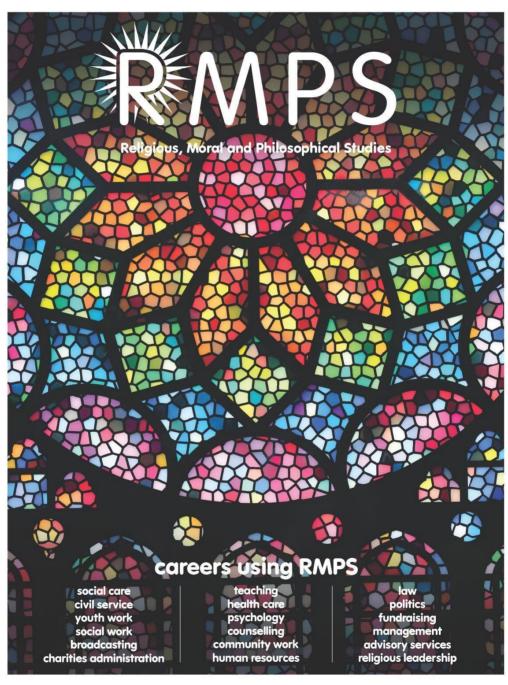
Careers in Religion, Philosophy & Ethics





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WORKING IN...





. RELIGIOUS LEADER

Offer spiritual and moral guidance, and lead public worship and other religious ceremonies.

CIVIL SERVICE ADMINISTRATOR

Carry out government policies and deliver administrative services to the public, such as handling enquiries and processing payments.

MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT (MP)

Represent the political beliefs of those who live in their constituency or area.





EDUCATION

FURTHER EDUCATION TEACHER

Usually teach adult learners and students aged 14 to 16 on work related learning.

HEADTEACHER

Manage schools. They create the right conditions for children to flourish and staff to succeed.

SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER

Work with children and young people who need extra support.

PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHER

Look after the educational, social, physical, and emotional development of children from ages 5 to 11.



FAMILY AND COMMUNITY

CHARITY DIRECTOR

Plan ways to develop a charity's services, generate income, and raise awareness of its work.

FAMILY SUPPORT WORKER

Help and advise families with long- or short-term difficulties.

THERAPIST

Help people to discuss their problems and feelings in a confidential environment.



FUNERAL SERVICE

EMBALMER

Preserve and prepare bodies from the time of death until they can be buried or cremated.

FUNERAL DIRECTOR

Make arrangements for burials or cremations, provide support, and advice for the bereaved.

CEMENTARY WORKER

Prepare and maintain graves and memorial sites.



SKILLS REQUIRED

- · teaching and leadership
- dignified approach to work
- attention to detail

- public speaking skills
- sensitivity

SALARY

Clergy:

UK annual median: £27,117

Welfare professionals:

London annual median: £38,723

Top 3 regions: London (£38,723), Scotland (£38,027),

East Midlands (£35,459)

PROSPECTS

Business, media, and public service professionals: UK growth: +11.8% from 2017 to 2027, creating 219,107 jobs

London growth: +10.3% from 2017 to 2027, creating 59,056 jobs



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Careers in RPE

Studying theology and religious studies allows you to explore how religious beliefs and practices shape and influence the world we live in

If you are interested in questions like, 'why are we here?', 'can we say anything meaningful about God – and if so, what, and how?', 'to what extent are religions similar or different?', 'what is the importance of scriptures in different religions (or just in my religion) and how are they best interpreted?', 'what has the impact of the great religions been on the development of culture across the world?', 'what do religious teachers or traditions have to teach us about love, justice or hope?', then you might well enjoy religious studies.

An understanding of religious and spiritual perspectives in the contemporary world is so important, whatever your belief system. This is because faith is such a powerful cultural force that influences decision-making in all manner of groups and individuals. So, an increased awareness of cultural sensitivities is an essential tool for understanding the motivations of others, and of ourselves.

Humans are social beings, and we are drawn to positive influences. So, how we act in public, at work, on social media and with our friends and family can impact on wider society in small but remarkable ways. Whilst studying religious studies at university, you may notice that qualities such as empathy, respecting differences and recognising the motivations of others come more naturally to you, allowing you to connect with people on a much deeper level.

