



# Postgraduate Options in Psychology

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- Any study (Level 8 or above) after you have completed your degree
- Higher Diploma HDip
- Postgraduate Diploma PgDip
- Masters MA MSc PME MEd
- Doctorate PhD, D.Clin, D.Couns

- Application procedures,
- closing dates,
- entry requirements can all vary for course to course and college to college



## **Common Questions**

### MU MSc in Psychology?

Entry requirements -

2.1 degree in Psychological Studies (min 60 credits in Psychology or similar)

Closing date June 30 2023

Applications through PAC <a href="http://www.pac.ie/maynoothuniversity">http://www.pac.ie/maynoothuniversity</a>

Course Information <a href="https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/study-maynooth/postgraduate-studies/courses/msc-psychology-0">https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/study-maynooth/postgraduate-studies/courses/msc-psychology-0</a> and FAQs

https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/psychology/msc-psychology-conversion-faqs

Places awarded based on results in degree and results in Psychological Studies



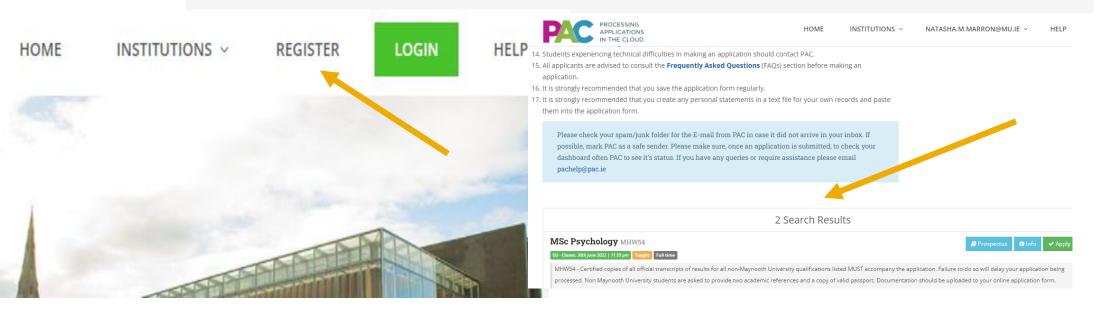


## Questions

## MU MSc in Psychology?

To start you application

Go to PAC – <a href="https://v2.pac.ie/institute/2">https://v2.pac.ie/institute/2</a>







## **Common Questions**

- What if I don't get a place on the MU MSc in Psychology?
- Other options?

### Other "conversion" courses offered in several colleges -

- DCU https://www.dcu.ie/courses/postgraduate/school-psychology/msc-psychology-conversion
- UCD https://hub.ucd.ie/usis/!W HU MENU.P PUBLISH?p tag=PROG&MAJR=W014
- UCC <a href="https://www.ucc.ie/en/cka01/">https://www.ucc.ie/en/cka01/</a>
- UoG <a href="https://www.nuigalway.ie/colleges-and-schools/arts-social-sciences-and-celtic-studies/psychology/postgraduate-programmes/h-dip/">https://www.nuigalway.ie/colleges-and-schools/arts-social-sciences-and-celtic-studies/psychology/postgraduate-programmes/h-dip/</a>
- TCD <a href="https://psychology.tcd.ie/postgraduate/h-dip/">https://psychology.tcd.ie/postgraduate/h-dip/</a>
- DBS <a href="https://www.dbs.ie/course/postgraduate/postgraduate-higher-diploma-in-arts-in-psychology-(psi-accredited)">https://www.dbs.ie/course/postgraduate/postgraduate-higher-diploma-in-arts-in-psychology-(psi-accredited)</a>
- UL https://www.ul.ie/gps/course/psychology-ma



- ✓ What if I don't get a place on the MU MSc in Psychology?
- ✓ Other options?

