

What can I do with a Degree in Life and Social Science?



Bachelor of Arts (Psychology) (N051PSY)

Bachelor of Arts (Psychology & Forensic Science) (N0515FOR)

Bachelor of Science (Psychology) (Z0416PSY)

Bachelor of Social Science (Psychology) (N0516PSY) (L05210)

Bachelor of Social Science (Psychology & Forensic Science) (N0516FOR)

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Please note: the information contained in this document was current as of January 2011. Refer to www.swinburne.edu.au/courses/ for the most current updates.

For entry and admission requirements for the above Psychology degrees, go to the Swinburne website:
<http://courses.swinburne.edu.au/courses>

What can I do with this degree?

Graduates in psychology are highly sought after by a wide range of organisations to work in human services; as research officers, human resource consultants, and as marketing and advertising personnel.

Examples of where you may find employment:

- Administration
- Administration & Research
- Advertising
- Business Management and Administration
- Community Services
- Consumer Research
- Defence Forces
- Disability Organisations
- Education Sector
- Family Court
- Federal, State and Local Government Administration
- Government Policy Research and Assessment
- Hospitals
- Human Resources
- Industrial Relations
- Market Research
- Marketing
- Police Departments
- Protective Services Personnel
- Public Relations
- Recreation & Leisure Management
- Rehabilitation Agencies (e.g., physical, emotional, substance abuse)
- Relationship Guidance Organisations
- Research Departments
- Road Traffic Authorities
- Health Organisations
- Training Industry
- Weight Loss Industry
- Welfare Agencies

Occupations

Note: some additional study may be required for some of these positions

Education & Research

- Academic
- Administrative/Clerical Officer
- Biostatistician
- Communication Officer
- Computer Programmer
- Criminologist
- Customer Service Officer
- Employee Relations Officer
- Employment Officer
- Graduate Trainee
- Human Factors Consultant
- Human Resources Officer
- Industrial Relations
- Information Officer
- Intelligence Analyst
- Intelligence Officer
- Laboratory Assistant
- Market Researcher/Interviewer
- Management Consultant
- Mental Health Research
- Occupational Health and Safety
- Project Officer
- Public Relations
- Policy Officer/Analyst
- Recruitment Consultant
- Research Assistant
- Researcher in Health, Industrial and Commercial Organisations
- Sociologist
- Teacher
- Training Officer
- Vocational Guidance Officer
- Workers Compensation Assessor

Social/Community positions

- Addiction Counsellor
- Aged Care Worker
- Allied Health Assistant
- Behavioural Practitioner
- Bilingual Assistant
- Careers Adviser
- Case Manger
- Child Care Worker
- Community Activist
- Community Arts Development Officer
- Community Corrections Officer
- Community Development Worker
- Community Health Worker
- Community Outreach Worker
- Community-Social Educator
- Community Worker
- Coordinator-Social Services
- Correctional Services Officer
- Counsellor
- Crime Prevention Officer
- Developmental Care Worker
- Direct Care Worker
- Disability Services Instructor
- Disability Support Officer
- Drug and Alcohol Case Worker
- Funeral Worker/Grief Counsellor
- Fundraising Coordinator
- Health Promotion
- Information and Referral Worker
- Job Support Officer
- Mental Health Promotion Officers
- Options Coordinator
- Outreach Coordinator
- Police Officer
- Primary Health Worker
- Project Officer
- Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence Worker
- Shelter Worker
- Social Worker
- Rehabilitation Counsellor
- Rental Assistance Officer
- Residential Care Worker
- Welfare Assessment Officer
- Welfare Worker
- Youth Activities Officer
- Youth Hostel Coordinator
- Youth Worker

With further study

After completing a Bachelor degree with a major in psychology, graduates can undertake a fourth year of psychology studies and then further study in areas of professional psychology, including:

Clinical Neuropsychologist - specialises in the assessment and diagnosis of brain impairment and how this affects thinking skills, emotions, behaviour and personality. Also involved in the rehabilitation and management of the effects of brain impairment and often work with other health professionals.

Clinical Psychologist - A clinical psychologist is trained in the assessment, diagnosis and treatment of mental illness and psychological problems.

Counselling Psychologist - A counselling psychologist provides assessment, counselling and therapy to individuals, couples, families, groups and organisations. Their clients are, in general, people trying to cope with everyday stresses and the resulting emotional and social problems.

Educational and Developmental Psychologist - provides assessment, intervention and counselling services relevant to the management of developmental and educational issues across the life span. Specialisations include: life span transitions, early intervention, disability, problems of learning and adjustment in schools, career and family development and ageing.

