

UEA
Doctorate in Educational Psychology
(EdPsyD)
Open Evening - 2026 Entry

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Background to the UEA EdPsyD



The UEA programme was established in 2018 to address a shortage of Educational Psychologists in the Eastern Region of England.

We have just welcomed our 8th cohort of trainees.



We have 20 trainees in Y1 and Y2 and 16 in Y3.

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OUR CORE VALUES

The programme's core values are:

REFLECTION

INCLUSION

INTEGRITY

RELATIONAL PRACTICE

PROFESSIONAL CURIOSITY

They underpin and are threaded throughout our teaching, supervision, research and practice.

Programme Overview: Professional Accreditation/Approval



We are approved by the Health Care Professions Council (HCPC) and accredited British Psychological Society (BPS).

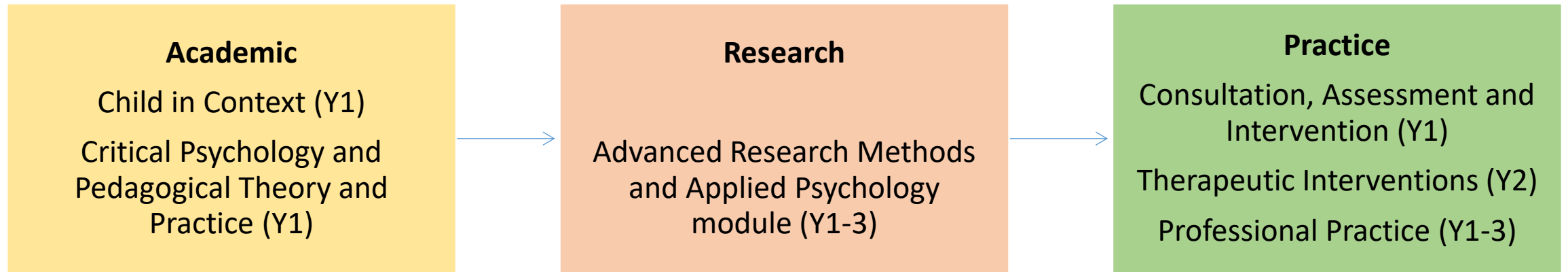


Upon successful completion of the training programme, graduates are eligible to apply for HCPC Registration and, when admitted to the Register, practise as an Educational Psychologist. Graduates are also able to apply for Chartered Membership of the BPS.



This is a three-year, full-time professional doctorate programme of study.

Programme Overview: The Three Strands of the UEA EdPsyD





Placements – East of England

We draw placements from the following areas:

- Norfolk
- Suffolk
- Essex
- Cambridgeshire
- Hertfordshire
- Peterborough
- Bedford Borough
- Central Bedfordshire
- Thurrock
- Southend
- Luton



The course structure

- We begin the new academic year on 1st September with new Y1s given two weeks to complete orientation tasks with Y2 and Y3 beginning their placements.
- There are three reading weeks aligned to half terms with no teaching in the Christmas, Easter or Summer holidays.
- 25 days of annual leave.
- Teaching sessions usually run from 10-4 although you are expected to be available, with notice, from 9-5.
- On placement you are expected to align to your service working expectations.
- Y1 is weighted more heavily to university sessions, in Y2&3 trainees spend most of their time on placement.

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Y1 in a nutshell

- 50 days on placement in an Educational Psychology Service
- 8 days (2 weeks) in a school-based placement.
- 20 block teaching weeks across the year + a few individual days.
- Five modules.
- Fridays are independent study days.

*Indicative



Y2 in a nutshell

- 130 days on placement
- 1 week with an Allied Professional Service
- 6 block teaching weeks across the year + a few individual days including research, therapeutic intervention and placement-oriented sessions
- Three modules
- Fridays remain independent study days

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Y3 in a nutshell

- 130 days on placement
- Approx 50 teaching sessions
- Two modules
- Online research trouble shooting sessions
- Practice oriented sessions
- Opportunity to invite externals
- VIG Initial Training Course
- Fridays remain independent study days

*Indicative

What do our trainees say?



