

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
- Family Services Specialist
- Crisis Counselor
- Community Outreach Worker
- Residential Counselor
- Social Service Admin.
- Caseworker
- 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
- Contract Administrator
- Peace Corps Worker
- Customs/Immigration Officer
- Foreign Service
- Researcher/Statistician

EDUCATION

High Schools, Colleges, Universities

- Teacher
- Literacy Program Coordinator
- Admissions Counselor
- Counselor
- Financial Aid Counselor
- Parent Educator

INTELLIGENCE / CORRECTIONS / LAW

Prisons, Courts, Government Agencies, Private Practices

- Court Appointed Special Advocate
- Special Agent
- Civil Rights Investigator
- Paralegal
- Program Evaluator
- Investigative Assistant
- Probation/Parole Officer
- Legal Secretary
- Intelligence Analyst
- Youth Corrections Officer
- Correctional Caseworker
- Police Officer

HEALTH

Hospitals, Insurers, Non-Profits, Government

- Public Health Statistician
- Insurance Customer Service Rep.
- Medical Admissions Staff
- Community Health Educator
- Patient Advocate
- Provider Relations Rep.

BUSINESS

Advertising / Marketing / Public Relations

- Marketing Research Analyst
- Advertising Salesperson
- Fund-Raiser/Development Associate
- Public Relations Specialist
- Marketing Coordinator
- Consumer Survey Supervisor
- Media Buyer
- Copywriter
- 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
- Reporter
- Editorial Assistant
- Technical Writer
- Promotions Assistant
- 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:
 - "Vault Guide to Social Services Jobs"
 - "Vault Career Guide to Market Research"
 - "Vault Guide to Education Jobs"
 - "Vault Career Guide to Public Relations"

• **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/>