

## Overview of PhD in Clinical Psychology

Programme Component	First Year	Second Year	Third Year
<p><b>Autumn six week academic block</b></p> <p>September to mid-October 3-5 days in class per week 20-25 days or 120-150 hours tuition</p>	<p>Child and adolescent clinical psychology academic programme</p> <p>Quantitative service based research skills training</p>	<p>Adult and older adult clinical psychology academic programme</p> <p>Neuropsychology academic programme</p>	<p>Intellectual disability academic programme</p>
<p><b>Late autumn assessment</b></p> <p>Assignments due by 3<sup>rd</sup> week of December</p>	<p>Essay on topic in child and adolescent clinical psychology (4,000 words)</p>	<p>Essay on topic in adult clinical psychology (4,000 words)</p> <p>Ethics approval for major research project due by mid-September</p>	<p>Essay on topic in psychology of intellectual disabilities (4,000 words)</p>
<p><b>Winter 4.5 month clinical placement</b></p> <p>Mid-October to early March Four days per week with 10 days leave for Xmas 500 hours of supervised clinical practice - at least 65 placement days</p>	<p>Child and adolescent mental health placement</p>	<p>Adult mental health placement</p>	<p>Intellectual disabilities placement</p>
<p><b>Early spring assessment</b></p> <p>Assignments due by early March</p>	<p>Case study in child and adolescent clinical psychology (4,000 words and verbal presentation)</p> <p>Quantitative service based research project (PowerPoint presentation and 2,000 word summary)</p>	<p>Case study in adult clinical psychology (4,000 words)</p>	<p>Case study in intellectual disabilities (4,000 words)</p>
<p><b>Spring six week academic block</b></p> <p>Early March to mid-April 3-5 days in class per week 20-25 days or 120-150 hours tuition</p>	<p>Child and adolescent clinical psychology academic programme</p> <p>Qualitative service based research skills training</p> <p>Major research project proposal preparation seminar</p>	<p>Adult clinical psychology academic programme</p> <p>Neuropsychology academic programme</p>	<p>Research and data analysis consultancy</p> <p>Writing final draft of major research project</p>
<p><b>Late spring assessment</b></p> <p>Assignments due in April or May</p>	<p>Major research project (thesis) proposal</p>	<p>Essay on psychology of the older adult (4,000 words)</p>	<p>Soft bound thesis due in May. Vol 1. Major research project (100 pages) Vol 2. Portfolio of assignments (excluding article based on Vol 1)</p>
<p><b>Summer 4.5 month clinical placement</b></p> <p>Mid-April to early September Four days per week with 2 weeks leave for holidays &amp; 1 week leave for study 500 hours of supervised clinical practice – at least 65 placement days</p>	<p>Advanced child and adolescent mental health placement</p>	<p>Advanced adult mental health placement</p>	<p>Specialist elective placement in Ireland or abroad</p>
<p><b>Early autumn assessment</b></p> <p>Assignments due in August or September</p>	<p>Qualitative service based research project (2,000 words)</p>	<p>Introduction, method &amp; references for major research project (10,000)</p>	<p>Journal article based on thesis (5,000 words) due on 1<sup>st</sup> August</p> <p>Viva voce exam</p>