Forensic and Generic Skills

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Overview

This module will provide induction in the skills expected of a post-graduate student in Forensic Psychology including research, professional and transferable skills. The seminars introduce some of the principal generic skills associated with research and practice in forensic psychology. Practical work and experience is required to hone the skills.

Learning Objectives

After completing this module students should be able to:

- present research findings in a clear and accessible way using a variety of media and to a range of different audiences.
- contribute effectively to meetings.
- develop the skills required for keeping a reflective practice diary.

Topics Covered

- Reflective Practice
- Resilience
- Staff Training
- Ethics in Practice
- Supervision Process
- Maintaining Boundaries
- Multi-disciplinary Working
- Consultancy

Teaching Methods

- When working within a forensic practice, you need to be able to reflect on your decisions, skills and the clients you are working with. Reflective practice is also a significant part of the pathway towards qualification for a trainee psychologist and underpins each of the core roles. This module requires you to keep a reflective practice diary during your studies to help you reflect upon your learning, and develop the skills you will need to draw upon in practice, which you will discuss together with your supervisor during two scheduled supervisory meetings held each term.
- Seminars will incorporate lectures, practical sessions, role-plays and student-led presentations.

Sample Reading