



How do I become an Educational Psychologist?

Entry to the profession is via a three-year postgraduate doctoral level professional training programme. You will need:

- A psychology degree or equivalent, which is recognised by the British Psychological Society as conferring the Graduate Basis for Registration (GBR)
- Relevant experience of working with children and young people within educational, childcare or community settings.

Examples of the kinds of settings in which relevant experience is likely to be gained include work as:

- A teacher
- A graduate Assistant Psychologist in an Educational Psychology Service
- A learning support assistant
- An educational social worker
- A learning mentor
- A speech and language therapist
- A care worker
- A worker in early years settings.
- Voluntary experience of various kinds may assist applicants in demonstrating a breadth of relevant experience.

Whatever kind of work has been done, courses will be primarily interested in what applicants have learnt from their experiences that is relevant to work as an educational psychologist, and how they have been able to apply the knowledge of psychology gained through first degrees.

Applications should be made via the Children's Workforce Development Council:

Website: www.cwdcouncil.org.uk/educational-psychology

Tel: 0113 390 7767

Email: edpsychs@cwdcouncil.org.uk

Further information about accredited programmes and Psychology conversion courses for teachers is available on the British Psychological Society website www.bps.org.uk or from the Association of Educational Psychologists www.aep.org.uk