A word cloud visualization of trainee feedback. The words are arranged in a circular pattern around a central point. The word 'Supportive' is the largest and most prominent, located in the center. Other words of varying sizes are scattered around it, including 'challenging', 'insightful', 'reflective', 'considerate', 'authentic', 'rewarding', 'inspiring', 'engaging', 'supportive fun', 'collaborative', 'informative', 'practical', 'safe', 'encouraging', 'fast-paced', 'thought', 'exciting', 'curious', and 'spiral-curriculum'. The background is a light blue gradient with a large, faint, light blue circle behind the text.

spiral-curriculum curious challenging Insightful
exciting **Supportive** reflective considerate
thought informative authentic
Practical fast-paced supportive fun collaborative
safe encouraging Engaging inspiring Rewarding

How to apply

All applications for a DfE funded place must be made through the Association of Educational Psychologists (AEP) website: www.aep.org.uk/training

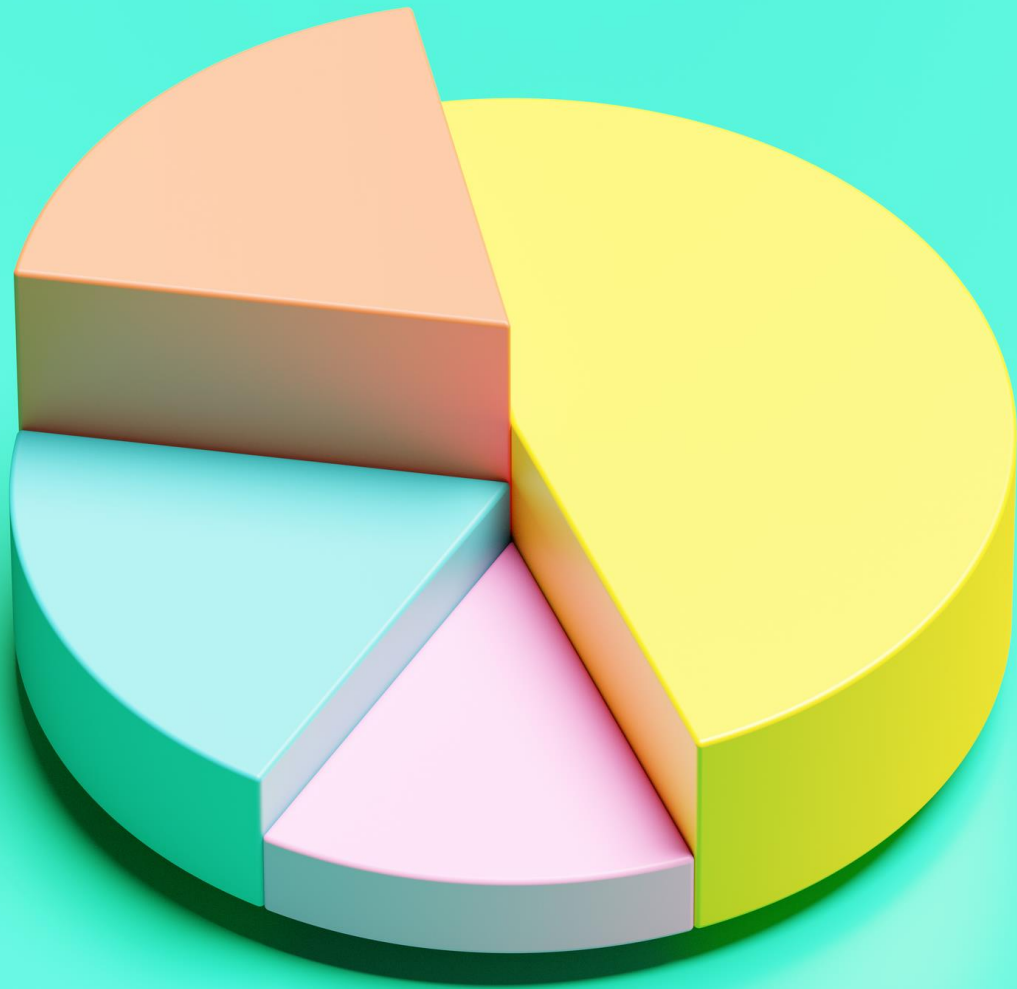


You must follow the guidance on this application portal, including all relevant deadlines.

UEA Desirable Criteria

The desirable criteria can be found on our website:

[Information for Applicants - Doctorate in Educational Psychology](#)



Previous application rates

- **2018/19:** We received 63 applications for 10 places
- **2019/20:** We received 82 applications for 15 places
- **2020/21:** We received 99 applications for 15 places
- **2021/22:** We received 114 applications for 15 places
- **2022/23:** We received 126 applications for 15 places
- **2023/24:** We received 135 applications for 20 places
- **2024/25:** We received 150 applications for 20 places



Interview dates

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(indicative dates 19th, 20th & 23rd Feb 2026):

-  Introduction/welcome
-  A timed written task
-  A small group or individual task
-  An interview (approximately 45 minutes)

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Selection process

- Interview panels of no more than two people (made up of an academic member of staff and a senior representative from a regional educational psychology service e.g. PEP or SEP).
- Transparent as possible about our selection processes e.g. make the interview questions available to you a few minutes before your interview slot.
- If you are unsuccessful, upon request we will send you feedback on key areas of strength and for development,



Good luck!

Q&A

- Thank you for considering an application to the EdPsyD at UEA.
- We welcome any questions you may have.

