

Doctoral Programme in Clinical Psychology National University of Ireland

Open Evening – 4th February 2010



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Entry Criteria

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



Course Structure

- **The course runs on a full-time basis over three calendar years and includes three interrelated elements:**
 - **100 days academic coursework**
 - **390 days of supervised clinical practice**
 - **200 days research activity**



Academic Content

- **Adult clinical psychology**
- **Child, adolescent and family clinical psychology**
- **Clinical psychology and disability (intellectual, physical, sensory disabilities)**
- **Older adults clinical psychology**
- **Neuropsychology**
- **Forensic psychology**
- **Research and statistics**
- **Specialist topics**



Research Component

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



Supervised Clinical Practice

- **Adult clinical psychology**
- **Child and adolescent clinical psychology**
- **Learning disability**
- **Older adults clinical psychology**
- **Specialist areas**



Selection Process

- Application via PAC (www.pac.ie)
 - Closing date 5th March 2010
- Short listing by Programme/HSE staff
- 1st Round Interviews
 - 2 person panel
 - Research abstract
- 2nd Round Interviews
 - Full panel (University staff, HSE sponsors, supervisors)



Qualities

- Academic competency
- Interpersonal skills
- Maturity
- Research competency
- 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 The British Psychological Society and / or The 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



“Standing out from the crowd...”

- Participate in psychological societies
- Publish your research
- Present at conferences
- Voluntary activities e.g. Samaritans, ISPCC, ID groups
- Do extra relevant courses
- Shadow clinical psychologists
- Get immersed in psychology as much as possible!



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