### Other "conversion" courses offered in several colleges -

DCU 1 year closing date 16<sup>th</sup> March\*\* Applications through PAC

UCD 2 years 10<sup>th</sup> March\*
 Apply on UCD website

UCC 2 years 17<sup>th</sup> April
 Apply on UCC website

UoG 1 or 2 years – 7<sup>th</sup> June\*
 Apply on University of Galway website

• TCD 2 years closing 31<sup>st</sup> March Apply on TCD website

DBS 2 years no specified closing date Apply on DBS website

• UL 1 year – 17<sup>th</sup> February Applications through UL website

\*\* apply asap, applications accepted in a rolling basis until course is full





<sup>\*</sup>Watch university websites for changes/updates

- What if I don't get a place on the MU MSc in Psychology?
- Other options?

Useful to check here for any new accredited courses - PSI and BPS listing

 ${\sf PSI-} {\tt https://www.psychologicalsociety.ie/accredited-courses/PSI-Accredited-Undergraduate-Courses-4}$ 

BPS - https://www.bps.org.uk/public/become-psychologist/accredited-courses?type=CONV



### **Common Questions**

## Clinical Psychologist in Ireland?

Accredited Psychology Degree or Psychological Studies degree and accredited postgrad conversion course

Masters in a related field e.g., Applied Psychology or Psychological Science – quite a lot of these courses offered e.g. UCC. TCD, QUB, UL, UU Coleraine

Masters may not always be necessary along with relevant experience but can be useful in gaining a place on a professional doctorate in psychology (clinical/ educational/ counselling).



#### **Common Questions**

## Clinical Psychologist in Ireland?

Relevant experience – this can be a lot of work, take time and require perseverance and resilience

Types of experience useful – Assistant Psychologist, Research Assistant, Care worker, advocacy, support

Getting any experience in care, support and research can be useful even during undergrad and conversion course / masters e.g. crisis helplines etc

After this, applications to Professional Psychology Programmes –Doctorates –

3 years

NUI Galway, UL, TCD, UCC, UCD, QUB



### Finding postgraduate courses

General Search for postgraduate Courses –

Qualifax https://www.qualifax.ie/index.php?option=com\_wrapper&view=wrapper&Itemid=20

#### Information on Postgraduate Study, Applications, Personal Statements

Careers Service website <a href="https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/careers">https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/careers</a>

Personal Statements –

https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/sites/default/files/assets/document//Personal%20Statements\_Information.pdf

Requesting a copy of your transcripts – <a href="https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/registry/transcripts">https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/registry/transcripts</a>

Careers Connect <a href="http://mu.ie/careers-connect">http://mu.ie/careers-connect</a>





## Finding postgraduate courses

PSI List **all accredited** courses <a href="https://www.psychologicalsociety.ie/accredited-courses/PSI-Accredited-Postgraduate-Courses">https://www.psychologicalsociety.ie/accredited-courses/PSI-Accredited-Postgraduate-Courses</a>

College	Course	Trinity College Dublin	MSc in Applied Behaviour Analysis
<b>Dublin City University</b>	MSc Work and Organisational Psychology	University College Cork	MA Work and Organisational Psychology
Mary Immaculate College, University of Limerick	Doctorate in Educational and Child Psychology		,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,
NUI Galway	MSc in Health Psychology	University College Cork	D. Clin Psychology
NUU Calarra	MOs in Applied Deboutous Applied	University College Dublin	D. Psych. Sc. in Clinical Psychology
NUI Galway	MSc in Applied Behaviour Analysis	University College Dublin	Doctorate in Educational Psychology
NUI Galway	D. Psych. Sc. in Clinical Psychology		, ,,,
Trinity College Dublin	Professional Doctorate in Counselling Psycholoς	University of Limerick	MSc Work & Organisational Psychology
Trinity College Dublin	D. Clin. Psychology	University of Limerick	D. Clin. Psychology



Finding postgraduate courses - UK

BPS List all accredited courses <a href="https://www.bps.org.uk/public/become-psychologist/accredited-courses">https://www.bps.org.uk/public/become-psychologist/accredited-courses</a>

Search by area of interest

Prospects useful for general postgrad Course search

https://www.prospects.ac.uk/postgraduate-courses



Professional Category			
✓ Any			
☐ Clinical Psychology	80		
☐ Health Psychology	79		
☐ Counselling Psychology	56		
☐ Forensic Psychology	55		
☐ Occupational Psychology	48		
☐ Educational Psychology (E,W,NI)42			
☐ Sport & Exercise Psychology	27		
☐ Clinical Neuropsychology	10		
☐ Educational Psychology (Scotland)			
Clinical Associate in Applied	6		
Psychology	3		



