

# Careers in Psychology

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Occupations today require a college educated individual who can...

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- # **Write and speak well**
  - # **Solve problems**
  - # **Learn new information quickly**
  - # **Work well with others on a team**
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# College graduates use their education in a wide variety of fields...

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Your future career may relate more to your

- # **Personal career interests**
- # **Work values**
- # **Transferable skills**

than any specific academic major.

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# Related Skills for Psychology Majors

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- # Interpersonal Communication (oral and written)
  - # Engage in Ethical Practice
  - # Knowledge of Human Development & Behavior
  - # Problem Solving
  - # Able to Observe, Analyze, & Interpret Information
  - # Decision Making
  - # Concern for and Sensitivity to Others
  - # Interviewing Techniques
  - # Critical and Inferential Thinking
  - # Good Listener
  - # Insight to Deal Effectively with People
  - # Able to Promote Healthy Relationships
  - # Ability to Resolve or Mediate Conflicts
  - # Understanding of Group Dynamics
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# Related Career Titles for Psychology Majors

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- # Crisis Intervention Counselor
  - # Probation Officer
  - # Activity Leader
  - # Professional Employment Recruiter
  - # Advertising
  - # Labor Relations Specialist
  - # Art Therapist
  - # Customer Service
  - # Marketing/Sales Manager
  - # Media Buyer
  - # Public Opinion Surveyor
  - # Public Relations
  - # College Student Affairs
  - # Labor Relations Manager
  - # Mental Health Coordinator
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# Related Career Titles for Psychology Majors

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- # Recreation Specialist
  - # Community and Social Service Worker
  - # Employment Agency Counselor
  - # Community Relations Director
  - # Sales Representative
  - # Community Relations Rep
  - # Social Service Administrator
  - # Copywriter
  - # Occupational Therapist
  - # Operations Manager
  - # Correctional Caseworker
  - # Teacher
  - # Health Educator
  - # Personnel Interviewer
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# Psychologists

## Significant Points

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- # One half of psychologists are self-employed, about 5 times the average for professional workers.
  - # A doctoral degree is usually required for employment as a licensed clinical or counseling psychologist.
  - # Opportunities for employment in psychology for those with only a bachelor's degree are severely limited.
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# Psychologists Job Outlook

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- Very few opportunities directly related to psychology will exist for bachelor's degree holders. Some may find jobs as assistants in rehabilitation centers, or in other jobs involving data collection and analysis. Those who meet State certification requirements may become high school psychology teachers.
  - Opportunities for people holding doctorates from leading universities in areas with an applied emphasis, such as clinical, counseling, health, and educational psychology, should have particularly good prospects.
  - Psychologists with extensive training in quantitative research methods and computer science may have a competitive edge over applicants without this background.
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# Psychologists Earnings

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- # Median annual earnings of salaried psychologists were \$48,050 in 1998.
  - # The middle 50 percent earned between \$36,570 and \$70,870 a year.
  - # The lowest 10 percent earned less than \$27,960 and the highest 10 percent earned more than \$88,280 a year.
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# Psychologists Earnings

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# Median annual earnings in the industries employing the largest number of psychologists in 1997 were as follows:

- Offices of other health care practitioners \$54,000
  - Hospitals \$49,300
  - Elementary and secondary schools \$47,400
  - State government, except education and hospitals \$41,600
  - Health and allied services, not elsewhere classified \$38,900
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# Resources

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- # **Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2000-2001 Edition**  
**(<http://www.bls.gov/oco/home.html>)**
  - # **What Can I Do With a Major In...? The University of North Carolina at Wilmington Career Services**  
**(<http://www.uncwil.edu/stuaff/career/Majors/>)**
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