**Apprentice Psychological Wellbeing Practitioner Role**

Thank you for your interest in Vita Health Group. Due to the high number of applications we receive, we have put together some tips for applications for the Apprentice PWP role:

The essential criteria for the Apprentice PWP role are:

* Evidence of study at level 5 and also Level 2 English and Maths (GCSE certificates or equivalent; at C grade/level 4 or above)
* At least 1 year paid or volunteer work in a mental health setting in a role directly supporting the mental health of others (one year for those with a level 5 qualification or higher OR two years for those with a level 3 or 4 qualification)
* Able to travel to and attend University in Exeter (London base) and clinics in the Kent and Medway area

We are generally looking for a broad range of experience of adult mental health e.g. different client groups and mental health presentations. If your experience is primarily with children, you can still be successful but please try to explain your transferrable skills to working with adults.

Due to the intense nature of the course, we want to see that candidates would be able to handle the demands of the role, manage their time and look after themselves in that process i.e. self-care. We are looking for a resilient person.

Personal statements should show:

* Someone clearly demonstrating WHY they want to be a PWP and their understanding of the role and the model we adhere to
* We would be looking for relevant experience with clear examples given of how those skills transfer into the PWP role
* what other skills you can bring to the role
* what skills you can demonstrate to support managing a demanding role alongside university

We would encourage you to look out for future opportunities and have outlined some resources that you may find helpful when writing future applications.

Talking Therapies manual: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/the-improving-access-to-psychological-therapies-manual/>

Should you have any specific questions about how to become a PWP you can have a look at the BPS and NHS websites here as well as a video about becoming a PWP:

* Becoming a PWP - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5P0If8hhH-A](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5P0If8hhH-A )
* <https://www.bps.org.uk/psychological-wellbeing-practitioner-job-profile>
* <https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles/psychological-therapies/roles-psychological-therapies/psychological-wellbeing-practitioner>

We advertise directly on our website and send through to NHS jobs.

Because of the extremely high application rate **the advert is only open for a short time** when we advertise for Apprentice PWPs. Therefore I would recommend you create a Vita Health Group Careers Account ready [here](https://careerssearch.vhg.co.uk/jobs/search) with all your details on so you can create notifications when these roles come up and also you have all your details inputted already to submit an application.

We look forward to receiving your application.

VHG Recruitment Team