Applied Paediatric Neuropsychology MSc

The Applied Paediatric Neuropsychology programme is designed to provide you with training in the various aspects of science underpinning clinical paediatric neuropsychology practice. The programme is suitable for outstanding psychology postgraduates who are not yet qualified as clinical or educational psychologists, but are motivated to study paediatric neuropsychology at this stage of their career.

Degree summary

You will develop an understanding of the techniques, methods and contemporary findings of developmental cognitive neuroscience and learn how to interpret clinical case presentations within the context of the latest scientific findings of developmental brain-behaviour relationships. You will also gain knowledge of professional, ethical and service delivery issues in assessment and rehabilitative work.

This programme covers all key areas of the syllabus recommended by the BPS Division of Neuropsychology and draws on the wealth of specialist expertise in neuropsychology within UCL Great Ormond Street Institute of Child Health (UCL GOS ICH) and other related neuroscience and psychology departments within UCL, as well as Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children (GOSH). You will also have the opportunity to hear from external speakers who are international experts within their area of specialism.

UCL GOS ICH has a very close relationship with the Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children and much of its research and teaching is carried out on a joint basis.

The programme is delivered through lectures, group seminars, video demonstrations and directed self-study time (reading, essay, seminar preparations). Assessment is by two essay journal papers (up to 3,000 words each), two commentary papers (up to 1,500 words each) and four 90-minute unseen examinations, as well as the independent research project.

Degree structure

Mode: Full-time: 1 year
Location: London, Bloomsbury

Students undertake modules to the value of 180 credits. The programme consists of eight compulsory modules (120 credits) and a research project (60 credits).

A Postgraduate Diploma consists of eight core modules (120 credits), full-time nine months is also offered.

Please note that the list of modules given here is indicative. This information is published a long time in advance of enrolment and module content and availability is subject to change.

**COMPULSORY MODULES**

- Introduction to Developmental Cognitive Neuroscience
- Professional Issues for Paediatric Neuropsychologists
- Development of Sensory, Motor and Cognitive Neural Systems
- Developmental Disorders and Neuropsychological Profiles
- Infant and Neurodevelopmental Assessment
- Assessment of Neuropsychological Disorders and Functional Implications
- Advanced Developmental Cognitive Neuroscience
- Developing Clinical Formulations and Interventions

**OPTIONAL MODULES**

There are no optional modules for this programme.

**DISSERTATION/REPORT**

All MSc students undertake an independent research project which culminates in a substantial report and an oral presentation.
Your career

This programme aims to equip you with the skills needed for positions such as research assistants and assistant psychologists. It also prepares you for PhDs and DClin Psych qualifications, which in turn lead to clinical psychologist or neuropsychologist positions.

Employability

You can gain experience of administering and interpreting neuropsychological assessments, testing clinical groups, qualitative and quantitative data analysis (including neuroimaging and electrophysiology) and report writing. The programme gives you an excellent grounding to pursue a clinical psychology doctorate or research assistant positions.
Entry requirements

A minimum of an upper second-class Bachelor’s degree in psychology (equivalent to BPS accredited Honours degree or BPS conversion diploma) from a UK university or an overseas qualification of an equivalent standard. Students must obtain the BPS graduate basis for chartered membership (GBC). It is the responsibility of the student to obtain GBC before accepting a place on the programme.

English language proficiency level

If your education has not been conducted in the English language, you will be expected to demonstrate evidence of an adequate level of English proficiency.

The level of English language proficiency for this programme is: Good.

Information about the evidence required, acceptable qualifications and test providers is provided at: www.ucl.ac.uk/graduate/english-requirements

Your application

Students are advised to apply as early as possible due to competition for places. Those applying for scholarship funding (particularly overseas applicants) should take note of application deadlines.

When we assess your application we would like to learn:

- why you want to study Applied Paediatric Neuropsychology at graduate level
- why you want to study Applied Paediatric Neuropsychology at UCL
- what particularly attracts you to this programme
- how your academic and professional background meets the demands of this challenging programme
- where you would like to go professionally with your degree

Together with essential academic requirements, the personal statement is your opportunity to illustrate whether your reasons for applying to this programme match what the programme will deliver.

There is an application processing fee for this programme of £75 for online applications and £100 for paper applications. Further information can be found at: www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/graduate/taught/application.

FEES AND FUNDING 2019/20 ENTRY

// UK: £11,060 (FT)
// EU: £11,060 (FT)
// Overseas: £25,610 (FT)

The tuition fees shown are for the year indicated above. Fees for subsequent years may increase or otherwise vary. Further information on fee status, fee increases and the fee schedule can be viewed on the UCL Students website.

Visit the funding pages of the GOS ICH website for details of funding available from the Institute for our programmes, including the £1,000 GOS ICH bursary.

Full details of funding opportunities can be found on the UCL Scholarships website: www.ucl.ac.uk/scholarships

APPLICATION DEADLINE

All applicants: 26 July 2019

Details on how to apply are available on the website at: www.ucl.ac.uk/graduate/apply

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EU referendum

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