MA/PGDip Psychoanalytic Observational Studies

Applications for the MA/ PGdip in Psychoanalytic Observational Studies are now being invited. This is a two year part-time course leading to a postgraduate diploma with an optional third year dissertation leading to a Masters qualification. The course is accredited by and taught at the University of Northumbria by practising clinicians.

The course offers participants the opportunity to develop skills of close observation within a psychoanalytic framework. For further details please see UNN website. We welcome students from a range of professional disciplines, all working with children and/or young people, including social workers, occupational therapists, nurses, art therapists, teachers, psychologists, child and adolescent psychiatrists.

In addition to attending seminars on Tuesdays students are required to read and prepare for seminars and to visit a family every week to observe the same infant from birth through to the child’s second year.

There are six fully funded places so early application is recommended.

This year we are opening the theory modules as a ‘single module’ option to those who might be interested in taking one or two modules. (10 credits £381, 20 credits £762)
How to Apply

The entrance requirement for the programme is a degree or other qualification at equivalent level. Occasionally a lesser professional qualification, together with appropriate experience, may be acceptable. In this case the university will seek evidence of academic ability to meet the demands of the programme. For candidates to be considered for the MA (i.e. to be eligible to continue to dissertation) the entrance requirement is an Honours degree and/or a postgraduate diploma or equivalent. The satisfactory completion of work for the diploma in this programme is acceptable.

Students are expected to have a minimum of one year’s experience working with children, young people and/or parents, and must currently be employed (which could include voluntarily) in an appropriate professional context, which does not need to be clinical.

Applicants will be considered on the basis of their academic and professional backgrounds, references, and reasons for wishing to undertake the programme.

Further Information

If you would like to discuss the course with one of the course tutors please contact jillian.mackenzie@ntw.nhs.uk. If you would like to discuss the application process please contact raegan.taylor@northumbria.ac.uk.

Application is online through the university website: www.northumbria.ac.uk