### Applications can include

- Personal Statement
- Transcripts (official results)
- CV
- References at least one academic reference
- Evidence of Experience
- ID (passport / birth cert)

**Personal statement** should include details of why you want to do that course

Why you want to study at that Psychology Dept/in that university

Details of particularly relevant modules you covered

Details of relevant experience

Highlight your key skills, what you will bring to the course when offered a place

You can ask the Careers Service for feedback on your personal statement before you send your application



Careers Service

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**Transcripts** – evidence of your results to date

You can request these now from the MU Records Office (link at end of presentation)

**CV** – Sample CVs on the Careers Service website or in Careers Connect (Resources section)





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**References -** this can either be the names of 2 referees or can be a form they must complete and submit

At least one of your referees should be from university

### **Evidence of Experience**

This could be information from a referee related to your work experience or more detailed information from you on your relevant experience



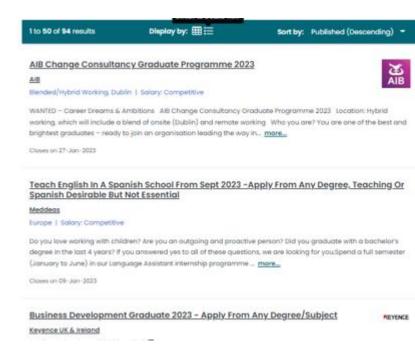




## **Graduate Programmes**

Many employers begin recruiting early in final year

- Graduate Jobs
- Graduate Programmes
- Recruitment begins early for some firms
  - Law, Accounting, Pharma, Business, IT and more
- Other graduate programmes continue to be advertised into Semester 2
- Some are for specific subject disciplines and others are open to students from any degree













## ORGANISATIONS 2021- 2022

**Careers**Service

McKeogh Gallagher Ryan Saadian Technologies Version 1 **Oradeo Recruitment** LGT Fund Managers (Ireland) Limited **Renatus Capital Partners** Legal & General Investment Management Office of the Comptroller and Auditor General **Mercy Law Resource Centre** PKF O'Connor, Leddy & Holmes **Helixworks Technologies** Teagasc OTC Flow Perfect Way GmbH Irish Distillers Pernod Ricard JPA Brenson Lawlor **Global GCS Consulting Limited** Salesforce Pinterest Europe **Maynooth University** Frontier Economics MCMA Healthcare European Medicines Agency - Traineeships (various degrees) Precia Molen Irl Ltd **Peter McVerry Trust** Irish Film and Television Academy **European Court of Auditors (ECA)** Law Reform Commission Dyslexia Association of Ireland Kerry NHS Leadership Academy **Department of Foreign Affairs** Irish Association of Youth Orchestras PublicRelay H.W. Anderson Ltd Cúirt Bhreithiúnais | Cour de Justice | Court of Justice of the European Union Energia Fieldfisher LLP **Music Generation** International Living Court of Justice European Union Nissan Ireland Civil Service and Public Service **FDC Financial Services** Eversheds Sutherland IRM Caresvntax GmbH Monaghan Mushrooms Coughlan White & Partners Lex Consultancy ByrneWallace LLP CPM Ireland Ltd Big Mountain Flogas Ireland **Carmody Moran Solicitors Dublin Bus** Pfizer Renault Behan & Associates L'Oréal Bristol Myers Squibb Musgrave **Evelyn Partners Arthur Cox** Payslip Computershare Arista Networks Ireland **Dillon Eustace** Corlytics Dawn Meats Footprint Underwriting DAC Angloville Sp. z o.o Aldi Stores (Ireland) Ltd For Purpose, 2into3 CapEnglish Akamai Technologies European Parliment JET Programme Alucraft Limited AIB (Allied Irish Bank) **Daifuku Cleanroom Automation** AHEAD Ireland **Baker Tilly Kirk** Datapac EmployAbility Dublin South Abrivia Recruitment **RPS** Kids Classics Goodbody Eurofins Central Statistics Office (CSO) Áiseanna Tacaíochta Abbott (Longford) Clark Recruitment mthree Custom Wise Citi **AsIAm ACCA Dublin** Manitex Activision Blizzard King Dublin City Council Courts Service **Apple** Jonix Educational Services Aer Lingus An Garda Sjochana Broadwork Group Divine Word School of English KPMG **Novartis** BrandBastion Amazon Web Services (AWS) Cellnex Telecom Designer Minds Rural Wifi Nikon EY DLA Piper GAA Cill Dara le Gaeilge Amnesty International Ireland Henkel Applied Materials Ireland Limited Covne Research **Autism Initiatives Ireland** Morgan McKinley Kepak Bright Software Group Centaur Fund Services Limited NeoDyne Ltd. ECB (European Central Bank) Generation Y Capital Economics Clare Distribution Services Lucan District Credit Union **Cubic Telecom** Ryanair Grant Thornton EZxploring **Enterprise Ireland** Dalata Hotel Group EirGrid Group First Derivatives Keyence UK & Ireland Gael Form Ltd. **Dara Community Living** LetsGetChecked Nua Healthcare Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine **Fonthill Lodge Childcare Motivation Weight Management EBA** (European Banking Authority) **Project Destined** Macro Recruitment Ltd **Economic and Social Research Institute** Health Service Executive Rentalmatics **ORIX Aviation** Fidelity International Little Harvard Creche and Montessori **Gartner UK Ltd** PwC Ireland Generation Success **Maynooth University Careers Service** Permanent tsb HPRA (Health Protection Regulatory Authority) SOLAS Trocaire Sabis **Nurture Education** Natus Medical Incorporated Kingspan Group Plc Institute of Public Administration Munster Technological University (MTU) Roberts Nathan Ombudsman for Children's Office **Median Healthcare Services** Stott and May Mental Health Ireland Public Appointments Service NonStop Consulting Merieux NutriSciences Sanderson Recruitment **NUI Galway** 