Jobs directly related to RPE include:

- Chaplain
- Higher education lecturer
- Primary school teacher
- Secondary school teacher

Jobs where RPE would be really useful include:

- Advice worker
- Archivist
- Charity fundraiser
- Counsellor
- Civil Service administrator
- Community development worker
- International aid/development worker
- Mediator
- Newspaper journalist
- Police officer
- Youth worker

Typical employers

As a theology and religious studies graduate, you could work in a variety of different roles in a range of employment sectors.

- national and local government, including the Civil Service and government agencies, as well as non-governmental organisations (NGOs)
- schools, colleges and universities (for teaching and research positions)
- charities, voluntary and not-for-profit organisations
- social services and other caring professions the church and other religious organisations
- financial and legal firms
- the National Health Service (NHS)
- PR, advertising, sales and marketing companies media companies.

Skills for your CV

Studying theology and religious studies gives you a thorough understanding of the major world religions, their historical development and their relationship with the world we live in. You'll gain insight into the theological, ethical, cultural, political and philosophical issues of religion.

You also develop skills that are valued by employers in a range of sectors. These include:

- research, analysis and presentation skills
- critical thinking skills and the ability to interpret information, formulate questions and solve problems
- organisational and time management skills
- teamworking and communication skills
- writing skills, including accurate referencing and the ability to construct a reasoned argument
- IT skills
- empathy and the ability to understand people and take on board others' views
- the ability to work methodically and accurately
- independence of mind and the ability to think for yourself.

Apprenticeships in RPE

It takes more than doctors to keep our frontline health services running efficiently with health and wellbeing apprenticeships

Whether you're treating patients or conducting research, working in healthcare means you'll be making a difference to the lives of others. Healthcare is one of the largest employment sectors in the UK, dependent on the experts who provide frontline care in hospitals, homes and surgeries. Without their commitment,

dedication and professionalism, many lives would be much worse, and maybe even lost.

The complexity of the task at hand remains constant, from caring for people with physical, practical, social, emotional or intellectual challenges, to helping bring a new life into the world, or save another life from ending.

The NHS and other service providers need highly skilled professionals to undertake these and a range of other tasks, at a time when people are living longer and health budgets are being squeezed. Health and wellbeing apprenticeships reflect the need for professionals from the top down, with a particular emphasis on adult and childcare and support, nursing, paramedic and ambulance services, and rehabilitation.

Expect no days to be the same as you work to make a positive change to the health and wellbeing of the vulnerable.

There are a range of health and wellbeing apprenticeships on offer in this sector as it takes more than doctors to keep our health services running, you could be dispensing medicines, performing an eye test or working as a dental nurse.

Ambulance support workers are needed to transport individuals to and from specified treatment centres and other locations. Children, young people and families managers are also needed to build teams, manage resources and lead new approaches to working practices that deliver improved outcomes and put the child, young person or family at the centre of social care practice.

https://apprenticeshipguide.co.uk/apprenticeship-category/industry-sectors/healthwellbeing-apprenticeships/ https://www.apprenticeships-insussex.com/

Further study of RPE

You may choose to increase your knowledge of religion/theology through a postgraduate qualification such as a Masters or PhD. Areas of research include theology, religion and culture, ethics and religious conflict.

Or depending on the career you want, you may need to take a vocational postgraduate course in an area such as teaching, journalism, librarianship or law. Postgraduate courses are also available in subjects such as marketing, finance, human resource management or business/management, so think about which direction you'd like your career to take.

APPRENTICESHIPS LINKED TO **RELIGIOUS STUDIES**











- CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE & **FAMILIES PRACTITIONER**
- CHURCH MINISTER
- COMPLIANCE & RISK OFFICER



- COMMUNITY HEALTH & **WELLBEING OFFICER**
- DATA SCIENTIST



- SOCIAL WORKER
- SOLICITOR
- TEACHER
- YOUTH WORKER **AND MANY MORE!**







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