

LV 2023  
PG Dip  
Psychodynamic  
Practice

**Continuing Education Strategic Management Board**

Approved by CESMB 04.07.23 and 05.07.23

**Title of programme**

Postgraduate Diploma in Psychodynamic Practice

**Brief note about nature of change:** Renaming of sensitivity group as experiential group, minor routine updates

**Location of change in Examination Regulations**

<https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=pdinpsycprac&srchYear=2022&srchTerm=1&year=2019&term=1>

**Effective date**

**For students starting from MT 2023**

And

**For first examination from 2023-24**

**Detail of change**

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1 a) The course will consist of lectures, tutorials, seminars, classes and supervised practice on the theory and practice of Psychodynamic Practice. Candidates will be required to undertake personal therapy. The course will be taken on a part-time basis

over two years. ~~a period which shall be of two years' duration.~~

(b) The course places equal emphasis on theory, practice and the candidate's personal and professional development. In the first year candidates will study the Historical and Theoretical Perspective, the Psychiatric Perspective, the Contemporary Perspective and the Developmental Perspective, and be introduced to core clinical models. The organisational perspective will be taught to complement candidates' clinical placements. Candidates will study long term counselling and psychotherapy. The second year will include the study of time limited counselling and psychotherapy and the application of the core theoretical model to varied contexts and clinical populations.

2 Every candidate will be required to satisfy the examiners in the following:

a) five written assignments as follows:

- (i) an initial case study of no more than 3,000 words.
- (ii) a second case study, of no more than 3,000 words.
- (iii) An extract from a candidate's placement log, of no more than 3,000 words.
- (iv) an extract from the candidate's Reflective Journal, of no more than 3,000 words.
- (v) an essay, of no more than 3,000 words, based on theoretical material covered in the course.

b) a dissertation of no more than 10,000 words. ~~(including appendices and footnotes but excluding bibliography).~~ The subject of the dissertation must be submitted for approval by any two of the examiners following consultation with the course director by noon on Friday of 4th week of Hilary Full Term in the second year of the course.

c) participation in a minimum of 100 hours of client/patient contact with placement supervisions at a minimum ratio of 1:6

d) participation in a minimum of 80 hours of personal therapy and submission of a statement of hours completed from a candidate's personal therapist;

e) submission of annual reports from the candidate's course tutor and clinical seminar leader;

f) confirmation from the ~~sensitivity~~ experiential group co-ordinator that there are no ethical reasons why the candidate should be discouraged from commencing professional work.

The assignments set out in clause 2(a) and (b) shall be submitted via the approved online submission system by the dates published in the course handbook . ~~All work must be submitted to the examiners for consideration by such date as the examiners shall determine and shall notify candidates.~~

~~3 Candidates may be required to attend a viva voce examination at the end of the course of studies.~~

~~4~~ 3 Candidates who fail to satisfy the examiners in any of the assignments in 2 a) or the dissertation may be permitted to resubmit work in the part or parts of the examination which they have failed for examination on not more than one occasion which shall normally be within one year of the original failure. Candidates who fail to obtain a satisfactory report of their placement at the end of the first year will be given additional support. Candidates who fail to obtain a satisfactory report at the end of the second year may be permitted by the examiners to continue in the placement until the required standard is reached, for a period of no more than one year after the end of the second year.

~~5 The examiners may award a distinction to candidates for the diploma.~~

#### **Explanatory Notes**