309 EMPLOYERS ENGAGED

729
GRADUATE
JOB ADS

7,000+
GRADUATE VACANCIES

133 EVENTS ADVERTISED

## **Unsure of your interests ??**

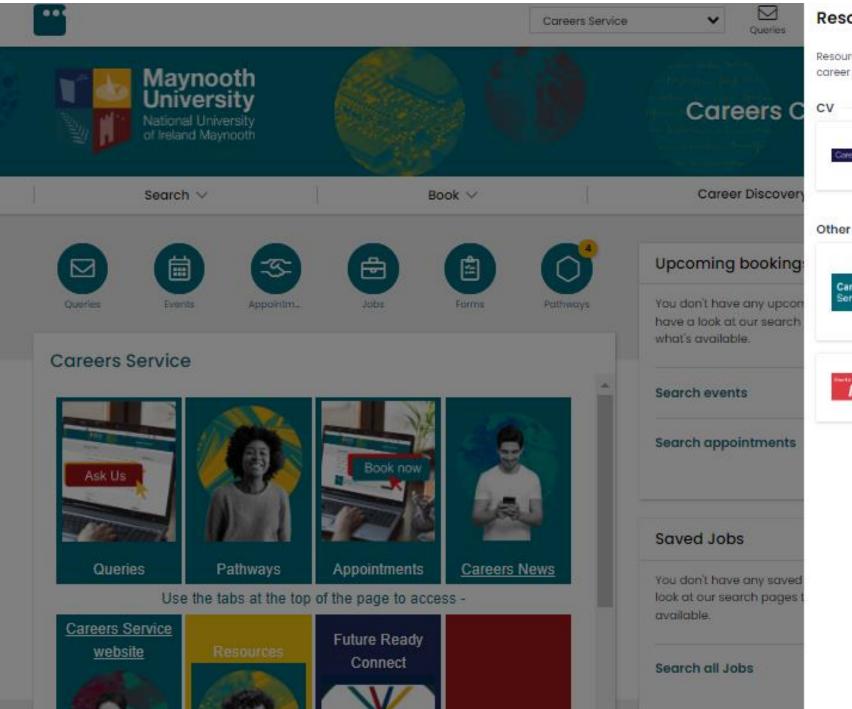
- Have a look at the jobs advertised on Careers Connect / gradireland / activelink/ publicjobs.ie to get an idea of some jobs currently advertised to final years/recent graduates
- Consider some of our Careers Interest Tests available on our website and in Careers Connect
- Come and talk to a careers adviser to start looking at options that match your interests











