

MSC THEORY AND PRACTICE IN CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY WITH CLINICAL/ RESEARCH PLACEMENT FAQS 2024-5

Isthe MScTPOP programme accredited by the BPS?

Only programmes linked to professional pathways are accredited by the British Psychological Society (BPS). There is no mechanism for accreditation by the BPS and no UK programme of this type is currently accredited.

What if I want to do a BPS-accredited MSc?

We offer an MSc Psychology Conversion degree, which is accredited by the British Psychological Society and provides Graduate Basis for Chartered Membership. This programme is for graduates who would like to have a career in a psychology-related field, but who don't have: an undergraduate degree in psychology OR

GBC from the British Psychological Society (e.g., some Psychology graduates who completed their Bachelor's programmes outside the UK/EU and whose programmes weren't BPS accredited).

The MSc Psychology Conversion course is a one-year programme.

COURSE STRUCTURE AND TEACHING

What are the core course modules and are there any choices?

The core modules offer a busy and varied program across the year. There are a number of core modules which all students must take, and there are also optional modules from which you can choose. Please visit the programme description page for more information: https://www.reading.ac.uk/Ready-to-Study/study/Subject-area/psychology-pg/msc-theory-and-practice-in-clinical-psychology

Core modules

The following compulsory modules are designed to provide a sound scientific understanding of the nature of modern clinical psychology.

Advanced methodologies in Psychology

Empirical Project

Introduction to CBT

Evidence-Based Treatments Across the Lifespan

Clinical or Research Placement

Optional modules:

Students can select one optional module. Available modules vary from year to year, but an indicative list is below. Further information about the modules can be found in the course catalogue.

Theories and Models About the Brain Gathering Data for Cognition and Cognitive Neuroscience Analysing Data Using R



When do lectures and seminars take place?

The UoR teaching week is Monday to Friday, 9am – 6pm, and teaching will fit within this timetable. Timetables are generated by the University and are not finalised until the start of the academic year, and so it is not possible to provide students with a timetable prior to that. As far as possible, MSc teaching is grouped into 2 – 3 days per week. There is comparatively little teaching in the summer, when students are focusing on activities relating to their project and placement.

Where are the lectures and seminars held?

All timetabled teaching takes place on Whiteknights campus.



This will depend on the nature of the placement although students on TPCP with Clinical Placement can expect direct patient contact as part of their placement. Some clinical placements may offer exposure to psychological therapy under close supervision, but this will depend on the client group and, importantly, the abilities demonstrated by the student.

Students enrolled on TPCP with Research Placement will be contributing to clinically relevant research, typically conducted directly with populations such as older adults, children, and adolescents.

Furthermore, taught modules relating to psychological therapies and psychiatric disorders will provide all students (those on Clinical and Research Placements) with the opportunity to develop therapeutic skills via role play and group work