



University of Glasgow | Faculty of Medicine  
Graduate School

# Doctorate in Clinical Psychology 2010-2011





## Why study in the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Glasgow?

The Faculty of Medicine is at the forefront of leading edge clinical interventions and discovery and is one of the largest medical faculties in Europe. The range of activity, starting from fundamental research into genes and progressing to clinical trials, provides a 'cell to cure' approach focused on health improvement, disease prevention and treatment, as well as fundamental understanding.

Through world-class researchers, state-of-the-art facilities and partnerships with other organisations, the University is tackling cancer and cardiovascular and inflammatory diseases – Scotland's three biggest killers.

On campus, the BHF Glasgow Cardiovascular Research Centre, the Glasgow Biomedical Research Centre and the Wolfson Medical School Building form a 'triangle of excellence', enhancing Glasgow's position at the hub of the molecular genetics revolution which is transforming medicine and therapeutics.

The Faculty of Medicine Graduate School is one of the largest centres for research and professional training in medicine, dentistry and nursing in the UK.

With just under 400 postgraduate research students and 400 postgraduate taught students, the Faculty of Medicine Graduate School is a thriving intellectual community, providing education for clinicians, researchers and allied health professionals of tomorrow.

## Doctorate in Clinical Psychology What will the programme involve?

The Doctorate in Clinical Psychology Programme is a full-time programme taken over a three year period. The University of Glasgow Programme is one of the oldest in the U.K., having started as a Diploma in Clinical Psychology in 1960. The programme is collaboratively funded through NHS Education for Scotland (NES) and the University of Glasgow. Trainees are employed by a local NHS (Scotland) Health Board for the duration of the Programme.

We are seeking candidates for the clinical programme who are academically able, enthusiastic, and committed to a career in clinical psychology. Clinical psychologists have a demanding role working with a wide range of clients, in a variety of health and social care settings, to reduce psychological distress and to enhance and promote psychological well-being. The aim of the Programme is to produce fit for purpose NHS practitioners. In common with most Clinical Psychology Programmes, the cognitive behavioural approach to psychotherapy is dominant but there is also a substantial teaching input based upon other psychotherapeutic approaches.

### Programme structure

The Programme follows a modularised structure, which integrates academic teaching, clinical practice education and research training. This process underpins the commitment of the Programme team to maximizing the synergy between the clinical, academic and research components of training and reflects explicitly our commitment to an integrative educational process. The programme consists of 16 compulsory courses:

#### Year 1

- Course 1: Foundations of Clinical Psychology
- Course 2: Foundations of Clinical Practice 1
- Course 3: Foundation of Clinical Practice 2
- Course 4: Foundation Knowledge, Understanding and Skills
- Course 5: Service Based Evaluation Project 1

#### Year 2

- Course 6: Child/Family/Adolescent Theory and Practice
- Course 7: Learning Disability Theory and Practice
- Course 8: Research Methods
- Course 9: Research Practice
- Course 10: Advanced Professional Practice 1
- Course 11: Service Based Evaluation Project Part 2

#### Year 3

- Course 12: Advanced Practice 1
- Course 13: Advanced Practice 2
- Course 14: Psychology and the Law
- Course 15: Research Practice 2: Major Research Project
- Course 16: Advanced Professional Practice 2



## Clinical Attachments

These are integrated into the modular structure. Through-out training academic modules combine learning outcomes embedded in academic teaching and clinical practice education. The attachments cover a wide range of training opportunities.

Trainees are employed by a NHS (Scotland) Board by one of three NHS (Scotland) Boards: NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde; NHS Lanarkshire; and NHS Ayrshire and Arran. Employing NHS Boards are responsible for providing clinical placements and clinical supervisors. Attachments cover a wide and varied geographical area.

## Research

The Programme encourages trainees to develop a range of high quality research skills that will support their clinical and research practice following qualification. At the end of three years trainees are required to prepare a research portfolio, which reflects a variety of research methodologies. The Section of Psychological Medicine provides a dynamic research environment and staff research interests cover a very wide spectrum. Trainees align their research topics with current academic staff areas of expertise. Glasgow is fortunate in having a very high proportion of senior NHS staff with PhDs and active research interests. This is reflected in the high number of trainee publications in international peer reviewed journals (more than 50 in the past six years).

## What are my career prospects?

The majority of our graduates find employment within the National Health Service in Scotland as Clinical Psychologists.

## What is the duration of the programme?

The Doctorate in Clinical Psychology is a 3 year, full-time programme.

## What do I need to get in?

Candidates must have the British Psychological Society (BPS) Graduate Basis for Chartering (GBC) and provide proof of this. This usually takes the form of a single or joint honours degree in Psychology of II(i) degree classification or above, however candidates who have gained GBC by other means will be considered. Additional practical clinical or research experience of working with children or adults with mental health problems or learning disabilities is an advantage. We do not consider applications from final year undergraduates.

Overseas applicants from outside of the European Economic Area, whose first language is not English, are required to demonstrate their proficiency in English language via the International English Language Testing System (IELTS). A score of 8.0 or higher must be achieved, with no element of the test falling below 7.5.

## How can I apply?

All applications are processed by the Clearing House for Postgraduate Courses in Clinical Psychology, 15 Hyde Terrace, Leeds LS2 9LT. Tel: +44 (0)113 233 2737, email: [chpccp@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:chpccp@leeds.ac.uk)

## How much will it cost?

Funding for the programme is via NHS Education for Scotland and all those accepted into the programme will be employed in the NHS (Scotland) as trainee clinical psychologists.

## Further Information

Further information about the programme, entry requirements and the selection procedure can be found on the Clearing House for Postgraduate Courses in Clinical Psychology (<http://www.leeds.ac.uk/chpccp/>).

Please also refer to the following web site: <http://www.gla.ac.uk/departments/psychologicalmedicine/postgraduatestudy/>





## The University of Glasgow – at a glance

Established in 1451, the University is one of the UK's oldest and most prestigious higher education institutions.

We have been ranked in the top 1% of the world's universities by the Times Higher Education Supplement World University Rankings 2008.

We have a worldwide reputation for the quality of our research, with 96% of research staff working in areas independently assessed as producing work of international importance.

We welcome a diverse community of almost 5,000 postgraduate students from more than 120 countries worldwide.

For more information about the University and our vibrant city, see:

[www.glasgow.ac.uk/about](http://www.glasgow.ac.uk/about)



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