

SEMESTER 2, 2012
HEALTH & LIFE SCIENCE CAREERS TALKS
Tuesdays, SGO1, 12-1PM

Open to ALL Health & Life Sciences Students
No booking required

Week 1: Tuesday 31st January

Careers in Nutrition, Dietetics and Food

(Dr Simon Wheeler, Lecturer in Human Nutrition, Oxford Brookes)

Interested in food and nutrition? Would you like a career working with manufacturers, retailers and producers? Or perhaps you might prefer to work in food policy with government departments like the Department of Health or the Foods Standards Agency? What about a career as a nutrition scientist, or working in hospitals, schools or nursing homes as a public health nutritionist? Simon talks about some of the many options in nutrition, dietetics and food.

Week 2: Tuesday 7th February

Careers in the Environment

(Dr Stewart Thompson, Reader in Ecology, Oxford Brookes)

With currently 1.2 million people working in the environmental and land-based sector, and a further 500,000 volunteers, opportunities are broad - ranging from Consultancy & Countryside Management to Conservation, Environmental Education, Re-cycling and lots more. Stewart's talk is an excellent starting point for anyone considering a career in this growing sector.

Week 3: Tuesday 14th February

Fast Track Medicine

(Dr Ken Howells, Principal Lecturer, Oxford Brookes in SGO1)

Considering a four year fast-track graduate course in medicine? Wondering how to apply, what to put on your Personal Statement and what to expect at interview and beyond?

AND also on Tuesday 14th Feb in C221...

Volunteering Opportunities for Psychology Students

(Johnny Latham, Director of One Eighty www.one-eighty.org.uk in C221)

This is an opportunity to really make a difference to young people and their families who have been failed by education or social care, and are considered 'a lost cause'. *One-Eighty* supports young people & families on the edge of education or society, through assessments & bespoke interventions, including innovative group work in schools and the community, and mentoring. Invaluable experience to enhance your CV and skills, whatever branch of psychology you are considering.

Week 4: Tuesday 21st February

Careers for Psychology Graduates – Non Psychologist Options

(Dr Jo Moyle, Careers Coach, the Careers Centre, Oxford Brookes)

The British Psychological Society states... '15 to 20 percent of psychology graduates end up working as professional psychologists. This does not mean that the majority of graduates do not use the skills they have learnt, on the contrary, they are likely to use some of them whatever job they do.' Jo looks at some of the other options for psychology graduates.

Week 5: Tuesday 28th February

Alternative Careers in Medicine/ Healthcare

(Dr Ken Howells, Principal Lecturer, Oxford Brookes)

Not sure about medicine, but you know you want to work in healthcare in some capacity? Ken will talk to you today out about some of the many options you can consider.

Week 6: Tuesday 6th March

Careers in Sport and Exercise

(Dr Charlie Simpson, Senior Lecturer in Exercise/Sport Science, Oxford Brookes)

With high levels of government and employer investment as a result of the London Olympics there are more graduate career opportunities in the sport and leisure industry than ever before. And, with a growing awareness & understanding of health & fitness activities more people are actively taking part in sport, fuelling the growth of jobs. Find out more today from Charlie.

Week 7: Tuesday 13th March

How to Write a Winning CV

(Emma Robinson, Careers Coach, the Careers Centre, Oxford Brookes)

Employers spend on average 90 seconds looking at a CV & with so many applicants for each post it's never been so important to get it right! Emma talks about what's important & what's not.

Week 8: Tuesday 20th March

Interview Skills 1: Interview Preparation

(Emma Robinson, Careers Coach, the Careers Centre, Oxford Brookes)

Fantastic - you've got an interview but to be a serious contender you need to be fully prepared for all types of interviews and questions that may present themselves. This session looks at how to prepare, research and plan for interview success.

Week 9: Tuesday 27th March

Academic Careers in Psychology

(Professor Vince Connelly, Programme Lead Psychology, Oxford Brookes)

Professor Vince Connelly is well placed to talk today about academic research and lecturing options for psychology students. He will be accompanied by a Research Assistant who can tell you what it's really like, and offer some of their own top tips.

Week 10: Tuesday 3rd April

Interview Skills 2: Articulating your Skills to Employers

(Emma Robinson, Careers Coach, the Careers Centre, Oxford Brookes)

You must be able to express your skills at interview in order to succeed. A good starting point is understanding how to answer competency based questions. You'll get some practice today and an insight into what employers are looking for, and therefore likely to ask, through deciphering the language of job specs and adverts.

Please get in touch if you would like to be involved in a focus group to discuss and influence the future direction of your careers programme. Email Emma on erobinson@brookes.ac.uk I would really like to hear from you!