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Q. I've been working in publishing for a number of years, but am about to start attending a psychology course at third level. It's a higher diploma, but I am wondering what career avenues or further education would be available to me after that? Can I just do the higher diploma and then go straight into employment?

A. There are many possible career avenues and further educational opportunities available from your current course of study.

An excellent resource for information on potential career avenues and qualification requirements is the career guidance section of The Psychological Society of Ireland website: www.psihq.ie. This site is very informative and will provide answers to your immediate questions.



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I believe reading about a topic provides useful information, but you should take this a step further. Once you review the outline website, I recommend you start exploring career options in more detail — particularly those that do require further study.

I regularly deal with clients who have successfully navigated a

qualification only to find that the resulting career or career options are not what they imagined.

When you have identified possible options, start making contact with professionals working in these preferred careers. They can provide a greater insight about what these jobs involve.

You should also consider getting some voluntary work experience as this will provide additional information for decision-making and enhance your CV for when you enter the job market.

Most individuals never consider the outlined advice that can save time, energy and money while building up a useful source of industry contacts.

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