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


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.