



## Alumni Journey: The Police Detective

### HOW MY PSYCHOLOGY DEGREE HAS BENEFITED ME & MY CAREER

I was in full-time employment; severely overworked, and sorely underpaid, when the thought occurred to me that I needed to get out and achieve something. I felt I needed to get myself a degree and truly open up my career prospects.

#### WHY PSYCHOLOGY AT UWTSD?



I truly believe that my development at UWTSD, the breadth of knowledge I absorbed, the quality of my tuition, and the academic standards I was expected to achieve, have enabled me to springboard into working as a police detective, where my role can vary from investigating volume crime, violent offences, child protection, right up to the most heinous offences of all. I credit my learning for enabling me to become a robust, analytical, and empathetic detective who always strives to produce his best possible standard of work.

#### WHAT SKILLS DO YOU APPLY IN YOUR JOB?



My decision to study Psychology at UWTSD was an easy one and, if you're reading this, we probably value many of the same things. Almost overnight, I made the decision to enrol onto the course. I have always been fiercely interested in knowing how people tick; What motivates them? How can I understand or help people more effectively? How and why are people so different to me, despite growing up in similar conditions?

#### WHAT HAVE YOU TAKEN FROM THE DEGREE?



In no job have I ever had to utilise my psychological understanding and skills more than in the role of policing. Every single person is so different; victims, witnesses and suspects aren't always how they appear on TV, and that was a big learning curve for me. Finally, the value of knowing how to apply your academic standards to your professional life, or what to look out for within yourself in terms of stress and work management, or in others in life-altering moments of their whole lives, cannot be understated.

I have an admiration for those who study Psychology. Those of us who chose this path may well end up in completely different jobs but I believe that many of us have one very strong, common goal; One day, one way or another, we're going to help somebody, and what could possibly be more rewarding than that?

