## WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY PSYCHOLOGY DEGREE?

**Using the Major Sheet:**
- Large headings indicate **industry** area and subheadings indicate **employers** within that area.
- Use the titles to search for careers and related careers in order to explore your options within different areas of industry. Note that some career titles have multiple names for similar positions.
- An asterisk (*) notes that additional training (certification, graduate school, high level of experience) may be needed in order to obtain this career. Make sure to thoroughly research career pathways.

### PROFESSIONAL MENTAL HEALTH

Community Mental Health Centers, Government Agencies, Rehabilitation Centers, Religious-Affiliated Organizations, Residential Programs, Retirement Communities/Nursing Homes, Non-Profits, Shelters

- Hospice Coordinator
- Art Therapist
- Recreational Therapist
- Psychological/Psychological Tech.
- Intake Counselor/Specialist
- Social Skills Trainer
- Addictions Counselor
- Volunteer Coordinator
- Crisis Counselor
- Community Outreach Worker
- Residential Counselor
- Social Service Admin.
- Mental Health Counselor
- Rehabilitation Therapist
- Therapy Aide
- Eligibility Specialist

### PERSONNEL/INDUSTRIAL PSYCHOLOGY/HUMAN RESOURCES

Businesses, Non-Profits, Employment Agencies, Government Agencies

- Human Resources Manager
- EEO/Affirmative Action Specialist
- Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor
- Job Developer
- Employee Relations Specialist
- Placement Counselor
- Benefits/EAP Coordinator
- Payroll Officer
- Interviewer
- Job Classification Specialist
- Job Coach
- Employment Specialist
- Training Specialist
- Recruiter
- Staffing Specialist
- Labor Relations Specialist
- Employment Consultant
- Compensation Specialist

### DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY

Day Care Centers, Gov’t Programs, Issue-Oriented Non-Profits, Hospitals

- Teacher
- Parent Educator
- Child Support Case Officer
- Day Care Supervisor
- Child Care Worker
- Head Start Coordinator
- Developmental Specialist
- Youth Activities Coordinator
- Research Assistant
- Adoption Case Worker
- Youth Counselor
- Child Life Specialist

### BIOPSYCHOLOGY / RESEARCH

Government, Universities, Research Laboratories

- Lab Assistant
- Research Technician
- Research Assistant
- Research Analyst
- Statistical Analyst

### PUBLIC POLICY

Congress / State Legislature / Local Government

- Congressional/Legislative Aide
- Legislative Research Assistant

Policy Organizations (Issue-Oriented / Non-Profit / National Associations)

- Public Opinion Interviewer
- Membership Coordinator
- Meetings Coordinator
- Community/Field Organizer
- Program Developer/ Coordinator
- Community Relations Officer
- Project Manager
- Political Organizer
- Office Manager

Research Organizations (Issue-Oriented / Non-Profit / National Associations)

- Project Assistant
- Research Associate
GOVERNMENT
Local, State and Federal Agencies
• Public Affairs Specialist  • Peace Corps Worker  • Foreign Service
• Contract Administrator  • Customs/Immigration Officer  • Researcher/Statistician

EDUCATION
High Schools, Colleges, Universities
• Teacher  • Admissions Counselor  • Financial Aid Counselor
• Literacy Program Coordinator  • Counselor  • Parent Educator

INTELLIGENCE / CORRECTIONS / LAW
Prisons, Courts, Government Agencies, Private Practices
• Court Appointed Special Advocate  • Program Evaluator  • Intelligence Analyst
• Special Agent  • Investigative Assistant  • Youth Corrections Officer
• Civil Rights Investigator  • Probation/Parole Officer  • Correctional Caseworker
• Paralegal  • Legal Secretary  • Police Officer

HEALTH
Hospitals, Insurers, Non-Profits, Government
• Public Health Statistician  • Medical Admissions Staff  • Patient Advocate

BUSINESS
Advertising / Marketing / Public Relations
• Marketing Research Analyst  • Public Relations Specialist  • Media Buyer
• Advertising Salesperson  • Marketing Coordinator  • Copywriter
• Fund-Raiser/Development Associate  • Consumer Survey Supervisor  • Special Events Planner

Insurance
• Claims Representative/Examiner  • Insurance Agent  • Underwriter

Banking / Finance
• Branch Manager  • Loan Representative  • Credit Counselor

Retail / Sales
• Assistant Buyer  • Store/Department Manager  • Sales Representative

Publishing / Journalism
• Book/Subscription Salesperson  • Editorial Assistant  • Promotions Assistant
• Reporter  • Technical Writer  • Circulation Personnel

Preparation for a Competitive Job Market:
• Focus on transferable skill sets as you pursue a degree in Psychology.
• Obtain relevant internship, co-op, or volunteer experiences.
• Supplement Psychology course work with classes that are relevant to your career.
• Meet with a Career Specialist to explore options, make decisions, and prepare for career choices.

Additional Career Center Resources:
• Major Sheets (PSYC, ANTH, SOCY, ENGL, EDUC, ECON): http://careers.umbc.edu/tools/major-sheets/
• Links by Major: http://careers2.umbc.edu/tools/links.php
• The Vault: http://careers.umbc.edu/students/discover/explore-careers-majors/
  - Click on Vault Career Insider portal link and provide UMBC user ID and password
  - Select “Guides” to view relevant guides such as:
• Professional Organizations:
  American Psychological Association: http://www.apa.org/
  Maryland Psychological Association: http://www.marylandpsychology.org/
  DC Psychological Association: http://dpa.onefireplace.com/
  National Association of School Psychologists: http://www.nasponline.org/
  American Counseling Association: https://www.counseling.org/

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