

CROYDON AMHP TRAINING PATHWAY

As a Mental Health Social Worker employed by Croydon Council, part of your professional development there is an option to progress to become an AMHP within the service. Below is a brief step by step guide of the process to access AMHP training with Bournemouth University.

There is no current alternative pathway to undertake AMHP training with Croydon. However, this is subject to a yearly evaluation of the provider and a review.

Local Selection and Preparation for AMHP training for Social Workers

Prospective candidates for the AMHP course should initially make arrangements to shadow the AMHP Service. They must have shadowed at least four Mental Health Act assessments before nomination and a further four assessments prior to University entrance interview.

- Minimum of two years post qualifying experience of working with people with care and support needs relating to mental health issues. With a minimum of one year in a community setting where responsibility for cases has been held.
- Hold a level 7 qualification, if there is no level 7 qualification, to have successfully completed the Developing Professional Specialist Practice in mental health and a demonstration of being able to deal with the academic rigours of the training course.
- Have observed at least four Mental Health Act assessments prior to application. One of these is written up for the application written task.
- The professional must be nominated by the AMHP Manager and their line manager and successfully pass the pre University selection panel.
- If the professional does not have the relevant experience, they must complete one day per week for at least twelve weeks prior to application (in preparation for the AMHP course) or (have secured) a secondment to mental health services. Having relevant sufficient experience is subject to AMHP management team discretion.
- Successfully complete the selection process of Bournemouth University.
- Sign Learning Agreement with Croydon Learning and Development.
- Ideally have access to a Car and possess UK driving licence (be a driver).

Next Steps :

Once notification for the next upcoming AMHP training has been sent out, forward your interest to the AMHP Manager for selection consideration. This will be reviewed and discussed with the AMHP Manager and Principal Social Worker.

Successful candidates will be nominated by the AMHP service via the local selection process and put forward for interview with Bournemouth University.

If successful, up to 2 candidates from Croydon per training course may be accepted. Croydon may put through more than 2 candidates for interview. Due to pressure on places there may be a limit to how many candidates can be accepted. Other candidates may have to be deferred to the next available course.

Useful contacts

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