

CAAP

CLINICAL ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED PSYCHOLOGY



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Health Education and
Improvement Wales (HEIW)

WHAT IS A CAAP?

A CAAP is a specialist mental health professional whose duties include assessing, formulating, intervention and evaluation. Trainees also learn service specific skills during their placement.

The CAAP role is a 2 year training programme for Psychology graduates. The role brings additional psychologists to the workforce, bridging the gap between Assistant Psychologists and Clinical Psychologists.



TRAINING

Year 1 consists of studying for a Master of Science (MSc) provided by Cardiff University alongside a placement, whilst year 2 consists of a full-time placement.



CLINICAL SETTINGS

Options to train to work in a wide variety of clinical settings, either in Primary Care/Adult mental health settings or in a range of areas involving children, young people and their families.



SUPPORT

Practice autonomously with appropriate support, working within the scope of practice, under the supervision of an appropriately registered Health and Care Professional Council (HCPC) clinical psychologist.

WHY SHOULD I BECOME A CAAP?



100% found the role rewarding*



100% would recommend the role*



100% pleased that they joined the CAAPs workforce*



100% envisage themselves staying in the role for 3-5 years with the majority being 5+ years*

**First cohort survey results*



Working as a CAAP is a really fulfilling profession because you learn the clinical skills to support service users who are really struggling with their mental health. Being a part of an individual's journey in improving their mental health is incredibly rewarding, and it's honestly a privilege to be able to work in this role.

-Caelan Straker-Jones (2nd year CAAP)



HOW DO I BECOME A CAAP?

- You will need a degree in Psychology.
- Direct NHS experience is desirable but not essential.
- The majority of Health Boards in NHS Wales employ CAAPs.



HOW DO I FIND OUT MORE?

Visit NHS Jobs and search for 'Clinical Associate in Applied Psychology':



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