

What can I do with a major in...

# PSYCHOLOGY

Psychologists study cognitive, emotional, and social processes and behavior by observing, interpreting, and recording how people relate to one another and their environments. Some work independently, conducting research, consulting with clients, or working with patients while others work as part of a healthcare team, collaborating with physicians and social workers or in school settings, working with students, teachers, and parents.

## INDUSTRIES:

Industrial; Government; State, local, or private schools or hospitals; individual and family services

### Common Job Titles

- Clinical Psychologists
- Health Psychologists
- Neuropsychologists
- Counseling Psychologists
- Developmental Psychologists
- Forensic Psychologists

### Salary

**\$62,707**

ENTRY LEVEL

**\$72,580**

MEDIAN ANNUAL



### Popular Employers

- Hospitals
- Inpatient or Outpatient Detoxification Centers
- Mental Health Facilities and Agencies
- The Education System

### Tools

- Desktop Computers
- Electromyography (EMG) units
- High Capacity removable media drives

### Work Styles

- integrity
- Concern for Others
- Self-Control
- Stress Tolerance
- Dependability

### Technology

- Accounting software
- Analytical or scientific software
- Medical software
- Office suite software
- Spreadsheet software

### Related Occupations

- Anthropologists
- Archaeologists
- Market Research Analysts
- Physicians
- School and Career Counselors

1.8%  
UNEMPLOYMENT



## Psychologists:

- Conduct scientific studies of behavior and brain function
- Collect information through observations, surveys, interviews, etc.
- Identify psychological, emotional, behavioral, or organizational issues using information from their research
- Research and identify behavioral or emotional patterns
- Test for patterns that will help them better understand/ predict behavior
- Discuss treatment of problems with their clients

Advice  
from  
the Pros

## Get involved in Research.

Doing work as a researcher deepens your knowledge of the field and gives you a better sense of how to evaluate psychological research that you will use in your career.

## Ask Questions.

Take your mentors out to lunch as listen to what they have to say. Mentors are an incredible resource. These are the people that you want to be someday, so ask them questions.

## Get some Business Training.

If you plan on going into private practice, get some business training as well as clinical. There is a lot more than goes into managing a private practice other than talking to patients, so it is important to know every aspect of the business side of a private practice.

## Make Connections.

If you are active in student groups with professional liaisons, you should develop your network and show that you're dependable and forward thinking.