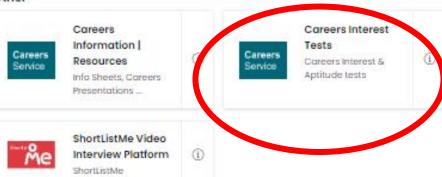
#### Resources

Resources provided by the Careers Service | Maynooth University to support you in your career exploration.

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#### **Useful Information**

PSI <a href="https://www.psychologicalsociety.ie/">https://www.psychologicalsociety.ie/</a>

**Social Channels** 

Instagram <a href="https://www.instagram.com/psisag/">https://www.instagram.com/psisag/</a> (@psisag – info sessions)

YouTube <a href="https://www.youtube.com/user/psychsocirl/videos">https://www.youtube.com/user/psychsocirl/videos</a>

Twitter https://twitter.com/PsychSocIreland

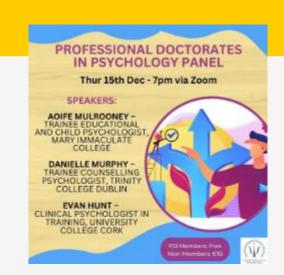
Facebook <a href="https://www.facebook.com/PsychSocIreland/">https://www.linkedin.com/company/the-psychological-society-of-ireland/</a>

BPS <a href="https://www.bps.org.uk/student-members/careers">https://www.bps.org.uk/student-members/careers</a>

Social Channels - Facebook - <a href="https://www.facebook.com/OfficialBPS/">https://www.facebook.com/OfficialBPS/</a>

Twitter @BPSOfficial





#### **Useful Information**

Health Psychology <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zqv2sYdGX14">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zqv2sYdGX14</a>

Neuro Psychology <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V9M1QPDeCOc">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V9M1QPDeCOc</a>

BPS Careers in Psychology Guide <a href="https://www.bps.org.uk/sites/www.bps.org.uk/files/Policy/Policy%20-%20Files/Psychology%20Careers%20Guide.pdf">https://www.bps.org.uk/sites/www.bps.org.uk/files/Policy/Policy%20-%20Files/Psychology%20Careers%20Guide.pdf</a>

#### **Getting experience- where to look**

Linkedin / Indeed – Assistant Psychologist / Research Assistant roles <a href="https://ie.indeed.com/Assistant-Psychology-jobs?vjk=44b5f489a0ab945a">https://ie.indeed.com/Assistant-Psychology-jobs?vjk=44b5f489a0ab945a</a> and <a href="https://ie.indeed.com/Assistant-Psychology-jobs?vjk=e163867c5b5806e0&advn=3888630380842741">https://ie.indeed.com/Assistant-Psychology-jobs?vjk=e163867c5b5806e0&advn=3888630380842741</a> Sample AP roles Dec 22

Activelink

Publicjobs.ie

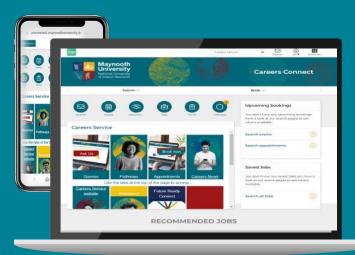
<u>Careers Connect</u> - Jobs e.g. <u>Peter Mc Verry Trust Grad Programme</u> / Care Worker/Support worker roles etc.











## Have you used the Careers Service yet?

- From 1<sup>st</sup> year onwards
- Any careers related questions
- Help in getting started when you don't know what to do
- Use Careers Connect to engage with us
  - > Appointments
  - > Send us your Questions
- Drop-in Help-desk

www.maynoothuniversity.ie/careers











## **Careers Service Help Desk**

The Careers Service Help Desk will be open

• Tuesday 10.00 am to 12.30 pm.

