

## **Pathways in Psychology Series**

### **About the Series**

**Pathways in Psychology** is a new series of books designed to support individuals looking to begin careers in or using psychology. It will support both formal professional training programmes (e.g., in Clinical, Child/Educational, Forensic, Health, Neuropsychology, Coaching) as well as those looking to use psychology in their careers, but who perhaps wouldn't consider themselves 'psychologists'. The series will therefore effectively have two streams: one looking at more 'traditional' career paths within psychology and the wider Psychological Workforce, and the other looking at what the BPS Workforce Education, Training and Standards team have referred to as 'Psychologically Informed Professions'. The latter will be particularly useful for those who have either become disenchanted with the chartered routes or who wish to use their psychology degrees without becoming chartered psychologists.

The overall aim of these books is to provide a new generation of accessible, evidence-based, practice-oriented guides for students and professionals. The series will also embrace the mission and values of BPS' diversity and inclusion task force, prioritizing a truly diverse roster of authors. One of the key features of these books is that they will make it clear that there is not necessarily a 'one size fits all' approach to a career in/using psychology and case studies will be pivotal to ensuring both diversity of voices and progression routes.

### **Distinctive Features**

The scope, structure, and style of the series makes the books ideal for students and pre-professionals, as well as anyone looking to start their career. They will act as early career 'bookshelf essential' reference guides.

There will be consistency within each of the streams in terms of structure, although there is scope for differentiation depending on subject area.

The below is a sample guide for the structure of books focusing on the more 'traditional' career paths in psychology:

1. Introduction/How to Use This Book
2. Being a X Psychologist
3. Becoming a X Psychologist
4. Routes into the Profession
5. Transferable Skills
6. Being a Trainee
7. Professional Ethics
8. Mastering the Job Market
9. Starting Out
10. Making the Most of Your Career
11. Thinking About Next Steps (to include, for example, moving into private practice, and CPD)

In the 'Psychologically Informed Professions' stream, there is more scope for diversity within the table of contents, although we will still be looking for consistency where possible. Below is a draft structure that could be followed, along with the example of Cyberpsychology:

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| 1. Introduction/How to Use this Book                          | 1. Introduction/How to Use this Book                          |
| 2. Being a Psychology Graduate/ Using Your Degree: What Next? | 2. Being a Psychology Graduate/ Using Your Degree: What Next? |
| 3. Psychologically Informed Careers                           | 3. Psychologically Informed Careers                           |
| 4. X Careers/Psychology in X Careers                          | 4. Cyberpsychology Careers                                    |
| 5. Using X/Psychology in A                                    | 5. Using Cyberpsychology in Academia                          |
| 6. Using X/Psychology in B                                    | 6. Using Cyberpsychology in Creative Fields                   |
| 7. Using X/Psychology in C                                    | 7. Using Cyberpsychology in User Experience Roles             |
| 8. Using X/Psychology in D                                    | 8. Using Cyberpsychology in Defense and Security Roles        |
| 9. Transferable Skills  | 9. Transferable Skills  |
| 10. Transitioning into a Chartered Role                       | 10. Transitioning into a Chartered Role                       |

Each title will feature Q&A sections, case studies, anecdotal guidance on avoiding pitfalls, and further reading and resources. Each title should feature diverse views and case studies on what it is like to become a X psychologist/use psychology within these areas, "a day in the life of," early years of career, challenges, missteps, views into careers once established, as progresses, etc. They will also take an interdisciplinary focus to support a wider psychological workforce and interdisciplinary working – between divisions but across disciplines.

## Readership and Format

**Market** The readership for the series will be primarily students interested in careers in/using psychology, whether working towards qualification or moving into a different 'non-psychology' field, so the style of writing should remain accessible.

**Length** Approximately 70,000 words, including references and any footnotes (about 200 pages).

**Format** Each book will be published simultaneously in hardback, paperback and ebook.

**Language Style** The standard language used is UK-house style (spelling and grammar), but we can consider producing some titles in US-house style if there is a strong case made.

**Author(s)** Books can be written by a single author or an author team

## Marketing

For more information on how Routledge and the BPS will market the series, please see the Publishing with Us – Pathways in Psychology document.