bursary Scheme.

References (academic and clinical)

Minimum 2.1 (or 2:2 + minimum postgraduate (Masters level that has a clear research component UNLESS contextual admissions)

Clinical experience of working with people with psychological needs

CONTEXTUAL ADMISSIONS

Individual level	Disability Young carer Care experienced First generation graduate Were eligible for Free School Meals scheme Asylum seeker or refugee
School level	Low performing school School or college with low transition to HE (National data)
Area level	Socioeconomic disadvantage (POLAR quintiles 1&2)

WHAT DOES DCLINPSY TRAINING CONSIST OF

- 3 years of three elements: teaching, placement, research
- Teaching in CBT plus at least one other therapy (at Exeter we do systemic and CAT)
- All areas where psychologists may work covered in the curriculum
- Academic assessments linked to what is taught, e.g. essays, case reports, presentations
- Many courses also offer secondary accreditation by the BABCP, AFT or ACAT
- Placements assess core competencies, may be in child, learning disabilities, older adults, adult, health, forensic, etc.
- Research is doctoral level. Must produce a literature review, main research project and service related project (audit)

MENTORING SCHEME

- Breaking Through Mentoring Scheme is a Plymouth and Exeter DClinPsy initiative aimed at helping people of colour to break through into the profession of clinical psychology and gain a place on the doctorate course.
- Anyone who identifies as a person of colour can apply
- Mentoring involves group sessions that provide guidance, advice, encouragement and support

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OTHER WIDENING ACCESS INITIATIVES

- Disability Compliant
- Contextual Admissions
- Local NHS Trusts might offer voluntary experience
- Look out for DClinPsy course open days