• Wednesday 10.00 am to 12.30 pm.

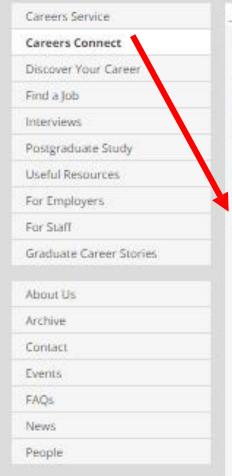
• Thursday 10.00 am to 12.30 pm.

## **Careers Service Appointments**

Book through Careers Connect – In-person and Online

**Book appointments and send us your questions through Careers Connect (Monday- Friday)** 





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#### Careers Connect

Careers Connect is part of MU FutureConnect - your Careers & Employability portal, and is your one stop shop to engage with the Careers Service. On Careers Connect you can ask questions and/or book meetings with careers advisers and view our jobs and Events Listings. You can also set email alerts for jobs and events.

#### Current MU Registered Students (Undergraduate and Postgraduate)

Login with your MU login details

Once you have logged in to the system you can update your profile and if you wish, sign up for email alerts from us on advertised jobs and up-coming careers events.







**Rook Careers Appointments** 



## **Careers Connect**

Ask Questions & Find Careers Information

Search Graduate Jobs & Careers Events



Book Appointments with Careers Advisers



Careers Interest Tests &









Find out more – Scan me

## Any Questions?

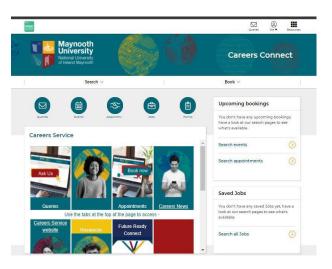
### **Careers Connect**

- ✓ Careers Information / Questions
- ✓ Careers Appointments

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## Questions

## Courses in Europe?

General postgraduate course search in Europe –

Click on any country you are interested in

https://www.prospects.ac.uk/postgraduate-study/study-abroad

For psychology courses, any course you take must be acceptable to PSI/BPS if you wish to use that training working as a professional psychologist in Ireland/UK



## Questions

## Clinical Neuropsychology in Ireland?

Typically training as a clinical psychologist and then specializing in neuro

No accredited neuro courses in Ireland at present so

Training in UK or

Experience based route working with a clinical neuropsychologist

PSI Division of Neuropsychology – Information Session

https://youtu.be/V9M1QPDeCOc



## Any graduate route to psychiatry?

As Psychiatry is a field of medicine -

**GAMSAT Graduate Entry Medicine Exam** 

Apply through CAO to Graduate Entry Medicine Courses (4 years)

Must have 2.1 to apply

Places on Grad Entry Med courses offered on basis of GAMSAT scores

After training as a doctor, then specialist training in psychiatry

Graduate Entry Med / GAMSAT Information —

https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/sites/default/files/assets/document//Graduate Medicine GAMSA T 2022.pdf





## Forensic Clinical Psychologist in Ireland?

Typically training as a clinical psychologist and then specializing in forensic psychology

Courses – none in Ireland at present

UK – listed on BPS website





## **Sport Psychology**

#### Accredited courses in UK

Accredited Sports Psychology courses – uk <a href="https://www.bps.org.uk/public/become-psychologist/accredited-courses">https://www.bps.org.uk/public/become-psychologist/accredited-courses</a>

Sports Psychology UL (currently seeking accreditation ) more information here <a href="https://www.ul.ie/gps/course/sport-exercise-and-performance-psychology-msc#:~:text=Graduate%20Profile-,The%20MSc.,47%20Sport%20and%20Exercise%20Psychology.">https://www.ul.ie/gps/course/sport-exercise-and-performance-psychology-msc#:~:text=Graduate%20Profile-,The%20MSc.,47%20Sport%20and%20Exercise%20Psychology.</a>

Certificate in Sport Psychology at IADT <a href="https://iadt.ie/courses/sport-psychology-special-purpose-award/">https://iadt.ie/courses/sport-psychology-special-purpose-award/</a> not accredited

