

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 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, psychologists are teaming with other health care providers to provide whole-person health care for patients.

RELATED CAREER TITLES

Alcohol & Drug Counselor	Contract Administrator	Ethnic Organization & Service Director	International Human Resource Mgr.
Animal Trainer	Correctional Caseworker	Executive Director/Company	Investigator
Art Therapist	Correctional Officer	Family & Individual Services	Job Analyst
Battered Spouse & Child	Cottage Parent	Foreign Student Adviser	LGBTQ+ Services
Behavioral Psychologist	Criminologist	Foster Care Services	Management Analyst
Biologist (Toxicology Dept.)	Day Treatment Clinician	Geriatric Case Manager	Market Research Analyst
Career Services Director	Deaf & Hearing Impaired Service Director	Grievance Officer	Marriage Counselor
Child Development Specialist	Director, Counseling Center	Guidance Counselor	Mediator
Child Welfare Worker	Director, Human Resources	Hospice Health Worker	Medical Social Worker
Clergy	Director, Rehabilitation Counseling	Human Resource Specialist	Men's Services
Clinical Manager	Drug Abuse & Prevent. Educator	Immigrant Services Worker	Milieu
Clinical Social Worker/Therapist	EEO Representative	Industrial Relations Manager	Minority & Race Relations Specialist
Community Relations Director	Employment	Intensive Case Manager	Motivational Researcher
Consultant	Ergonomist	Intensive Family Therapist	Occupational Analyst Occupational

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RELATED CAREER TITLES (CONTINUED)

On-Site Program Coordinator	Pregnancy & Maternity Services	Public Health Statistician	Speech Pathologist/Audiologist
Outpatient Therapist	Probation/Parole Officer	Public Opinion Interviewer	Suicide Prevention Service Specialist
Out-Placement Specialist	Professor	Rape Crisis Services	Therapist
Penologist	Psychiatric Nurse	Rehabilitation	Trauma Support Specialist
Police Officer	Psychometrist	Service Counselor	Vocational Rehabilitation
Populations Studies Researcher	Psychotherapist	Social Worker	Youth Services Specialist

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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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/>



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