

PSYCHOLOGY

WHAT IS PSYCHOLOGY?

Psychology is a diverse discipline, grounded in science, but with nearly boundless applications in everyday life. Some psychologists do basic research, developing theories and testing them through carefully honed research methods involving observation, experimentation and analysis. Other psychologists apply the discipline's scientific knowledge to help people, organizations and communities function better.

As psychological research yields new information, whether it's improved interventions to treat depression or how humans interact with machines, these findings become part of the discipline's body of knowledge and are applied in work with patients and clients, in schools, in corporate settings, within the judicial system, even in professional sports.

Psychologists study both normal and abnormal functioning and treat people with mental, behavioral and emotional problems. They also study and encourage behaviors that build wellness and emotional resilience. Today, as the link between mind and body is well-recognized, psychologists team up with other health care providers to provide whole-person health care for individuals of all ages.

RELATED CAREER TITLES

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| Alcohol & Drug Counselor | Director, Human Resources | Job Analyst | Public Health Statistician |
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| Art Therapist | Drug Abuse & Prevent. Educator | Market Research Analyst | Rehabilitation Services |
| Behavioral Psychologist | Foster Care Services | Marriage Counselor | Researcher |
| Case Manager | Geriatric Case Manager | Mediator | School Psychologist |
| Child Development Specialist | Guidance Counselor | Minority & Race Relations Specialist | Service Counselor |
| Child Welfare Worker | Human Resource Specialist | Occupational Analyst Occupational | Social Worker |
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| Community Relations Director | Industrial Relations Manager | Police Officer | Suicide Prevention Service Specialist |
| Correctional Caseworker | Intensive Case Manager | Pregnancy & Maternity Services | Trauma Support Specialist |
| Correctional Officer | Intensive Family Therapist | Probation/Parole Officer | Vocational Rehabilitation |
| Criminologist/Criminal Profiling | International Human Resource Mgr. | Psychometrist | Youth Services Specialist |
| Director, Counseling Center | Investigator | Psychotherapist/Therapist | |

TRANSFERABLE SKILLS

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

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Association of Psychological Science: <https://www.psychologicalscience.org/>

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