



# Careers in psychology

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## Pathways within psychology

- Civil Service & local government
- Healthcare and social care
- Education
- NGOs and charities
- Research & policy - within all sectors
- Police
- Business - particularly HR, marketing, market research, communications, human factors



## Typical career pathways

- Clinical Psychologist
- Health Psychologist
- Forensic Psychologist
- Educational Psychologist
- Occupational Psychologist
- Counsellor / Psychotherapist
- Psychological Wellbeing Practitioner
- Education Mental Health Practitioner
- Assistant Psychologist
- Police Detective
- Advice Worker
- Charity Worker
- Special Educational Needs Teacher / Coordinator [and more](#)





**Assistant Psychologist  
Brain Injury Researcher  
Clinical Trials Assistant  
Forensic Mental Health  
Specialist  
Psychological Wellbeing  
Practitioner  
Mental Health Social Worker  
Mental Health Support  
Worker**

**Teaching Assistant  
Teacher  
SEN Learning Assistant  
Research Assistant**

**HR / Recruitment Consultant  
Social Media Executive  
National Account Manager  
Business Executive  
Management Consultant  
Human Factors Specialist  
  
Social Researcher  
Statistician - Civil Service  
Information Analyst - NHS**



## Graduate programmes

- Civil Service Fast Stream (and other schemes)
- NHS Management Scheme
- NHS Scientist Training Scheme - Genomic Counselling
- Unlocked - Prison Officer
- Think Ahead - mental health social work
- Police Now
- More in our helpsheet... [Careers in Psychology and Mental Health](#)



## Typical career pathways in psychology

- There are **no typical career pathways, there is no single pathway.** Career pathways can be confusing, do your research!
- Most mental health roles require **further postgraduate training**, research roles and professional bodies to ensure you are taking the accredited training.
- If you are interested in **clinical psychology**, you are strongly advised to gain voluntary or extra-curricular experience within the social care / mental health field.
- If you are interested in **occupational psychology**, an awareness of how businesses and organisations operate is valuable.





## Top Tips

- As a Psychology graduate you can work in many different roles, therefore it is vital that you research your career options and understand what you value in a job.
- **Find volunteering opportunities** in local charities such as Mind, Samaritans, Julian House, Genesis Trust and more
- **Find extra - curricular experience on campus** such as with Student Minds, peer mentoring, Nightline
- Psychology graduates are successful in gaining **business roles**.
- **Network**, talk to people in roles you are interested in as there are many different job roles in both private/public sector.
- **Tailor ALL your applications** to the role. It is a very competitive field and organisations need people with skills that match their competencies.





## Careers in Psychology & Mental Health helpsheet

There is also a recorded webinar - [Careers in Mental Health](#)

Sector briefing on [NHS & Healthcare](#)

[Application advice](#) for clinical psychology and more on [finding an assistant psychologist post](#)

## Careers in Psychology & Mental Health



### Introduction

This information sheet is mainly aimed at students within the Department of Psychology, however it is also aimed at students with an interest in mental health careers. A Psychology degree or a conversion course is often required, but not always needed for the areas of work covered by this helpsheet.

Some of this information overlaps with information in our [Careers in social policy, social sciences and sociology](#) and [Careers in the charity and not-for-profit sector](#) helpsheets and therefore students are advised to read both guides if interested in broader career options.

If you are studying Psychology you need not be constrained by the jobs listed in this leaflet. Many graduate employers in a broad range of businesses and organisations do not specify degree discipline. so you can look more widely. It

with a specific tag or guarantee of relevant work. Start by considering how much connection you want between your degree and your working life.

These two resources can be a useful starting point particularly if you are looking for jobs with a direct link:

- [What do Bath graduates do?](#)
- [Prospects options with your subject: Psychology](#)

**Occupational profiles** are core reading, outlining key activities, advice on getting in and case studies. You can view them in the [job profiles](#) section or in the [Healthcare sector section](#).

Some profiles of interest include:

- [Child Physiotherapist](#)
- [Clinical Psychologist](#)







## Questions

- Email us on [careers@bath.ac.uk](mailto:careers@bath.ac.uk)
- Make sure to register on [MyFuture](#)
- Looking for general careers information for final year/postgraduate students? [Check out this video!](#)

