Cardiff University
School of Psychology –
DEdPsy

OPEN EVENING FOR
PROSPECTIVE APPLICANTS
2023-24
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Programme website -
https://www.cardiff.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/research/programmes/programme/doctorate-in-educational-psychology
Overview – what we aim to cover tonight.

• Why choose the Cardiff DEdPsy Programme?
• Our ethos and how the course is structured.
• Entry requirements.
• The main features of the selection process.
• The application process.
• Funding arrangements.
• How to find out more.
## Why choose the Cardiff DEdPsy Programme?

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<td>High quality teaching from experienced professional tutors with a range of expertise within the field of educational and child psychology.</td>
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<td>Opportunities to join the thriving field of educational psychology in Wales.</td>
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Our Ethos

CONFIDENT, COMPETENT PROFESSIONALS OF THE HIGHEST STANDARD IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY

PRACTICE INFORMED BY SOCIAL CONSTRUCTIONISM AND SYSTEMIC THINKING

AN ADVANCED LEVEL OF KNOWLEDGE IN EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY.

A CRITICAL AND REFLECTIVE ATTITUDE AND THE ABILITY TO USE KNOWLEDGE OF THE SUBJECT IN ORIGINAL AND CREATIVE WAYS.

WE TAKE AN INCLUSIVE APPROACH TO ACADEMIC LIFE, AND WE WILL FULLY SUPPORT YOU IN ACHIEVING YOUR ACADEMIC GOALS AND CAREER ASPIRATIONS, TO BE THE EP YOU WANT TO BE.

WE ARE COMMITTED TO PROMOTING EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IN ALL OF OUR PRACTICES AND ACTIVITIES. OUR AIM IS TO ESTABLISH AN INCLUSIVE AND WELCOMING CULTURE WHICH ENSURES EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL.
Overview of the three years

Year 1 - University - including research (60%)
       Fieldwork - including investigative visits (40%)

Year 2 - University (33%)
       Fieldwork - including research (67%)

Year 3 - University (28%)
       Fieldwork - including research (72%)
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**Term begins on Monday, September 2nd 2019**

**All EPS 2 weeks = Monday to Thursday for fieldwork placements and Friday for Small Scale Research Project and Thesis related work.**

***All EPS 3 weeks in terms 1 and 2 plus weeks 1 & 2 in term 3 = Monday to Thursday for fieldwork placements and Friday for Thesis related work.**

*Dates of half term and Easter will be different in Wales and England – individual arrangements must be made to allow for these differences.*

**DS & IVs** = Directed Study and Investigative Visits; **U** = University Sessions; **R & DS** = Reading and Directed Study.

Numbers in brackets = number of weeks spent on specific activities.

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**Last day of term**

**Friday, 20th December 2019**

**Friday 3rd April 2020**

**Friday, 17th July 2020**

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**Year 1 Total EPS days for 2019-2020 = 60**

**Year 2 Total EPS days for 2019-2020 = 116**

**Year 3 Total EPS days for 2019-2020 = 112**
COMOIRA – The Constructionist Model of Informed, Reasoned Action

An innovative model for applying psychology, where psychological theory and research lie at the centre of a flexible process that can inform all the different tasks in which EPs can become involved.

A framework that we all apply to all aspects of our work.


University teaching and learning sessions

These take place in the CUCHDS building and are led by the programme team, covering 6 areas:

- Research Methods in Educational Psychology
- Processes and Methods of Assessment
- The Psychology of Learning: Managing Change
- The Psychology of Social and Emotional Development: Managing Change
- Understanding and Working with Organisations, Systems and Groups: Managing Change
- The Role of the Educational Psychologist: Managing Change
Fieldwork Placements

• All Cardiff trainees have placements in LA psychology services in Wales and, where necessary, some counties in the west of England.

• Placements take place and are arranged for all three years of the programme and trainees do not need to find a placement to employ them during years 2 and 3.

• Cardiff trainees have three separate placements in different LAs across the 3 years and can therefore obtain a variety of different experiences throughout training.

• Funded trainees currently need to undertake 2 out of 3 of their placements in Wales.

• Fieldwork placements are a compulsory part of training and trainees cannot opt out of these arrangements, for example, to seek employment in any of the three years.
Research

Cardiff offers a graduated and supported approach to the completion and writing of research projects.

Over the course of the three years, three projects will be completed, written up and disseminated to others.

Third year students select their own research topic supported by the tutor team and their cohort.

The emphasis is on research that contributes to the development of practice of the profession.
Independent Learning

Time for independent study is incorporated into the programme.

Trainees have access to the university libraries and support from subject specialist librarians.

