



School of Experimental Psychology

Postgraduate Courses in Clinical Neuropsychology



Delivered in Partnership with the NHS

North Bristol
NHS Trust



Why Choose Bristol?

The University of Bristol has an established reputation of research excellence in neuroscience and neuropsychology. It has further strengthened this position by entering into a partnership agreement with a local NHS Trust to offer a wide variety of research and teaching specialisms to our postgraduate students. These include neuropsychological assessment and rehabilitation across a broad range of clinical syndromes. Students will also benefit from our expertise in techniques used to study brain function.

Our programmes are led by Dr Kit Pleydell-Pearce (University of Bristol), and Dr Martin Bunnage (NHS). The teaching staff include clinicians and researchers at the forefront of clinical and academic neuropsychology from across the region. The extensive involvement of subject specialists means our programme content is informed by current research findings.

Flexible Delivery

Lecture content is broadcast live online and recorded for students to watch at their convenience. Some teaching is concentrated into dedicated weeks. Internet broadcast means that clinicians have greater flexibility in managing work and study. It also allows us to provide lectures delivered remotely by experts in the field worldwide. Recorded lectures are also helpful to students whose first language is not English.

"I have appreciated the flexibility and combination of online and meeting in person."

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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

MSc/Postgraduate Diploma in Clinical Neuropsychology

Entry to these programmes is restricted to UK qualified Clinical Psychologists or those who have a British Psychological Society Statement of Equivalence in Clinical Psychology for qualifications obtained outside of the UK.

MSc/Postgraduate Diploma in Applied Neuropsychology

Entry to these programmes is restricted to Clinical Psychologists trained outside of the UK who do not have a British Psychological Society Statement of Equivalence on Clinical Psychology, and students who possess a first or upper second-class honours degree (or international equivalent) in Psychology

For details of English language requirements and further information for international applicants, please visit:

www.bristol.ac.uk/prospectus/postgraduate/2014/international

How to apply

Applications must be made via the Application for Graduate Studies form. This is available online at:

www.bristol.ac.uk/prospectus/postgraduate/2014/apply/

Fees

For up to date details of the current tuition fees for these courses please contact the programme administrator or follow the links from the university website:

www.bristol.ac.uk/studentfunding/prospective-pg/fees/

Research Infrastructure

Staff and students at the University of Bristol have access to state-of-the-art functional imaging through the Clinical Research and Imaging Centre (CRIC) and NHS facilities.

Developed in partnership with North Bristol NHS Trust the programmes in Clinical Neuropsychology are designed to provide specialist knowledge for Clinical Psychologists and other health care professionals working around the world.

Our Clinical Neuropsychology Programmes

All these courses contain identical taught content and each can be taken as a Diploma or Masters degree. The courses can also be taken on a full-time or part-time basis.

Programme Overview

Our Diploma and Masters courses consist of four core units:

Unit 1: Functional Neuroanatomy, Neuroscience Methods and Issues in Neuropsychology

Abnormal reactions to illness and disability including malingering, factitious disorder, somatoform disorder and conversion disorder. Functional brain imaging techniques. Methods employed to study the brain.

Unit 2: Applied Clinical Neuropsychology and Principles of Assessment

Neuroanatomy, neuropathology, neuropsychological assessment and an introduction to rehabilitation. Students will also learn how to interpret and understand the results of assessments in relation to brain damage / disease.

Unit 3: Development, Rehabilitation and Evidence-based Neuropsychology and Principles of Clinical Statistics

Therapeutic approaches to rehabilitation and an appreciation of risk factors associated with various forms of neurological disorder. This unit also focuses on moral, ethical and legal aspects of clinical practice.

"The lectures were all extremely interesting - loved the diversity of the topics"

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Unit 4: Theoretical and Clinical Neuropsychology

An overview of the neural basis of key cognitive and affective processes including cortical and subcortical function, emphasising system-wide contributions to integrated cognition and behaviour. This unit also covers a diverse range of disciplines providing input for clinical diagnosis (e.g. neurosurgery, neurophysiology, dementia, epilepsy, movement disorders, sleep disorders, radiology, MRI).

Dissertation (MSc only)

For students enrolled on the MSc programmes a 6000-word research dissertation is also required.

The project is undertaken under the supervision of a member of academic staff or an appropriate external NHS clinician or researcher.

Career Enhancement

For professional Clinical Psychologists, our degrees provide the knowledge dimension of the BPS accredited Qualification in Clinical Neuropsychology (QiCN). For graduates, particularly those wishing to undertake training in clinical psychology or specialise in clinical research, our degrees provide focused clinical training at a level equivalent to professional training.

For those lacking clinical experience we also provide extensive coverage of Clinical Practice issues within seminars and tutorials.

About the University of Bristol

The University is internationally renowned, ranked in the top 30 universities globally (QS World University Rankings), due to its outstanding teaching and research, its superb facilities and highly talented students and staff.

Eleven previous alumni have received the Nobel Prize, including Sir Winston Churchill and the only female recipient of the prize in science, Dorothy Hodgkin OM FRS. There are currently 24 members of the Faculty of Science who have been elected Fellows of the Royal Society in addition to 15 emeritus fellows.

The University of Bristol founded in 1876, was the first higher education institution in England to admit women on an equal basis to men. It boasts the appointment of the first UK professor of psychology in 1901 and the first female registrar in 1931. Although the largest city in South West England, Bristol has won awards such as the 'UK's Most Sustainable City', the 'UK's First Cycling City' and 'European City of the Year'



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