Forensic Psychologist - applies psychological knowledge, theory and skills to the understanding and functioning of the legal and criminal justice system. They provide expert opinion to the courts in such matters as criminal behaviour, child abuse, and family court cases.

Health Psychologist - is concerned with illness prevention and health promotion. They have knowledge of assessment and intervention skills in, the biological, psychological and social factors that determine health and illness. They apply models of behavioural health in order to promote positive change and wellbeing.

Organisational Psychologist - seeks to understand the complex interrelationships that occur within the work context in order to improve organisational effectiveness and individual wellbeing. They apply psychological principles and methods to understand and influence work behaviour, worker attitudes, organisational structures and organisational systems.

Sport Psychologist - provides psychological assistance to people involved in sport and exercise at all levels, who are seeking to enhance their achievement, enjoyment and social interaction. Sports psychology services focus on performance enhancement, personal development, well-being and adjustment skills.

What industry sectors do Psychology graduates work in?

Private	45.7%
Other	18.1%
Government	16.7%
Education	9.2%
Health	10.2%

Source: <http://svc095.wic026v.server-web.com/gradsonline/>

The skills and attributes required by Psychology graduates:

- Apply multiple perspectives to psychological issues involving a range of research methods, theories, evidence and applications.
- Develop sensitivity to the importance of enhancing co-operation to maximise the effectiveness of individual skills as shown in group work and team building.
- Identify and evaluate general patterns in behaviour, psychological functioning and experience, generating and exploring hypotheses and research questions, undertaking empirical studies, data analysis skills and applying evidence-based reasoning.

Swinburne graduate attributes:

- Capable in their chosen professional, vocational or study areas.
- Entrepreneurial in contributing to innovation and development within their business, workplace or community.
- Effective and ethical in work and community situations.
- Adaptable and able to manage change.
- Aware of local and international environments in which they will be contributing (eg socio-cultural, economic, natural).

Job Prospects for Psychology graduates:

- Job prospects for Psychologists are **good**.
- Employment for Psychologist to 2014-15 is expected to **grow strongly**. Employment in this medium sized occupation (20 600 in November 2009) rose very strongly in the past five years, and in the long-term (ten years).

**Additional information regarding alternate employment options for Psychology graduates can be located from the website listed below*

Source: Australian Government job search <http://jobsearch.gov.au/Careers>

What do Psychology graduates do after finishing their courses?

Working 88.2%

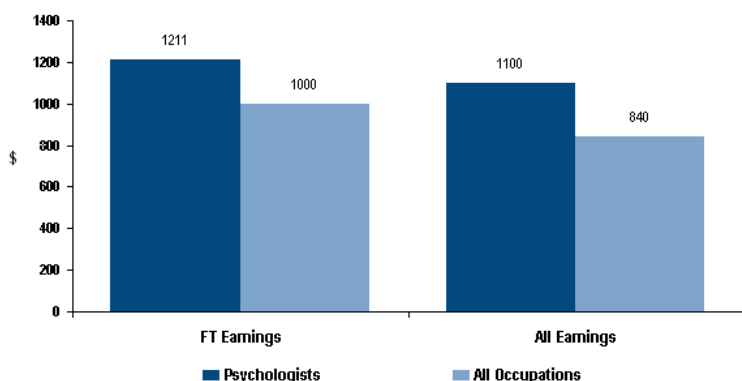
Searching 21.1%

Studying 41.8%

Source: <http://svc095.wic026v.server-web.com/gradsonline/>

Please note: These figures include combinations of activities i.e. graduates who are searching for employment while also undertaking postgraduate studies)

Psychologists Weekly Earnings (full time and before tax)



The graph shows weekly earnings - for full-time work and before tax - for workers of all ages for this occupation, compared with all occupations. These figures cannot be used in determining a particular wage rate or as an indication of what a particular person will earn in that job.

Source: ABS EEBTUM survey August 2009 cat. no. 6310.0.

