

# What Can I Do With a Major in...

# Psychology?

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The academic study of the psychology program is enriched with practical experience in clinical and research settings. The program provides students the opportunity to investigate human behavior, the relationship between the mind and body, counseling theories and abnormal behavior.

### Skills/Competencies Associated with Psychology Majors:

- \*Cultural sensitivity
- \*Empathic nature
- \*Proficient interpersonal communicator
- \*High reading comprehension
- \*Ability to observe and organize
- \*Ability to conduct research, analyze and explain results
- \*Analytical mind and quantitative skills
- \*Understanding of human development and behaviors
- \*Ability to analyze problems and make recommendations

### Related Occupations:

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| Activity Leader                      | Expressive Therapist                       | Interviewer                         |
| Admissions Evaluator                 | Financial Advisor                          | Probation Officer                   |
| Art Therapist                        | Financial Aid Director                     | Psychiatric Nurse                   |
| Career Planning Professional         | Health Educator                            | Psychiatric Social Worker           |
| Child Psychologist                   | Hospice Coordinator                        | Psychiatrist                        |
| College Student Affairs Professional | Hotel Management                           | Psychologist                        |
| Social Service Worker                | Human Resources Administrator              | Psychometrist                       |
| Community Relations Director         | Industrial Psychologist                    | Public Health Statistician          |
| Corporate Merchandising Mgr.         | International Student Advisor              | Public Opinion Surveyor             |
| Correctional Caseworker              | Job Analyst & Developer                    | Public Relations Specialist         |
| Corrections Officer                  | Labor Relations Specialist                 | Recreation Specialist               |
| Cottage Parent                       | Market Research Analyst                    | Regulatory Administrator            |
| Counselor: Alcohol/Drug              | Marketing/Sales Manager                    | Social Service Administrator        |
| Counselor: Career                    | Mental Health Professional                 | Social Worker                       |
| Counselor: Crisis Intervention       | Minority Group & Race Relations Specialist | Sociologist                         |
| Counselor: Employment                | Motivational Researcher                    | Speech Pathologist                  |
| Counselor: Guidance                  | Music Therapist                            | Statistician Analyst                |
| Counselor: Occupational              | Occupational Therapist                     | Teacher                             |
| Counselor: School                    | Operations Manager                         | Technical                           |
| Counselor: Vocational Rehab          | Outplacement Specialist                    | Writer/Communicator                 |
| Creative Director                    | Personnel Manager                          | Television/Media Researcher         |
| Criminologist                        | Physical Therapist                         | Training & Development Professional |
| Editor                               | Police Officer                             | Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor |
| Employee Relations Mgr.              | Prisoner Classification                    | Wage/Benefits Analyst               |
| EEO/AA Specialist                    |  | Youth Corrections Officer           |
| Employee Assistance Director         |  |                                     |

\*This is only a partial list and not meant to limit you. Come to Career Services to explore your options further.

### **Strategies:**

- \*Look into experiential learning opportunities (internships, coop, mentoring, externships, volunteer, etc.)
  - \*Gain experience in advocacy
    - \*Serve as a fundraiser
  - \*Enhance knowledge of community problems
    - \*Read psychological journals or articles
  - \*Gain experience as a student leader/worker on campus
- \*Research career fields to learn what type of degree and subject areas are most appropriate
  - \*Conduct informational interviews with people in fields of your interest

### **Resources for Psychology Majors:**

College Central Network  
[www.collegecentral.com/gmc](http://www.collegecentral.com/gmc)

American Psychological Association  
<http://www.apa.org>

American Psychological Society  
<http://www.psychologicalscience.org>

O\*NET OnLine  
<http://online.onetcenter.org>

PsychWeb  
<http://www.psywww.com>

Association of Women in Psychology  
<http://www.awpsych.org>

Online Psychology Career Center  
[www.socialpsychology.org](http://www.socialpsychology.org)

LaSalle Non-Profit Center  
<http://www.lasallenonprofitcenter.org>

National Federation of Paralegal Associations  
<http://www.paralegals.org>

Occupational Outlook Handbook  
[www.bls.gov/oco](http://www.bls.gov/oco)

National Association of School Psychologists  
<http://www.nasponline.org>

Human Resources  
[www.shrm.org](http://www.shrm.org)

Association of Black Psychologists  
<http://www.abpsi.org>

MentalHealth.Net  
<http://www.mentalhelp.net>

Psychology—Online Resource Center  
<http://www.psych-central.com>

OpportunityKnocks  
<http://www.opportunitynocs.org>

Social Service Jobs  
<http://www.socialservice.com>

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