

Leadership in Psychology:

Harnessing transferable skills to transform your career



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Today's Presenters:

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Workshop Outline

- 1. Leadership Skills and Competencies
- 2. Building Leadership Experiences
- 3. Leadership Roles for Graduate Students and Psychologists
- 4. Q&A/Panel Discussion





- Scientist and practitioner models of training in psychology inherently prepare students to be leaders
 - E.g., Research Laboratories
 - E.g., Group Facilitation
- Bringing attention to skills already acquired and refining them





Skill #1 – Communication

- Written Communication
- Verbal Communication
- Non-verbal Communication
- Conveying/Receiving Feedback





Skill #2 – Supervision

- Empathy
- Responsibility
- Flexibility
- Approachability
- Task/Time Management





Skill #3 – Adaptability

- Openness
- Situational adaptation
- Handling unexpected demands
- Resilience





Skill #4 – Mindfulness

- Self-perception
- Awareness of others
- Emotional intelligence





- Participant on a task force, steering committee or working group
- Supervisor or consultant
- Psychologists in primary management positions
- Public policy, program development, and evaluation
- Other areas

