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Where to from here?

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Overview

- A Summary of Steps in the Process
- Employers and Employment Prospects

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Steps in the Process

- Step 1: Self- Assessment
 - What are the current skills that you have developed?
 - What are my accomplishments?
 - What aspects of work and life do I value?
 - What are my current interests?
 - What are my career goals?
 - What skills do I need?

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Step 2 – Explore Options

- Search out career information
- Check out entry requirements
- Check out work environments
- Research job availability
- Find out about career trends
- Know the timing of recruitment processes


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Step 3 – Decide on Specific Goals

- Make decisions based on steps 1 and 2
- Set both short-term and long-term goals
- Develop strategies to learn skills and acquire knowledge
- Develop an action plan

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Step 4 – Implement Plans

- Attend workshops and seminars
- Prepare resume and letters
- Learn and practise interview skills
- Use the Careers Service
- Market yourself with targeted letters and applications
- Research specific companies
- Obtain referees and references
- Respond to advertisements

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Identifying career options

- Join relevant societies
 - Australian Psychological Society: PsychAlert
- Search the web
 - JobOutlook
 - CareerOne



Job Prospects

- Rated by the Australian Government as 'Good'
- Employment growth to 2010 -11 is expected to be STRONG
- Employment rose strongly in the past five years, and rose very strongly in the long term (ten years)

<http://www.jobsearch.gov.au/joboutlook/>



Employers of Psychology Graduates

- Businesses
- Career Services
- Centres for the developmentally disabled
- Community Agencies
- Consulting Firms
- Correctional facilities and prisons
- Defence Forces
- Family and Health Services
- Government organisations

www.psy.unsw.edu.au/study/careers



Employers of Psychology Graduates

- Hospitals
- Law courts
- Market Research Companies
- Mental Health organisations
- Non-Profit organisations
- Police Force
- Professional Associations



Employers of Psychology Graduates

- Private clinics
- Recruitment Agencies
- Rehabilitation Agencies
- Research Institutions
- Schools
- Social welfare services
- Substance abuse services
- Test development corporations
- Training and Development Services
- Universities
- Youth Services



Examples of Employing Organisations

- Andersen Consulting
- Allworth Juniper Psychologists
- Ansett Australia
- Australian Bureau of Statistics
- Australian Council for Educational research (ACER)
- Australian Defence Force
- Australian Public Service
- Commonwealth Bank of Australia



Examples of Employing Organisations

- Department of Education, Training and Youth affairs (DETYA)
- Department of Employment, Workplace Relations and Small Business
- Department of Community Services (DOCS)
- State Rail Authority
- Telstra Corporation Limited
- Westpac Banking Corporation
- Worksafe Australia – National Occupational Health and Safety Commission



Australian Government Graduate Recruitment Programme

- Australian Public Service Commission - Indigenous Graduate Recruitment
- Centrelink (Department of Human Services)
 - Graduates with a three year Psychology qualification
 - could expect to be part of Centrelink's National Support Office or work in a Customer Service Centre

<http://www.jobsearch.gov.au/government/Gradlink>



Duties

- Development of psychological assessment techniques
- Assessment of people for capacity to work by administering a variety of tests (e.g. Beck Anxiety Inventory, Weschler Memory Scale)
- Centrelink psychologists also intimately involved in providing community support during disasters like the London bombings and the tsunami



To conclude

- Resume writing, cover letter and preparing for the interview

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