Psychology: Useful Careers Resources

Careers Using Psychology

A degree in psychology can lead to many varied careers, some more obvious than others. About 20% of psychology graduates will become professional psychologists while the majority will work in other areas using their transferable skills. Listed below are the traditional psychology professions, all of which require the Graduate Basis for Chartership (GBC), plus training beyond an undergraduate degree (or MSc Psychology Conversion course), typically 3 years minimum of a combination of additional study and work experience. If you wish to enter one of these psychologist professions you will need to complete a postgraduate course which leads to Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC) registration, see list of accredited courses on: The British Psychological Society website www.bps.org.uk.

Traditional Psychology Professions:

Clinical psychologist, Counselling psychologist, Educational psychologist, Forensic psychologist, Health psychologist, Occupational psychologist, Sport and Exercise psychologist, Teaching and research.

Neuropsychologist – Qualified clinical or educational psychologists can do further training to qualify in this area.

More information on these careers is available on www.bps.org.uk
Other Psychology Specialisms: (do not fall under BPS accreditation):
Coaching psychology, Environmental psychology, Marketing/consumer psychology, Parapsychology, Animal and pet psychology, Human computer interaction (HCI) and Human factors/Ergonomics.

Related Health and Social Care Careers:
Psychological wellbeing practitioners, High intensity therapists, Assistant psychologists, Research assistants, Support worker, Counsellor, Social worker, Occupational therapist, Speech therapist, Mental health nurse, Community development worker, Special needs teacher/assistant, Social/Government researcher.

Other Popular Careers:
Teacher, Human resources manager, Equality and diversity officer, Careers adviser, Market researcher, Marketing executive, Advertising executive, Publishing and Public relations officer.
For other ideas see the destinations survey information on the Employability & Careers Centre website:
For information on any of the above careers see the Prospects website https://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles

Careers Information
- British Psychological Society, information on all the specialist options and details of accredited postgraduate courses. www.bps.org.uk/careers-in-psychology
- ‘Psychology Student Employability Guide’ – An excellent resource contains information on career planning, specialist career options and other health and social care options. https://www.heacademy.ac.uk/resources/detail/subjects/psychology/Employability-guide-0
- Health Careers NHS www.healthcareers.nhs.uk
• Prospects website for options with your degree subject
  www.prospects.ac.uk/careers-advice/what-can-i-do-with-my-degree
• Prospects website: www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles look up all the careers that appeal to you.
• Improving access to psychological therapies includes Psychological Wellbeing Practitioner (PWP) IAPT www.iapt.nhs.uk
• Oxford University Careers Service leaflet on Psychology
  www.careers.ox.ac.uk/psychology
• ‘What to do with your Psychology Degree’ Matthew McDonald and Susmita Das, OU Press publication, available for loan from the Employability and Careers Centre.

Useful Societies and Associations

• A useful resource for prospective Clinical Psychologists www.psyclick.org.uk
• British Psychological Society www.bps.org.uk
• Applications for Educational Psychology (relevant work experience needed) Association of Educational Psychologists www.aep.org.uk
• British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy www.bacp.co.uk
• British Association of Behavioural and Cognitive Psychology www.babcp.com
• Clearing House for Doctorate in Clinical Psychology (relevant work experience needed) applications: www.leeds.ac.uk/chpccp
• ClinPsy - www.clinpsy.org.uk - a site aimed at anyone with an interest in Clinical Psychology
• Division of Health Psychology (BPS) http://www.bps.org.uk/networks-and-communities/member-microsite/division-health-psychology
• Health and Care Professions Council (regulates Psychologists) www.hpc-uk.org
• Psychminded - useful information for clinical psychology applicants www.psychminded.co.uk
• Teaching – Get into teaching : https://getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/
• The British Association of Sport and Exercise Sciences www.bases.org.uk
• The Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development www.cipd.co.uk
The Home Office  www.homeoffice.gov.uk
The Royal College of Psychiatry  www.rcpsych.ac.uk
The Social Research Association  www.the-sra.org.uk
The UK Council for Psychotherapy  wwwpsychotherapy.org.uk
American Psychological Association (APA)  www.apa.org

Job listings

- BPS Psychologists Appointments (including assistant psychologist and trainee PWP)  www.psychapp.co.uk
- The Guardian online (including assistant psychologist and other public sector)  http://jobs.guardian.co.uk
- NHS (including assistant psychologist, mental health support worker and trainee PWP)  www.jobs.nhs.uk
- Civil Service  www.civilservice.gov.uk/jobs
- Psychnet  http://psychnet-uk.com
- Healthjobs UK  www.healthjobsuk.com
- Surrey Jobs  www.surreyjobs.info
- Jobs in universities including research assistants  www.jobs.ac.uk
- Career Jet  www.careerjet.co.uk/psychology-jobs.html
- Employability and Careers Centre vacancy database click on ‘Job Vacancies’  www.surrey.prospects.ac.uk/careers
- National Offender Management Service  www.nomsjobs.com
- Public sector jobs  www.jobsgopublic.co.uk
- Charities  www.jobsincharities.co.uk  and  www.indeed.co.uk
- Social care  www.communitycare.co.uk
- New Scientist  www.newscientistjobs.com
- Occupational Psychologists and SHL  http://www.shl-group.com/
- HR  www.cipd.co.uk
- Brand republic jobs (advertising, media and marketing)  www.jobs.brandrepublic.com
- The Social Research Association  www.the-sra.org.uk
• Civil Service Fast Stream [https://www.gov.uk/guidance/civil-service-fast-stream-graduate-schemes](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/civil-service-fast-stream-graduate-schemes)
• Graduate jobs in general: Prospects [www.prospects.ac.uk](http://www.prospects.ac.uk) and Targetjobs: [www.targetjobs.co.uk](http://www.targetjobs.co.uk)

### Postgraduate study

• BPS website lists all accredited specialist courses [www.bps.org.uk](http://www.bps.org.uk)
• [http://www.prospects.ac.uk/postgraduate_study.htm](http://www.prospects.ac.uk/postgraduate_study.htm) - General database of programmes and information on funding
• Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) [www.esrc.ac.uk](http://www.esrc.ac.uk)
• [www.findamasters.com](http://www.findamasters.com)
• [www.findaphd.com](http://www.findaphd.com)
• [www.postgrad.com](http://www.postgrad.com)
• [www.jobs.ac.uk](http://www.jobs.ac.uk)
• [www.postgraduatestudentships.co.uk/](http://www.postgraduatestudentships.co.uk/)
• [www.fulbright.org.uk](http://www.fulbright.org.uk) - Postgraduate study in the USA
• Teaching - Applications through UCAS Teacher Training [http://www.ucas.com/how-it-all-works/teacher-training](http://www.ucas.com/how-it-all-works/teacher-training)

### Volunteering Opportunities

• [https://www.ussu.co.uk/ClubsSocieties/societies/domore/Pages/JoinUs.aspx](https://www.ussu.co.uk/ClubsSocieties/societies/domore/Pages/JoinUs.aspx) (University of Surrey Students’ Union, volunteering pages)
• [www.do-it.org.uk](http://www.do-it.org.uk) (Volunteering opportunities across the UK)

*Please note that this list is by no means definitive but features some of the more useful websites. For further information on job sectors and detailed occupational profiles please go to the Prospects website, [www.prospects.ac.uk](http://www.prospects.ac.uk).*