

## Doctorate in Educational and Child Psychology

### Frequently Asked Questions

1. Is my degree BPS accredited?  
Check the BPS accredited programmes page: <http://www.bps.org.uk/bpslegacy/ac>
2. The Manchester selection criteria specifies a BPS accredited psychology degree grade 2:1 (or above, or Conversion course, merit or above). What should I do if I do not have a BPS accredited psychology degree or a 2:1?  
There are a number of BPS accredited conversion/MEd programmes which can enable candidates to reach the programme entry requirements. These are listed at: <http://www.bps.org.uk/bpslegacy/ac>
3. How much experience do I need for admission onto the programme?  
We have changed this criterion for 2013 admission. You will need to demonstrate '**At least 1years experience of planned and evaluated work with individual and groups of children/ young people within educational, child care or community settings (time may be added across different work experience/employment)**'. In order to meet this criterion you will need to show that you have worked with a young person /young people over a period of time sufficient to have planned and reviewed the work you have done/interventions undertaken. The work undertaken could be either paid work or voluntary work.
4. What type of experience should I have?  
Trainee EPs enter the programme with a wide range of prior experience such as working as Assistant Psychologists, Teaching Assistants, Teachers, LA support workers, Trainee Clinical Psychologists. No one type of experience is preferred. However, it is important to be able to demonstrate an understanding of the breadth of support for children and young people within and beyond the school context.
5. When will selection for 2013 take place?  
Draft timescales are for shortlisting to take place January-February and interviews during February-April. 24 applicants will be invited for interview. Selection interviews will last a half day and will include a group task, written task and individual interview ( this also includes a short presentation). Successful applicants will be notified on the agreed national date.
6. Will I receive feedback on my application?  
All applicants to the programme, both successful and unsuccessful will receive individual feedback on their application form and/or interview.
7. Where will my placements be?  
During Y1 of the programme TEPs are placed with services within the NW. A number of factors are taken into consideration when pairing TEPs with placements, for instance, placement availability, where you live and where you have worked previously. During Y2/3 TEPs currently apply for bursary placement opportunities. The majority of our current Y2/3 TEPs are on bursary placements within the NW.