

Resources for Psychology Majors

Overview

Psychologists study human behavior and mental processes to understand, explain and change people's behavior. Some research psychologists investigate the physical, cognitive, emotional, or social aspects of human behavior. Other psychologists in applied fields counsel and conduct training programs, do market research, or provide mental health services in hospitals, clinics and private settings. The study of psychology is excellent pre-professional training for the fields of law and medicine, and for careers in business, industry and government.

Specialized work in various areas of psychology typically requires a master's degree or doctorate. By standards of the American Psychological Association, a doctoral degree is necessary in order to be called a psychologist and is typically the minimum educational requirement for university or college level institutions, hospitals, or government agencies employing psychologists. In addition, most institutions require that a psychologist have completed an approved internship and have up to one year of experience. Some clinics and therapeutic institutions may hire well-qualified applicants with master's degrees.

Common Industries that Psych Majors Enter

Consulting
Education
Entertainment
Government
Law
Health & Medicine

Marketing
Management
Non-profit
Public Relations
Research & Development
Social Services

Online Resources

Job Listings / Job Search:

Vault Guides

- Vault.com (Career Service Center Website>*Links*>VAULT>password, read instructions online)
- Although the Vault guides are not sorted by academic area, they are sorted by industry so we suggest you read the guides of the industries you are interested in to learn more about them

MonsterTRAK

- <http://www.monstertrak.com>
- Thousands of internship and entry-level job listings

School Psychology Job Center

- http://www.schoolpsychology.net/p_jobs.html
- List of school psychology jobs and internships

Geocities

- <http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Flats/5353/classes/psychjobs/>
- Long list with great variety of psychology related jobs

Psych Ed Job Connect

- <http://www.psyched.net/>
- More psychology related jobs

Social Service.com

- <http://www.socialservice.com/userlogin.cfm?cfid=760299&cftoken=3282807>

- Job search database of social service related jobs

Jobsience.com

- <http://www.jobpsychology.com/>

- Job search database for healthcare professionals

Federal Jobs

- <http://www.usajobs.opm.gov/>

- Official job site of United States Federal Government

- <http://www.dhhs.gov/jobs/index.html>

- Jobs with the US Department Health and Human Services

- <http://www.hud.gov/jobs/index.cfm>

- US Department of Housing and Urban Development

- <http://www.nationalservice.org/>

- The Corporation for National & Community Service (includes Americorp)

Career Planning & Information:

Careers in Psychology <http://www.psywww.com/careers/>

Careers in Social Work <https://www.socialworkers.org/students/default.asp>

Careers in School Psychology <http://www.indiana.edu/%7Ediv16/G&O.htm>

Accredited Graduate Programs in Counseling (from CACREP)

<http://www.counseling.org/cacrep/directory.htm>

Requirements for being a School Counselor

http://www.collegeview.com/college/ask_experts/choosing_mj/counsel.html

Student information from the American Counseling Association

<http://www.counseling.org/site/PageServer?pagename=students>

Psychology Careers <http://www.apa.org/students/brochure/>

Information on Federal Service- Jobs & Internships with the Federal Government

http://www.ourpublicservice.org/info-url3739/info-url_list.htm?cat_id=43

A Day in the Life (job profiles) from Get that Gig.com

<http://www.getthatgig.com/dayof.html>

Organizations & Associations:

American Psychological Association <http://www.apa.org>

American Counseling Association <http://www.counseling.org/site/PageServer>

National Association of Social Workers <http://www.naswdc.org/>

American Psychological Society <http://www.psychologicalscience.org/>

Career Center Resources

Books (in the CSC library):

- Great Jobs for Psychology Majors
- Majoring in Psych? Career Options for Psychology Undergraduates
- Careers for Caring People & Other Sensitive Types

Alumni Binders:

- Alumni Binders are sorted by both industry and location. History majors might find the journalism, law, public relations, non-profit and consulting binders useful.

Other Information

Online Assessments:

- We strongly suggest you take the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator or the Strong Interest Inventory Assessment available to you through the Career Services Center. See Online Assessment Instructions for details.

Career Services Center Contacts for Psychology Majors:

- For setting up an appointment for career counseling, graduate school advising, and internships contact Beth Ricca; e-mail: bricca@cmc.edu