

Hi,

I just wanted to share my thoughts:

If 4+2 pathway is phased out and only the 5+1 pathway becomes a realistic option for those wishing to pursue a future career as a psychologist, I suggest consideration of adjustment of entry requirements for 5+1. I am suggesting this to allow for those graduates, who may not have the currently required academic marks, but are however skilled, mature, life-experienced people who would make great future psychologists and would make a positive difference to people's lives and the world. For instance, in my current work (Lifeline Crisis Supporter) I hear many people comment on difficulties with their psychologists concerning rapport and connection, which is imperative to a successful client/therapist relationship. Academic marks, in my view and experience in meeting other students, do not necessarily make for good psychologists.

If the 5+1 pathway could be opened up to a broader graduate community, perhaps valuing both CV and interview more, I could envisage a brighter future for both graduates on the journey to provisional psychology and for psychology as a discipline.

Kind Regards

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