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Hi!

Thank you for applying to our Trainee Psychological Wellbeing Practitioner recruitment programme.

We have included below some further information on the process which you may find useful.

**Our Service Areas and Universities**

Our service areas are in the following locations:

* Kent and Medway
* West Essex
* Basildon and Brentwood
* Derby
* Bristol, North Somerset, South Gloucestershire
* Newcastle upon Tyne
* Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland
* Calderdale
* Nottinghamshire

University Courses are typically for one-year full-time with one teaching day per week at the University, one study day per week and three days per week in service. This can be a mixture of remote and face-to-face working so you must be able to attend both the University and service area.

**The Recruitment Process**

We recruit for Trainee PWPs twice per year and adverts usually go out May/June time for Autumn cohorts and November/December time for Spring cohorts. We advertise directly on our website, Indeed and also on NHS jobs. Because of the extremely high application rate the advert is only open for a short time when we advertise for Trainee PWPs so we encourage you to get your application in quickly. Adverts are sometimes closed early due to the number of applications we receive.

The University of Lincoln offers two levels of academic training for PWPs: Undergraduate Practice Certificate (Level 6 for candidates who do not have a prior degree) and a Postgraduate Certificate (Level 7 for candidates who have a prior degree). Both these programmes are accredited by the British Psychological Society.

The recruitment process for this trainee role will involve a representative from the University.The process will be an interview with panel representatives from both Vita Health Group and the University. It will be conducted remotely using Microsoft Teams.

All shortlisted undergraduate candidates are required to submit a 1,000 word short report, addressing a question set by the programme team at the University of Lincoln. Candidates for the Level 6 programme will be required to pass this report at the undergraduate pass standard [40%].

If you are successful at interview you will then begin our onboarding process which involves a DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) check, right to work in the UK check, references, proof of qualifications, and an internet broadband speed check. After successfully onboarding, we will provide you with all the equipment you need for your new role.

**The University of Lincoln**

There are many great reasons why our students and staff are proud of the University of Lincoln, including our inspirational teaching, world-leading research, and close links with industry.

Situated in the heart of a beautiful and historic city, we are placed among the top 30 universities in the UK for student satisfaction in the Guardian University Guide 2023, listed in the world’s top 130 universities in the Times Higher Education’s (THE) Young University Rankings 2022, and hold a top five-star score overall in the QS Stars rating system of global universities.

Whether you are thinking about coming to study or undertake research with us, you can be confident that you are joining a university that places the quality of the student experience at the heart of everything it does.

For more information please visit: <https://www.lincoln.ac.uk/>

**The Course: PG Cert Psychological Wellbeing Practitioner**

The role of a Psychological Wellbeing Practitioner (PWP) is a crucial component of the UK Government's NHS Talking Therapies initiative.

This strategy is reflective of the the increasing levels of complexity and chronicity of people in the UK with mental health needs and conditions. These practitioners work with patients who are identified as having 'mild to moderate' mental health problems, including anxiety and depression.

For further information on the course and modules studied please visit: <https://www.lincoln.ac.uk/course/pwppwppc/>

**How to become a Psychological Wellbeing Practitioner?**

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

<https://www.bps.org.uk/psychological-wellbeing-practitioner-job-profile>

<https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles/psychological-therapies/roles/psychological-wellbeing-practitioner>

<https://www.ppn.nhs.uk/resources/careers-map/career/psychological-wellbeing-practitioner>

There is also a video here which gives further information about becoming a PWP and working at Vita Health Group

<https://healthcareers.live/national-health-careers-conference-2022-ahp-live-stage/>

**We hope this is helpful – if there is anything else you need just let us know!**