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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
 - Department of Justice
 - Veterans Administration
 - Department 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
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TOP 10 OCCUPATIONS EMPLOYING PERSONS WITH A BACHELORS IN PSYCHOLOGY

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%
Secretaries, receptionists, typists	3.9%
Registered nurses, physician assistants	3.8%
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.
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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 (CLC 530)

- *What to Do with your Psychology or Sociology Degree*
- *Great Jobs for Psychology Majors*
- *Career Paths in Psychology: Where Your Degree Can Take You*
- *Careers in Counseling and Human Service*
- *Majoring in Psych? Career Options for Psychology Undergraduates*
- *What Can You Do With a Major in Psychology?*