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The FHP Qualification

Forensic Hope Psychologist — your pathway from Full Membership to accreditation

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"Hope is not a luxury in forensic settings. It is the work."

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About This Guide

The Centre is developing an accredited qualification for practitioners working at the intersection of hope, forensic psychology, and criminal justice. This guide explains what the **Forensic Hope Psychologist (FHP)** qualification is, how it will work, and how **Full Membership (MCFH)** is your route to it.

The FHP designation is in development and has not yet been formally accredited. This guide describes the Centre's intention and does not constitute a guarantee of specific qualification content, accreditation body, or launch date. It should be read alongside the Membership Guide and Constitution, both freely available at forensichope.org.uk; if anything here differs from those documents, they take precedence.

What Is the FHP Qualification?

On successful completion, individuals will be awarded the status of **Forensic Hope Psychologist** and entitled to use the post-nominal letters **FHP** — a practice credential conferred by the Centre on Full Members who complete the qualification and maintain the associated standards.

Who it is designed for

Practitioners from psychology, probation, social work, occupational therapy, nursing, and related fields who work at the intersection of hope, forensic psychology, and criminal justice.

What it will draw on

- Hope theory and its application to forensic and criminal justice settings
- Forensic psychology
- Trauma-informed practice
- Desistance research

The Pathway to FHP

There is one route to the FHP qualification, and it starts with Full Membership. The steps below set out how it works.

1

Join as a Full Member (MCFH)

Full Membership is £120 per year and is open to individuals with relevant qualifications and/or substantial professional experience in forensic or allied settings. Full Membership is the only membership category that carries eligibility to enrol on the FHP qualification.

2

Secure your place in the queue

Enrolment will be open to Full Members and allocated first come, first served by membership join date. Joining now secures an earlier place in the queue — there is no separate application or waiting list to join beyond becoming a Full Member.

3

Be notified when enrolment opens

Full Members are told about enrolment dates, fees, and format before anyone else. Details are shared with Full Members first, through the member dashboard and by email.

4

Complete the qualification

Enrolled candidates undertake the FHP programme of study, drawing on hope theory, forensic psychology, trauma-informed practice, and desistance research.

5

Be awarded FHP status

On successful completion, candidates are awarded the status of Forensic Hope Psychologist and the right to use the post-nominal letters FHP, subject to maintaining the standards set out in the Centre's regulations for the designation.

Why join as a Full Member now

Enrolment places are allocated by membership join date, not by when the qualification launches. Becoming a Full Member today is the only way to secure an earlier position in the enrolment queue — there is no advantage to waiting until the qualification is closer to launch.

Full Membership: What You Get Now

Full Membership is not just a waiting room for FHP — it brings immediate benefits alongside your place in the enrolment queue:

- **Eligibility to enrol on FHP** when enrolment opens, with your queue position secured by join date
- **Research library and publications** access
- **Hopeful Minds** — the Centre's monthly member meeting, open to all members
- **Member community** and the member directory (opt-in)
- **Rights under the Constitution** — the Annual Members' Meeting, resolutions the Board must answer, and binding member votes on key decisions

Full Membership costs £120 per year. See the Membership Guide for the full comparison of tiers, post-nominal letters, and member rights.

Regulatory Position

FHP is awarded by the Centre. It is not a regulated or statutory title, does not confer HCPC registration, and does not confer the protected title of Forensic Psychologist.

Membership of Centre for Forensic Hope and the use of associated post-nominal letters does not confer, imply, or substitute for any statutory qualification, professional registration, chartered status, or regulated credential. Post-nominal letters indicate membership of the Centre only, and must not be represented as conferring statutory, regulatory, or chartered standing. The designation Forensic Hope Psychologist (FHP) is a qualification awarded by Centre for Forensic Hope. It is not a regulated or statutory title, does not confer registration with the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC), and does not confer the protected title of Forensic Psychologist as defined under the Health Professions Order 2001. The FHP designation will be subject to its own accreditation framework and conditions of use, published in advance of the qualification launch. The right to use post-nominal letters ceases immediately upon resignation, lapse, suspension, or termination of membership.



Accredited Register — our intention

The Centre intends to establish a register of Forensic Hope Psychologists and to apply for its accreditation under the Professional Standards Authority's Accredited Registers programme — the independent quality-assurance scheme for registers of health and care practitioners in roles not regulated by law. Accreditation is not yet held, and no claim of PSA accreditation or association is made unless and until it is awarded.

Next Steps

- **Join as a Full Member** at forensichope.org.uk to secure your place in the FHP enrolment queue.
- **Already a Student or Associate Member?** Upgrade to Full Membership from your member dashboard.
- **Watch your inbox and dashboard** for FHP enrolment announcements — Full Members are told first.
- **Questions?** Contact the Centre at enquiries@forensichope.org.uk.