Trainees living away from Cardiff can access numerous online resources, including access to publications and journals online and course materials on Learning Central.

When in Cardiff, in addition to the CUCHDS building, the newly completed CU Centre for Student Life has numerous work-stations and meeting rooms that can be used for independent study or group work.
Trainee views about the programme
Who can apply?

You must have one of the following:

• An initial degree in psychology (preferably 2:1 or above); or
• A psychology-based Master’s degree;
• A conversion award conferring eligibility for GBC* (www.bps.org.uk)

At the time of making the application you must have a minimum of 1 year full-time (or part time equivalent) experience of working with children and young people within:

- Education
- Health
- Social care
- Youth justice
- A childcare or community setting

You must have a good command of written and spoken English. If your first language isn’t English, you must provide recent evidence that you meet the required standard. The only acceptable English qualification for the course is the International English Language Testing System, Academic. An overall grade of at least 7.0, with a minimum of 7.0 in each of the sub tests, is required.

*Graduate Basis for Chartered membership of the BPS.
Eligibility to enrol on the programme is dependent upon satisfactory completion of an Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) Check, i.e., one that does not reveal any information that suggests a trainee would be unsuitable for work with children, young people and vulnerable adults.

Cardiff University also has in place Fitness to Practise procedures for applicants.
A few other things you need to know…

The Cardiff Programme is based on conditions set by the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC) and the British Psychological Society (BPS).

Trainees who successfully complete the programme will be eligible:
- for Chartered Status with the BPS; and
- to apply for registration with the HCPC as an educational psychologist, which is an essential requirement for practitioner psychologists.
What are the Cardiff DEdPsy funding arrangements?

The course is funded by the Welsh Government, who fund 10 places with a training bursary of £14,169.36 per year for all three years of the programme. This is only available for permanent UK residents (resident in the UK for at least 3 years).

Trainees on the Cardiff DEdPsy Programme are not employed during any of the three years of their training.

There is now a requirement to remain working in Wales for two years post-qualification. Failure to undertake this may result in the recovery of all or a part of the training grant/bursary.

No additional funds are provided for travel expenses etc. but most EPSs now pay the costs of travel for journeys that trainees make on EPS business during placement.

Trainees on the Cardiff DEdPsy programme must successfully complete all programme requirements each year in order to progress to the next year.
Funding continued

Self funding:

The Cardiff DEdPsy programme will offer places to a limited number of candidates who meet all selection criteria and wish to self-fund.

The fees for 2023-2024 are £10,950 per year for UK residents. International students should contact the university to explore self-funding options: https://www.cardiff.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/tuition-fees/postgraduate-tuition-fees-for-2023-entry/postgraduate-research-fees
The selection process...

Application including personal statement

Shortlisting

Personal/professional interview and written task (day 1)

Presentation, interview and written task (day 2)

NB The relevant forms to support your application and a guide to completing your application can be obtained from the DEdPsy administrator at dedpsyadmin@cardiff.ac.uk.
Personal Statement

Write a personal statement of no more than 1000 words and upload to the application. Please include the following information:

- Your reasons for wishing to apply to train as an educational psychologist in Wales,
- Whether you are planning on working in Wales following successful completion of the course (this is now a WG requirement),
- Your particular interests in terms of psychology and examples of how you have used psychology in previous roles and your work experience in relation to children and young people,
- An overview of any research experience and/or knowledge you may have,
- An outline of the skills and qualities you possess that would assist you through the process of training as an educational psychologist.
What procedures govern applications for places?

As the training places on the DEdPsy in Wales are funded by Welsh Government, the application process is individual to this programme. Further details are published on the course website at:

https://www.cardiff.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/research/programmes/programme/doctorate-in-educational-psychology
Trainee views on surviving selection!
How to find out more...

- Keep an eye on the key webpages such as the Association of Educational Psychologists (AEP), British Psychological Society (BPS), Department for Education (DfE) and Welsh Government.

- Contact an EP service and ask to interview or shadow an EP.

- Read helpful publications such as the journal ‘Educational Psychology in Practice’ (available to all members of the AEP) or the BPS publication ‘Educational and Child Psychology’.

- Stay aware of current and emerging issues e.g. transgender matters, mental health in schools, new curriculum developments, new legislation, etc.
Educational Psychologist Guidance (gov.wales)
Useful websites

https://careers.bps.org.uk/area/educational

http://www.aep.org.uk/careers/

https://edpsy.org.uk/

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0Z0kvHBZ8-s&app=desktop

https://gov.wales/educational-psychologist-guidance


https://www.facebook.com/edpsy.org.uk/
Diolch yn fawr - Thank you for joining us this evening - Any questions?

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