

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **I have a degree in (x), will I still be able to apply for the course?**

To be eligible for the course you will need a degree qualification in any subject. Applicants without a degree may also be considered and are advised to get in touch to discuss further.

### **Overseas students**

Students must first have been working in the UK for a minimum of 1 year in a professional capacity with children, adolescents or families in order to be eligible to apply to the course. This needs to be on-going for the duration of their time on the programme.

### **Can I do the Psychoanalytic Observation Studies Programme full-time?**

Psychoanalytic Observational Studies is a part-time course which takes place in small-group seminars one day a week on Fridays, for 30 weeks a year plus two extra training days. This is not a full time programme. However, you are expected to attend for weekly seminars and requires a high level of participation. In addition, time is required to complete weekly observations and write up these up. There is also a substantial amount of required reading each week. This makes for a rich and immersive learning experience which is possible to accommodate around family and work commitments.

### **How do I find a baby? Do NSCAP set it up?**

This is something that is discussed in detail and carefully supported once a student has been accepted on the programme. With careful guidance and clear criteria students are expected to find an infant to observe. In addition, two 'New Observers' seminars are offered in the summer and early autumn term to think about the practicalities of setting up an observation and to begin the process of finding a suitable family to observe.

### **Is the Psychoanalytic Observation Studies Programme eligible for the Postgraduate Masters Loan?**

From 2024-2025 students on this programme are eligible to apply for the Postgraduate Masters Loan when registered for the Masters programme from the beginning of their studies. For enquiries regarding the Postgraduate Masters Loan please contact the University of Leeds via: [funding@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:funding@leeds.ac.uk) Further information can also be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/funding-for-postgraduate-study>

### **What funding is available for the Psychoanalytic Observation Studies Programme?**

Students are required to self-fund their studies or seek funding via their employer. Details regarding the potential availability of NHS England Equality Diversity and Inclusion (EDI)

bursaries will be updated in due course.

A new funding option for the 2-year PGDip is in development for NHS employees who have an interest in applying for the Clinical Training in Child and Adolescent Psychotherapy at a future point. Further information regarding the potential introduction of this scheme will be available in due course. Applicants who are interested in exploring this option are encouraged to discuss their interest in the programme with their manager and to contact us directly to speak to either the Admissions Tutor or Programme Lead.

### **What kind of work experience is considered for the Psychoanalytic Observation Studies Programme?**

The course is relevant to a wide range of professionals including teachers, mental health practitioners, nursery nurses, psychologists, social workers, support workers, psychiatrists, youth workers, nurses/midwives and allied professional disciplines. Students are required to have at least one year's experience of working in a professional capacity with infants, children, adolescents or families before commencing the course. This can be paid or unpaid ie in a voluntary capacity but does need to be in a clearly defined role, usually within an organisational setting. If you have particular questions in relation to work experience please get in touch and a conversation with one of the course tutors can be arranged.

### **I've had my own children, can that count towards my experience?**

Experience with your own family is not counted as suitable experience as this needs to be within a professional capacity.

### **Can I speak to one of the course tutors?**

If you would like a conversation about any aspect of the Psychoanalytic Observational Studies programme, your work experience or individual circumstances, please contact NSCAP Admin to arrange a time to speak with the Admissions Tutor or the Programme Lead on the phone.

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