Source: Australian Government Job Search jobsearch.gov.au/Careers

Examples of employers who employed Swinburne Psychology graduates in 2010

Australian Bureau of Statistics
www.abs.gov.au
(Primary Contact Officer)

Department of Human Services
www.dhs.vic.gov.au/home
(Child Protection Practitioner)

Swinburne University
www.swin.edu.au
(Research Assistant)

Australian Community Support Organisation
www.asco.com.au
(Social Worker)

Karingal
www.karingal.org.au
(Case Worker)

Victoria Police
www.police.vic.gov.au
(Information Officer)

Berry Street
www.berrystreet.org.au
(Intensive Case Management)

Reconnexion
www.reconnexion.org.au
(Administration Officer)

Vista Bendigo
www.vistasupport.org.au
(Support Worker)

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Some employers who have recently employed Swinburne Psychology graduates:

Allianz Insurance www.allianz.com.au (Case Manager)	Down Syndrome Association of Victoria www.dsav.asn.au (Administrative Support)	McArthur Management Services www.mcarthur.com.au (Child Protection Officer)
Cancer Council Victoria www.cancervic.org.au (Counsellor)	Jesuit Social Services www.jss.org.au (Community Worker)	Nadrasca www.nadrasca.com.au (Behaviour Intervention Officer)
Deakin Prime www.deakinprime.com (Project Manager e-Learning)	Knox City Council www.knox.vic.gov.au Youth Worker	Red Cross www.redcross.org.au (Administration Officer)
Department of Justice www.justice.vic.gov.au (Project Officer)	Lifeline Melbourne www.lifeline.org.au (Telephone Counsellor)	Sensis www.sensis.com.au (Customer Liaison Consultant)
Department of Sustainability and Environment www.dse.vic.gov.au (Project Officer)	Manningham YMCA www.manninghamymca.org.au (Grants Officer)	Scope www.scopevic.org.au (Disability Support Worker)
Doutta Galla Community Health Service www.dgchs.org.au (Research Assistant)	Melbourne City Mission www.melbournecitymission.org.au (Research Assistant)	Swinburne University www.swinburne.edu.au (Research Assistant)
		Villa Maria www.villamaria.com.au (Community Liaison Officer)

Potential employers

Careers & Employment have put together a list of potential employers:

www.swinburne.edu.au/careers/employers_by_occupation.html

You can also refer to Graduate Career Australia's publication Graduate Opportunities: <http://graduateopportunities.com>

Recruitment Agencies

Swinburne Careers and Employment Recruitment Service www.swinburne.edu.au/careers

Beresford Blake Thomas Limited www.bbtglobal.com.au

Sheelagh McKenzie Recruitment www.sheelaghmckenzie.com

Hahn Pharmaceutical & Healthcare Recruitment www.hahnhealthcare.com.au

Psychology Job Search Websites

- www.counsellorjobs.com.au
- www.dhs.vic.gov.au/careers/vacancies.htm
- www.hacjobs.com.au
- www.infoxchange.net.au
- www.jobsearch.com.au
- www.justthehealthjobs.com.au
- www.mav.asn.au
- www.psychxchange.com.au
- www.socialworks.org.au
- <http://vic.bigredsky.com>
- www.workplace.gov.au

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Additional general employment sites

- www.careerone.com.au
- www.graduateopportunities.com
- www.jobsearch.com.au
- www.mycareer.com.au
- www.seek.com.au
- www.unigrad.com.au
- www.myfuture.edu.au
- www.jobsearch.gov.au/joboutlook

Professional Associations

Professional associations may conduct conferences, seminars, presentations and social functions to help members keep abreast of current practices and for networking purposes. For students, these events can be an excellent source of contacts and relevant information. Membership is usually open to students at a reduced rate.

- Australian Psychological Association - www.psychology.org.au
- Psychologists Registration Board - www.psychreg.vic.gov.au
- Australian Institute of Family Studies - www.aihw.gov.au
- Australian and New Zealand Assoc of Psychiatry, Psychology & Law - www.anzappl.org

Postgraduate study options:

A range of postgraduate programs for Psychology students are offered at Swinburne University. Programs are offered as a nested suite, offering students that opportunity to exit at the graduate certificate, graduate diploma or master stage.

Further postgraduate study / supervision is required if students are seeking employment as a registered psychologist.

Graduate Certificate of Social Science in Human Service – Counselling (N0705)

Graduate Diploma of Social Science in Human Service – Counselling (N0805)

Career Opportunities: This program is primarily designed to give people counselling skills to use within the human services industry in which they may already be employed (e.g. health, education, pastoral care, welfare etc).

Graduate Diploma of Social Science (Family Therapy) (N0811)

Career Opportunities: Employment in the areas of counselling, psychotherapy, human resources, management, and child, youth and family support services.

Postgraduate Diploma of Psychology (N0812)

Graduate Diploma of Psychology (N0815)

Graduate Diploma of Science (Clinical Psychology) (N0816)

Master of Psychology in Counselling Psychology (N0904)

Master of Psychology in Clinical Psychology (N0912)

Career Opportunities: Depending on the level of postgraduate study, students may be eligible for registration with the Psychologists Registration Board, or gain employment within the human services, health sciences, youth work, and community and welfare sectors.

