

**Department of Psychology, DClin Psy Programme Board**  
**Personalised examination regulations**

Clinical Psychologists are now subject to statutory regulations by the Health Professions Council. In order to be accepted on a training course in the UK, candidates typically have at least a 2.1 or equivalent undergraduate degree (in psychology or an equivalent degree recognised by the British Psychological Society). During the training they need to be able to demonstrate numeracy, including statistical skills, and literacy. In the UK entry to the profession is at the doctoral level. At King's College this is via a specialist doctorate, and the examinations at the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> years are qualifying examinations for the dissertation.

Therefore trainees also need to be able to demonstrate that they are able to:

- Communicate with individuals and audiences
- Apply routinely, word processing, spreadsheet, database, email and information retrieval computer applications, including being able to analyse complex data sets.
- Write competent and comprehensible patient notes on electronic systems
- Interpret and present information in a comprehensible manner
- Interpret accurately numerical data and their significance for clinical reports and in order to be able to discuss results accurately and sensitively with patients

In light of the above, the DClin Psy Programme Board recognises:

1. That students with specific learning difficulties may be granted extra time
2. In order to ascertain that proficiency in literacy, numeracy and professional competency meets minimum standards for registration, students will not be granted supportive equipment, apart from a computer for word processing, nor have their work identified.
3. Students who are visually impaired would be granted a reader.

We believe that this approach provides some assurance that the KCL assessment system will protect the public at the point of registration.

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