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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES FOR PSYCHOLOGY MAJORS

SKILLS & ABILITIES OF THE PSYCHOLOGY MAJOR

- Interpersonal Communication
- Knowledge of Human Development and Behavior
- Ability to observe, Analyze & Interpret Information
- Concern for others
- Critical Thinking
- Inferential Thinking
- Insight
- Conflict Resolution
- Ethics
- Problem Solving
- Decision Making
- Listening Skills
- Ability to Promote Healthy Relationships
- Understanding of Group Dynamics
- Research skills
- Motivational
- Ability to Interview

POTENTIAL CAREERS

- Activity Leader
- Admissions Evaluator
- Advertising Executive
- Art Therapist
- Child Psychologist
- Career Planning Professional
- Community Relations Director
- College Student Affairs
- Correctional Caseworker
- Counselors/Therapists
- Consultant
- Employment Agency Counselor
- Employee Assistance Director
- Health Educator
- Hospice Coordinator
- Human Resource Administrator
- Insurance Agent
- Job Developer
- Junior Market Analyst
- Labor Relations Specialist
- Market Research Analyst
- Marketing/Sales Manager
- Media Buyer
- Mental Health Coordinator
- Personnel Manager
- Police Officer
- Public Relations
- Sports Psychologist
- Statistician
- Teacher/Professor
- Training & Development Professional
- Youth Corrections Officer

TYPES OF EMPLOYERS

- Federal Government
 - Health & Human Services
 - Dept. of Justice
 - Veterans Administration
 - Dept. of Labor
 - State Government
 - Employee Assistance Programs
 - Colleges/Universities
 - Real Estate Companies
 - Private Practices
 - Financial Institutions
 - Public and Private K-12 Schools
 - Advertising Agencies
 - Retail/Service Industries
 - Religious Organizations
 - Law Enforcement Agencies
 - Insurance Companies
 - Greeting Card Companies
 - Psychiatric facilities
 - Health Care Industry
 - Recreation Departments
 - Consulting Firms
 - Photo Agencies
 - Large Companies
 - Staffing/ Employment agencies
 - Market Research Firms
 - Public Relations Departments
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TOP 10 OCCUPATIONS EMPLOYING PERSONS WITH A BACHELORS IN PSYCHOLOGY

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| Top and mid-level managers, executives, administrators | 12% |
| Sales occupations, including retail | 7.9% |
| Social Workers | 6.9% |
| Other management-related occupations | 6.3% |
| Personnel, training and labor relations specialists | 5.3% |
| Other administrative (record clerks) | 5.1% |
| Insurance, securities, real estate, business services | 5.0% |
| Other marketing and sales occupations | 4.2% |
| Registered Nurses, physician assistants | 3.8% |
| Secretaries, receptionists, typists | 3.9% |
| Financial Specialists | 3.7% |

ACTIVITIES ON THE JOB

- Management and administrative duties take up most of the time at work among 18% of employed psychology grads.
 - About 16% spend most of their workweek in sales, marketing, and purchasing.
 - About 14% spend most of their time providing health and financial consulting services.
 - About 10% spend most of their typical work week in teaching activities.
 - About 7% spend most of their time in labor relations activities (recruiting, personnel development, and training) .
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POST GRADUATION ACTIVITES

- About 42% of all psychology graduates with a bachelor's degree earn a post graduate degree.
 - About 31% of master's degrees earned by psychology undergraduates are earned in psychology.
 - About 21% of master's degrees earned by psychology undergraduates are earned in education.
 - About 75% of doctorate degrees earned by psychology undergraduates are earned in psychology.
 - About 46% of the professional degrees of psychology majors are in the field of law.
 - About 46% of the professional degrees of psychology majors are in the health professions.
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RELATED BOOKS IN THE CAREER RESOURCE LIBRARY (GSC 310)

What to Do with your Psychology or Sociology Degree
Great Jobs for Psychology Majors
Career Paths in Psychology; Where Your Degree Can Take You