Professional Doctorate of Psychology (Counselling Psychology) (N008)

Professional Doctorate of Psychology (Clinical Psychology) (N012)

Career Opportunities: Graduates are equipped for careers in counselling or clinical psychology in hospitals, community welfare organisations, research organisations, and private practice.

A full listing of all postgraduate courses offered by Swinburne is available at:

<http://www.swinburne.edu.au/postgrad/courses/>

What help does Swinburne Careers and Employment offer?

Career Services

- Daily Resume and Cover Letter Checks
- Daily Interview Practice
- Careers Seminars/ Workshops for Students
- Careers in the Curriculum (CIC) – Higher Education Students
- Student Recruitment Service (Final Year Students)
- Career Counselling

Additional Career Resources

- Career Resource Library
- Job Search Handouts
- Interactive Career Planning

SwinEmploy Employment Service

- All job advertisements for graduate placements, casual, vacation, part-time and full-time employment
- Links to employer websites
- Enables students to book online for events such as workshops, employer information sessions and interviews
- Access to Going Global (over 10,000 job vacancies listed across Europe, Asia-Pacific, UK and US. Global key employer directories, work permits & visa regulations, country-specific cultural & interviewing advice & more)

Download Careers and Employment job search handouts from SwinEmploy, including:

- Addressing Selection Criteria
- Assessment Centres
- Cover Letters or Letters of Application
- Curriculum Vitae or Resume
- Employer Expectations of Graduates
- Interviews - How to Plan, Prepare and Perform
- Informational Interviewing
- Job Hunting
- Networking: What Is It and How Do You Do It?
- Online Applications
- Psychometric Tests
- Skills and Attributes
- Thinking About Changing Your Course?
- Tips for facing the work environment and your first professional job

The material in this document has been produced from the Graduate Destinations Survey, Swinburne University and Graduate Careers Council of Australia material, Graduate Opportunities, Australian Job Search, The Job Guide, Professional Associations and Careers and Employment's own research.

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Email: careers@swin.edu.au
www.swinburne.edu.au/careers

Source: www.seek.com.au (2010)

Community Support Worker – Disability

Impact Support Services Inc- Various Casual positions available

Join a team that makes a difference for individuals in our community. We are an NGO for people with intellectual disabilities, mental health & neurological disorders.

You will provide professional support to individuals to maximize independence and enhance lifestyle, working towards individuals goals. This involves working within a person's local community.

We are seeking passionate, flexible dedicated people to join our friendly quality team. You will possess strong attributes in working with people who have positive behavioral communication plans. You will be able to work in diverse residential settings and have excellent communication and interaction skills. You will be able to interact and communicate at a high level with a range of stakeholders and natural supporters.

Qualification and/or experience working in Disability/ Welfare sector are essential.

Salary packaging available.

Visit www.impact.vic.edu.au or contact Reception on 9568 6144 for a Position Description. Applications are due by 24th Dec, 2010. Impact is an equal opportunity employer and employment is subject to a National Police Check

Community Engagement Officer

- \$53,000 package plus generous salary benefits and travel allowances
- Great work life balance in the healthcare/not for profit sector. January start.

About our Client

Our client is the peak consumer body and leading charity in its field. It is health based and committed to minimising the impact of health related issues in communities throughout Victoria. A member based organisation, our client provides education and support to communities in addition to contributing towards working for a cure.

Job Description

This role sits in the Community Engagement team, a committed group who look after both inner city and regional Victorian individuals and groups in the community. The Community Engagement Officer will focus on Western Victoria, from West Melbourne through to the state border. Providing key support and information to community groups and support groups throughout the region, the role delivers education and communication to thousands of Victorians affected by this health condition. Driving programs such as youth engagement will be included. Regional travel is key in this role, with fleet cars provided and travel allowances.

The Successful Applicant

Will have a keen interest in working within the Not For Profit sector -

- Relevant experience in NFP, Health or Community Groups would be desired
- Ability to work both in a team environment and autonomously when travelling
- Energy, enthusiasm and passion for making a difference to Victorians through support and education
- Qualifications in Community, Psychology, Communications, PR, Welfare or Health preferred.
- Current Victorian Drivers Licence

What's on Offer

- January Start
- NFP Salary Packaging
- Commercial equivalent salary of \$61,000 package
- Regional travel - company car provided. Travel allowance included
- Fantastic company culture.

To apply online please click the 'Apply' button below. For a confidential discussion about this role please contact Lyndsey Doherty quoting reference number A107191311 on +61 3 8640 3276.