

Health Psychology MSc

Year of entry: 2019

Duration: one year

Study mode: full-time

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Our BPS-accredited MSc in Health Psychology is specifically designed for graduate psychologists who wish to go on to becoming registered Health Psychologists with the HCPC. Our Health Psychology course combines classroom teaching, individual study and practical work in statistics, a supervised research project and a 100-hour health-based clinical placement.

Key benefits

- Accredited by the British Psychological Society (BPS).
- Pioneers of postgraduate training in this discipline since 1987.
- Leading research centre in clinical health psychology.
- Collaborations within many NHS services across King's Health Partners.
- Visiting lecturers who are world class in their fields.
- Access to first-class dedicated facilities.
- 100-hour supervised placement opportunities within the NHS, third sector and industry.
- Small class sizes.

Course details

Our Health Psychology course provides up-to-date and thorough grounding in the theories, concepts and empirical findings in health psychology. It will prepare you for a subsequent research degree or professional training in health psychology (i.e. PhD and/or BPS Stage 2 training in Health Psychology).

We aim to equip you with the skills to apply the scientific and theoretical basis of health psychology using scholarly and critical approaches. We also provide formal training in quantitative and qualitative research methods so that you are able to evaluate, plan and conduct research. Clinical placements provide the opportunity to observe health psychology in practice and to learn basic clinical skills.

The clinical placement takes place in the second semester and is organised by a dedicated member of academic staff in NHS departments across King's Health Partners, in industry and health

related charities and public services. Placements consist of a dedicated piece of work completed by the student in their host department coupled with shadowing and observing health and clinical psychologists. Previous placements included auditing patient experiences in an NHS outpatient department, designing an information leaflet on health psychological measurement for allied health professionals and interviewing patients about their experiences of psychological therapy among others, some of which have led to academic and professional publication.

You will also be required to undertake a significant piece of empirical work (a research project). All research projects are conducted in collaboration with a supervisor. While you will be encouraged to develop your own research proposal, you will also have the opportunity to work on projects developed by academic staff in their areas of expertise.

Teaching

You will be taught through a mix of lectures, seminars and tutorials.

Module name	Lectures (hours)	Seminars/tutorials (hours)	Field/lab/studio/supervised learning (hours)	Self-study time (hours)	Total (hours)
Health Related Behaviours, Cognitions & Emotions	36	14	-	100	150
Psychosocial Factors of Chronic Illness & Disability	36	14	-	100	150
Psychology & Health Care Delivery	36	14	-	100	150
Health Psychology in Action & Professional Development	24	15	100	161	300
Basic & Advanced Research Methods & Statistics	60	20	20	350	450
Research Project	-	20	500	80	600

Contact time is based on 24 academic weeks.

Typically, one credit equates to 10 hours of work.

Assessment

You are assessed through a combination of coursework and examinations and may typically expect assessment by:

Year	Examination	Coursework	Practical
1	20%	45%	35%

The study time and assessment methods detailed above are typical and give you a good indication of what to expect. However, they may change if the course modules change.

Regulating body

King's College London is regulated by the Office for Students.

Course structure

Courses are divided into modules. Each year you will normally take modules totalling 180 credits.

Required modules

You are required to take:

- Health Related Behaviours, Cognitions & Emotions (15 credits)
- Psychosocial Factors in Chronic Illness & Disability (15 credits)
- Psychology & Health Care Delivery (15 credits)
- Health Psychology in Action & Professional Development (including clinical placement) (30 credits)
- Basic & Advanced Research Methods & Statistics (45 credits)
- Research Project (60 credits)

Optional modules

There are no optional modules for this course.

King's College London reviews the modules offered on a regular basis to provide up-to-date, innovative and relevant programmes of study. Therefore, modules offered may change. We suggest you keep an eye on the course finder on our website for updates.

Location

Our course is primarily taught at the King's College London Guy's Campus. Some classes of the 'Basic & Advanced Research Methods and Statistics' module takes place at the Denmark Hill Campus.



Career prospects

Following their Stage 1 training (MSc), our graduates can continue their post graduate training (BPS Stage 2) in order to become a practicing health psychologist. Our graduates often work in a variety of settings, including research and assistant psychology positions, PhD study and clinical training.



Fees and funding

Full-time tuition fees – UK

The UK tuition fees for the 2019–20 academic year are available on the course web page.

Please note that the tuition fees for subsequent years of study may be subject to increases in line with King's terms and conditions.

Full-time tuition fees – EU

Students starting their programme in 2019/20 (September 2019) who are eligible to pay EU fees will pay the same rate of tuition fees as UK students. This will apply for the duration of their programme, but may be subject to change by the UK Government for subsequent cohorts from 2020/21.

The UK tuition fees for the 2019–20 academic year are available on the course web page.

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Full-time tuition fees – International

The International tuition fees for the 2019–20 academic year are available on the course web page.

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Deposit

When you receive an offer for this course you will be required to pay a non-refundable deposit to secure your place. The deposit will be credited towards your total fee payment.

The UK/EU deposit is £500.

The International deposit is £2,000.

For further information, please visit the fees and funding section of our website:
www.kcl.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/fees-and-funding/index.aspx

Additional costs

In addition to your tuition fees, you can also expect to pay for:

- ♦ books if you choose to buy your own copies
- ♦ clothing for optional course related events and competitions
- ♦ DBS checks
- ♦ library fees and fines
- ♦ personal photocopies
- ♦ printing course handouts
- ♦ society membership fees
- ♦ stationery
- ♦ laptop if you don't own one already
- ♦ travel costs for travel around London: between campuses and travel to a London NHS hospital for your placement
- ♦ graduation costs.

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