



## Postgraduate MSc Educational Psychology

**A profession for the 21st century: The mission statement of the MSc Educational Psychology programme is “to enable trainee educational psychologists to develop and apply the knowledge, skills and values that will allow them to practise as confident, competent educational psychology professionals of the highest standard in order to make a positive difference for a wide range of people.”**

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### What is it about?

This two-year full-time programme, completion of which comprises Stage 1 of the three year training, aims to prepare Trainee Educational Psychologists to work as practitioners of applied educational psychology in local government (usually Education or Social Services), in voluntary agencies and elsewhere, in the U.K. and beyond. The aims of the programme are to promote:

- the acquisition and development of information, theories, evidence, strategies, skills, services and products, which are based on educational psychology, and relevant to:
  - enhancing effective learning,
  - promoting positive social, emotional and behavioural development, and
  - promoting inclusion, and
  - co-operative problem-solving
- with children, parents, teachers and a wide range of other carers and other professional agencies.

### Who is it for?

The programme is aimed at applicants who wish to train as educational psychologists. Applicants have a wide variety of previous qualifications, experience and employment history.

### How is it delivered?

- Learning experiences in the university are closely linked with those from a series of practical placements in local authority psychological services.
- Active and self-managed learning methods are emphasised.
- The curriculum is delivered through a range of traditional teaching and learning sessions, practical tasks, role play, video analysis and feedback, peer tutoring and assessment, demonstration and other forms of experiential learning. The utilisation of problem based learning provides an integrated model of teaching and learning.

### To apply

- You must hold a 1st or 2.1 honours degree in Psychology or an equivalent qualification, which is recognised by the British Psychological Society as conferring eligibility for their Graduate Basis for Chartership (GBC).
- You must also have at least the equivalent of a minimum two years' full-time work experience with children, young people and/or their families on entry to the programme. Relevant paid and voluntary, part-time and full-time work can be taken into account
- Competence in the English language is essential. Applicants for whom English is not the first language must be able to demonstrate their competence, at an IELTS level of 8.5 or equivalent.
- All successful applicants are required to be registered on the Protecting Vulnerable Groups (PVG) Scheme which was introduced by the Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007. This process replaces the "Enhanced Disclosure" check and the forms will be sent out to you if you are accepted onto the programme

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