



The
University
Of
Sheffield.

Department Of Psychology.
Clinical Psychology Unit.

D Clin Psy Entry Agreement

All psychology trainees who study for a University degree that prepares them to work as a clinical psychologist are directly exposed within their training to aspects of the clinical environment.

It is therefore essential that clinical psychology trainees fulfil the requirements of Health Professions Council outlined in their Standards of Conduct, Performance and Ethics (<http://www.hpc-uk.org/aboutregistration/standards/standardsofconductperformanceandethics/index.asp>) and the British Psychological Society's Code of Ethics and Conduct (http://www.bps.org.uk/the-society/code-of-conduct/code-of-conduct_home.cfm). These apply for clinical psychologists at all levels including trainees and therefore, before accepting the offer of a place to train as a clinical psychologist at the University of Sheffield, we wish you to be aware of their expectations of trainees as regards their professional behaviour.

We ask you to agree to the following, as derived from the HPC/BPS requirements to guide you as you become a competent practitioner. If you have difficulty with any aspects of the following statements, then the Clinical Psychology Unit (CPU) staff will discuss with you how best to resolve the matter.

Please read the following statements and sign to confirm that you understand them and will conform to them:

1. When I meet patients and listen to them I will respect their views, treat them politely and considerately, respect their privacy and dignity and respect their right to refuse to take part in my learning.
 2. I will not allow my views about a person's lifestyle, culture, beliefs, race, colour, gender, sexuality, age, social status or perceived economic worth to prejudice my interaction with patients, teachers or colleagues.
 3. I will not abuse the trust of a patient or other vulnerable person and I will not enter into an unprofessional relationship with another person in the clinical context, for example, a patient with whom I have come into contact.
 4. I will be honest in my dealings with others, including patients, teachers and colleagues. I will also make clear to others that I am a trainee clinical psychologist and not a qualified practitioner. I understand, accept and agree to be bound by the principle of confidentiality of patient records and patient data. I will not discuss patients with other students or others outside of the clinical setting except anonymously. I will respect all clinical and other records of patients.
- I will maintain appropriate standards of dress, appearance and personal hygiene so as not to disquiet patients, teachers or colleagues.

6. I will expose my face fully to patients, teachers and colleagues in all clinical and teaching settings, and whenever on University, NHS or other sites where I attend for teaching, learning or assessment.
7. I will engage in psychological work with patients of both sexes, irrespective of the gender, culture, beliefs, disability or disease of the patient. Before undertaking any psychological assessment or intervention. I will obtain permission to do so from the patient or appropriate other where this is impossible because of age or competence. I will participate in practising clinical skills with other students, for the purpose of learning skills.
8. I will attend all placements, classes and other teaching sessions as required by the regulations of the DClin Psy programme. I will travel as required to the placements designated.
9. I recognise that successful completion of the programme may require study outside of contracted hours.
10. I will be honest in completing course work for assessment and will never plagiarise material from other sources and submit it as my own work.
11. I will inform the Clinical Psychology Unit if I am arrested, charged, convicted, cautioned, or reprimanded in relation to any offence prior to or during my time as a student.
12. I will communicate effectively and appropriately with patients, supervisors, programme staff and peers in a timely way.
13. I will carefully evaluate and take action to minimise risk to others and myself.
14. I will take responsibility for my own learning and be proactive in finding learning opportunities.
15. I will complete all Occupational Health appointments as required by the DClin Psy programme and provide any authenticated reports of laboratory tests as may be required.
16. I will inform the CPU if there is any significant change to my health that might affect my fitness to practise as a trainee or subsequently as a clinical psychologist.
17. I confirm that I have been truthful in my application to the Clearing House for Clinical Psychology Courses, and that I did not omit any important or relevant information on my application. **I understand that if the CPU discovers that I have been untruthful in my application, it reserves the right to withdraw an offer or terminate the course of study.**

I confirm that I have read and understood the above statements and will conform to them whilst a trainee clinical psychologist. I also confirm that I have read the Health Care Professions Council's document *Standards of conduct, performance and ethics (2009)* and British Psychological Society's *Code of Ethics and Conduct*.

Name:

Signed:

Date: