

DPsychSc (Clinical) Open Evening

Doctoral Programme in Clinical Psychology
National University of Ireland, Galway

Information Evening – 3rd February 2011



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Doctor of Psychological Science (Clinical Psychology)

Entry Criteria

- **Recognised degree in psychology (or postgraduate diploma) of at least upper second-class honours level – PSI-recognised.**
- **Some experience relevant to clinical psychology / clinical research.**



Course Philosophy

- **Reflective Scientist Practitioner**
- **Eclectic mixture of theoretical models and therapeutic approaches but emphasis on CBT and other evidence-based approaches.**



Course Structure

The course runs on a full-time basis over three calendar years and includes three interrelated elements:

- **100 days academic coursework – 2 x 5-week academic blocks each year**
- **390 days of supervised clinical practice - 2 x 21 week placements each year**
- **200 days research activity – 1 day per week for research over the three years**



Core learning areas across all academic blocks

- **Psychological Assessment**
- **Psychological Disorders**
- **Psychological Intervention**
- **Personal and Professional Development**
- **Psychological Research Methods**
- **Current Topics in Clinical Psychology**



Academic Blocks

YEAR 1

- **Child, adolescent and family clinical psychology**
- **Adult clinical psychology**

YEAR 2

- **Clinical psychology and disability (intellectual, physical, sensory disabilities)**
- **Older adults clinical psychology. Neuropsychology**

YEAR 3

- **Forensic psychology. Health psychology**
- **Specialist topics**



Research Component

- **Lectures and workshops on methodology, statistics and computing**
- **Two service-based research projects in the first and second years**
- **•A research thesis (max 30,000 words) and journal article in the field of clinical psychology.**



Supervised Clinical Practice (6)

- 1. Child and adolescent clinical psychology**
- 2. Adult clinical psychology**
- 3. Learning disability**
- 4. Older adults or specialist**
- 5. Specialist**
- 6. Specialist**



Selection Process

- **Application via PAC (www.pac.ie)**
 - **Closing date Friday 4th March 2011. See checklist of forms on web page.**
- **Short listing by Programme/HSE staff**
- **1st Round Interviews (1 April 2011)**
 - **2 person panel**
 - **Research abstract**
- **2nd Round Interviews (11, 12 April 2011)**
 - **Full panel (University staff, HSE sponsors, supervisors)**



Qualities

- **Academic ability**
- **Interpersonal skills**
- **Maturity**
- **Research capacity**
- **Relevant work experience**
- **“Psychological mindedness”**
- **References**



How to gain relevant experience?

- **Assistant Psychologist & Research Assistant Jobs & Advice**
http://groups.google.com/group/AP_Ireland/topics
www.psychapp.co.uk
www.psyclick.org.uk
www.clinpsy.org.uk
- **Voluntary work**
www.nuigalway.ie/celt/cki.html
- **Join British Psychological Society and / or Psychological Society of Ireland**
www.psihq.ie/TRAINING_CAREERGUIDE.ASP
- **Contact clinical psychology services in your area (look at HSE web directory)**
- **Contact academics and researchers to be involved in research**



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Any Questions?



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