PSYCHOLOGY

Overview

There is a wide range of careers for psychology students to explore, while the obvious option might appear to be a psychologist, only around 15% of psychology students’ progress onto the training to become a chartered psychologist. There is more detailed information on the SPCLS Blackboard in PCLS UG Careers section.

Options with a psychology degree

Below are a few examples of careers related to psychology, this is not an exhaustive list, more ideas can be found on SPCLS Blackboard in the PCLS UG Careers section. All will require relevant work experience and some further study. The following profiles are available on Prospects (www.prospects.ac.uk) and healthcareers.nhs.uk.

- Assistant Psychologist
- Psychological wellbeing practitioner
- Educational Mental Health Practitioner
- Counsellor
- Further education teacher
- Higher education Lecturer
- Higher Education Careers Adviser
- Careers adviser
- Speech and language therapist
- Special educational needs teacher
- Teacher (primary)
- Health Promotion Specialist
- Social Worker
- Mental Health Social Worker
- Probation Officer
- Intelligence analyst
- User Experience Researcher (UX Research)
- Public Relations
- Charity Officer/Fundraiser
- Marketing
- Events Manager
- Social Researcher
- Government social research officer
- Advertising
- Management Consultant
- Human resources and recruitment
- Market researcher
- Creative Therapies e.g. Art / Drama / Music

Psychologist careers

Your psychology degree, in combination with relevant work experience, offers you the foundation to progress onto the masters and/or doctoral level study required to become a psychologist:

- Clinical psychologist
- Educational psychologist
- Counselling psychologist
- Occupational psychologist
- Forensic psychologist
- Health psychologist
- Sport and exercise psychologist
- Clinical Neuropsychologist
All psychologist routes will require doctoral level study and a requirement to get onto these courses will be relevant work experience, some may also require a Masters. If you are interested in becoming a psychologist, it is vital to start gaining relevant work experience as an undergraduate. If you are unsure what is defined as relevant after reading the links above, do refer to the detailed information sheets in the on SPCLS Blackboard in the PCLS UG Careers section or book an appointment with the SPCLS Careers Consultant.