

App Ed and Child Psy D Programme: Information for Prospective Applicants

Information relevant to application to the App Ed and Child Psy D programme (and comparable approved programmes of full-time, postgraduate professional training in educational psychology in England), can be obtained from the website of the Association of Educational Psychologists (AEP) at www.aep.org.uk

Information specifically relevant to initial training is provided at <http://www.aep.org.uk/training/>

The British Psychological Society also offers helpful information re: careers in applied psychology, including educational psychology, at <https://careers.bps.org.uk/area/educational>

Introductory reading

Beaver, R. (2011) *Educational Psychology Casework: A Practice Guide* (Second Edition). London: Jessica Kingsley

Billington, T. (2006) *Working with Children: Assessment, Representation and Intervention*. London: Sage.

Cline, T., Gulliford, A. and Birch, S. (Eds) (2015) *Educational Psychology: Topics in Applied Psychology*, (2nd edition). London and New York: Routledge.

Frederickson, N. and Cline, T. (2015) *Special educational needs, inclusion and diversity (Third Edition)*. Maidenhead: Open University / McGraw Hill Education

Kelly, B., Woolfson, L. and Boyle, J. (Eds) (2016) *Frameworks for Practice in Educational Psychology: A Textbook for Trainees and Practitioners*, (2nd edition). London: Jessica Kingsley

Orford, J. (2007) *Community psychology: theory and practice*. Chichester: John Wiley

Thomas, G. & Loxley, A. (2007) *Deconstructing Special Education and Constructing Inclusion*. Buckingham: Open University Press. (2nd edition) <http://www.mcgraw-hill.co.uk/html/0335223710.html>

It is axiomatic that students enter training with a comprehensive knowledge of lifespan developmental psychology. Good texts are exorbitant, but for reference, I think I'd most strongly commend David R Shaffer's texts, *Developmental Psychology: Childhood and Adolescence*. (More recently co-authored by David and Katherine Kipp). The 9th Edition is the most recent and the UoB library doesn't have this; its most recent version is the 2010 8th edition (single long-loan copy in School of Education Library). For most topics, for some initial overview reading to re-tune into a topic domain, earlier editions would be more than adequate, I'd think!

Key professional journals:

Educational and Child Psychology

Educational Psychology in Practice

Emotional and Behavioural Difficulties

Other relevant journals:

The British Journal of Educational Psychology

The Journal of Child Psychology and Psychiatry

Child and Adolescent Mental Health

Additionally, it's useful to try to keep abreast of relevant policy developments, reading summaries of education, health and social care policy, legislation and Government reports relevant to the 0 – 25 age range.