

Doctorate in Clinical Psychology



British Psychological Society (BPS) and
Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC) accredited

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3 YEARS FULL-TIME

BASED IN THE UK

STARTING SEPTEMBER 2019



“ Salomons has been a life-changing experience for me. The course teaches us a wide range of psychological models and theories, including CBT, systemic and psychodynamic approaches. This has helped me to work more integratively and creatively with clients by tailoring formulations and interventions that are suitable for an individual client’s needs.

The course stresses the importance of diversity and cultural sensitivity. This is not only helpful for trainees from the UK, who often have to work within multi-cultural contexts, but this also benefits international students from different backgrounds, in thinking how to adapt our practice when working with people from their own culture.

Lastly, what I like most about Salomons is its strong emphasis on reflective practice. This has helped me to reflect upon my professional practice, the wider society’s influence and my own personal position. I found Salomons to be a very welcoming and supportive community, and I definitely recommend international students to come and experience it. ”

Daniel Lai, second year trainee
Doctorate of Clinical Psychology

The Doctorate in Clinical Psychology at Canterbury Christ Church University is one of the oldest and most established clinical training programmes in the UK. Established in 1972, it is also the second largest programme in the UK.

It combines clinical, academic and research training to promote the highest quality of professional practice. Career prospects after completing the Doctorate are excellent.

The programme has been fully approved and accredited by the UK Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC) and the British Psychological Society (BPS). Following recent accreditation in 2018, the programme was awarded 5 commendations for the quality of its clinical doctorate.

The Doctorate programme has an outstanding reputation for innovation and excellence, with over 30 students successfully completing the programme each year, ready to progress in their professional careers.

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The University and its location

Canterbury Christ Church University is a modern, multi-campus university, with a strong focus on teaching, learning and research for the professional public services including health and social care.

The University has a postgraduate community of over 1,200 students drawn from over 80 countries and has been granted 'Highly Trusted Status' under Tier 4 of the UK Border Agency's points-based system.

The Doctorate in Clinical Psychology is offered at the Salomons Centre for Applied Psychology which has recently moved to fully-refurbished premises in the centre of Royal Tunbridge Wells. This charming, historic town is in the heart of Kent's beautiful countryside with direct trains to London taking less than one hour.



Research and teaching

With nearly 50 years' experience in delivering practice-focused applied research, the department's work makes a significant impact in the UK and overseas, covering a diverse range of clinical and academic research interests.

Teaching is offered by a team of highly experienced academics and practitioners who take a problem-based approach and use a variety of research methods. We support doctoral students in disseminating their research through national and international publications and conferences.

View some of the research activity online at: www.canterbury.ac.uk/salomons-research



The Programme

Our aim is to support individuals to become clinical psychologists who are highly competent at adapting their skills to use them effectively in unique and complex situations. We place strong emphasis on helping students to develop culturally sensitive clinical practice enabling them to work effectively within diverse multicultural contexts.

Evidence-based practice underpins all of our work and the programme team are highly experienced in the development of psychological services for those with mental health and/or disabilities needs.

We provide clinical training placements in the public, private, and charitable sectors, working with people of all ages and with different needs.

The programme reflects a wide range of therapeutic models and provides training in the theoretical and research underpinnings, and practical application, of six mainstream psychological models (lifespan developmental, community, systemic, psychodynamic, cognitive and behavioural).

Year One

Working with adults across a wide range of possible mental health specialities and developing core clinical and therapeutic skills across a range of therapeutic approaches.

Year Two

Working within services for children, adolescents and their families/carers, and with people with disabilities to develop advanced clinical competencies.

Year Three

Working with older people and supplementary specialist practice to develop advanced clinical competencies, and multi-agency and inter-professional working.

In the final year of training, it may be possible to undertake a clinical placement within the student's country of origin.

Various teaching pathways have been introduced in the third year, which allow trainees to choose between a range of specialist teaching options. These may include options that focus on the development of particular skills in a chosen therapeutic modality (e.g. systemic CBT, CAT), or in teaching that focuses on specialist areas (e.g. consultancy, leadership and cross-cultural clinical psychology).

Research teaching occurs throughout all three years.

Admissions process

Academic requirements

The minimum requirement for entry onto the Doctorate in Clinical Psychology is the equivalent of an upper second class degree in Psychology (2:1). All applicants must be assessed for eligibility for Graduate Basis for Chartered Membership (GBC) by the BPS. Please check with the BPS before applying.

Visa requirements

Entry for International students is conditional on compliance with the UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI) current regulations for Tier 4 visa students.

Proficiency in English

Students are required to have an IELTS qualification of english language ability achieved in the past two years with an overall score of 7.5 with no element below 7.5.

Relevant work experience

Applicants must have gained at least one year's experience involving some direct contact with clients, in paid or unpaid work relevant to the practice of a Clinical Psychologist. Experience can be gained in a range of different mental health settings within the public, private, voluntary or academic sectors.

Application process

Applications for self-funded places need to be made directly to:

Salomons Centre, Canterbury Christ Church University
1 Meadow Road,
Tunbridge Wells,
Kent, TN1 2YG
England

Applicants who meet our minimum entry criteria will be invited to sit a written test at the Salomons Centre. Invitation to interview is based upon written test scores.

Course fees

£24,840 per year, plus additional placement fees. Course fee is subject to annual review.

Application deadline

Friday 12 April 2019.

Full details of our application and selection process is available at www.canterbury.ac.uk/ClinicalPsychology



"We are lucky to have a good level of service user involvement in our teaching."

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"The Salomons staff have been extremely supportive. They have worked hard to ensure that (as much as possible) we all have placements close to where we live. We also are given quite a few study days, which really help for keeping up with university work. The staff care about the trainees as individuals, and I would feel comfortable seeking further support if I needed it"

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To see comments from our students and graduates, please visit our website. www.canterbury.ac.uk/AppliedPsychology

"I continue to be impressed by the standards of assessment in the programme and by the programme staff."

External Examiners' Annual Report, 2016

"This is an excellent training programme with a highly committed and enthusiastic course team. It is a considerable asset to training in Clinical Psychology [in the UK]."

External Examiners' Annual Report, 2016

"The course does well to provide a good balance between most of the major models currently in use in Clinical Psychology."

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The University reserves the right to discontinue any class or programme or to alter programmes or to deliver teaching provision at other locations where appropriate or to amend any other information, for example, entry requirements, campus location, modules, fees or typical offers, without notice.

Salomons Centre for Applied Psychology also delivers:

Postgraduate Programmes in: Cognitive Behavioural Therapy and PhD in Professional Practice.

Research and Knowledge Exchange, with over 40 years' experience delivering practice-focused applied research.

Consultancy in Practice Consultancy and Development programmes, which contribute to policy implementation and service development.



Contact us

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To learn more about what the Centre can offer through its approach to practice-focused application of psychological research, visit

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