

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.

Psychology is a doctoral-level profession. Psychologists study both normal and abnormal functioning and treat patients with mental 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, more and more psychologists are teaming with other health care providers to provide whole-person health care for patients

RELATED CAREER TITLES

Alcohol & Drug Counselor	Director, Counseling Center	Infant Mental Health Specialist	Populations Studies Researcher
Animal Trainer	Director, Human Resources	Intensive Case Manager	Pregnancy & Maternity Services
Art Therapist	Director, Rehabilitation Counseling	Intensive Family Therapist	Probation/Parole Officer
Battered Spouse & Child	Divorce	International Human Resource Mgr.	Professor
Behavioral Psychologist	Drug Abuse & Prevent. Educator	Investigator	Psychiatric Nurse
Biologist (Toxicology Dept.)	EEO Representative	Job Analyst	Psychological Therapist
Career Services Director	Employment	Management Analyst	Psychometrist
Child Development Specialist	Ergonomist	Market Research Analyst	Psychotherapist
Child Welfare Worker	Ethnic Organization & Service Director	Mediator	Public Health Statistician
Clergy	Executive Director/Company	Medical Social Worker	Public Opinion Interviewer
Clinical Manager	Family & Individual Services	Men's Services	Rape Crisis Services
Clinical Social Worker/Therapist	Foreign Student Adviser	Milieu	Rehabilitation
Community Relations Director	Foster Care Services	Minority & Race Relations Specialist	Service Counselor
Consultant	Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Services	Motivational Researcher	Social Worker

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RELATED CAREER TITLES (CONTINUED)

Contract Administrator	Geriatric Case Manager	Occupational Analyst Occupational	Speech Pathologist/Audiologist
Correctional Caseworker	Grievance Officer	On-Site Program Coordinator	Suicide Prevention Service Specialist
Correctional Officer	Guidance	Outpatient Therapist	Therapist
Cottage Parent	Hospice Health Worker	Out-Placement Specialist	Trauma Support Specialist
Criminologist	Human Resource Specialist	Penologist	Vocational Rehabilitation
Day Treatment Clinician	Immigrant Services Worker	Police Officer	Youth Services Specialist
Deaf & Hearing Impaired Service Director	Industrial Relations Manager		

TRANSFERABLE SKILLS

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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RELATED CAREER EXPLORATION LINKS

American Psychological Association:

<http://www.apa.org/careers/resources/guides/careers.aspx>

<http://www.apa.org/action/careers/index.aspx>

<http://www.apa.org/education/grad/faqs.aspx>

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

FHSU Career Services: <https://www.fhsu.edu/career/>

Occupational Outlook Handbook: <http://www.bls.gov/ooh/>