

## What Can I Do With a Major In **PSYCHOLOGY**?

Psychology is the scientific study of human behavior, mental processes, and how they are affected and/or affect an individual's or group's physical state, mental state, and external environment. Its goal is to describe, understand, predict, and modify behavior.

## **Typical Coursework**

English Composition Introductory Psychology Introduction to Statistical Methods
Abnormal Psychology Developmental Psychology Social Psychology
History & Systems of Psychology Organizational Psychology Psychology of Learning
Research Methods Human Memory Sensation and Perception
Psychological Tests & Measurement Theories of Personality

As preparation for graduate school, it helps to include one or more courses in biology (or additional science courses if your goal is to pursue Psychiatry- M.D.)

## **Related Major Skills**

Interpersonal Communication (oral and written)

Knowledge of Human Development & Behavior

Able to Observe, Analyze, & Interpret Information

Concern for and Sensitivity to Others

Critical and Inferential Thinking

Insight to Deal Effectively with People

Ability to Resolve or Mediate Conflicts

Engage in Ethical Practice

Problem Solving

Decision Making

Interviewing Techniques

Good Listener

Able to Promote Healthy Relationships

Understanding of Group Dynamics

# Related Occupations ENTRY-LEVEL POSITIONS

Activity Leader International Student Advisor Crisis Intervention Counselor Admissions Counselor Customer Service Rep. Job Developer **Advertising Assistant** Customs/Immigration Officer **Junior Market Analyst** Assist. Account Executive **Employment Agency Counselor** Labor Relations Specialist Community & Social Service Market Research Analyst Case Worker Health Club Manager Marketing/Sales Manager Community Relations Rep **Hospice Coordinator** Media Buver **Grant Writer** Media Planner Youth Corrections Officer **Hotel Event Management Corporate Merchandising** Mental Health Coordinator **Human Resources Corrections Officer** Public Opinion Surveyor Personnel Assistant Correctional Caseworker Public Relations Assist. Personnel Interviewer Research Assistant Recreation Specialist Statistician Assistant **Probation Officer** Sales Representative Teacher (Secondary) Social Service Professional Staff **Employment Recruiter** Technical Writer/Communicator Program Developer Wage/Benefits Analyst Television/Media Research

#### RELATED CAREER TITLES FOR ADVANCED DEGREES:

Account Executive Crisis Intervention Counselor International Student Advisor
Art Therapist Occupational Therapist Nonprofit Administrator

Consultant Case Manager Higher Education Administration
Labor Relations Specialist Music Therapist Human Resources Manager

College Student Affairs Creative Director Personnel Manager Career Planning Professor Employee Assistance Director Health Educator

Community Relations Dir. Training & Development

#### **COUNSELING PROFESSIONS\* (MASTER'S DEGREE REQUIRED):**

Guidance/School Counselor K-12 (LSC) Career Counselor

College Counselor Alcohol and Drug Counselor (LADC)
Behavior Analyst (BCBA) Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT)

Vocational Counselor Rehabilitation Counselor (CRC)

Clinical Mental Health Counselor (LPC, LPCC)

Psychotherapist (LMFT, LICSW, or LPCC)

Clinical Social Worker (LICSW)

### **DOCTORAL DEGREE REQUIRED PROFESSIONS:**

Child Psychologist Developmental Psychologist

Industrial/Organizational Psych
Licensed Clinical Psychologist (LPCC)
Forensic Psychologist
Health Psychologist

Experimental Psychologist

Sport Psychologist

Psychologist

Psychologist (Psy.D. or Ph.D.)

Industrial/Organizational Psychologist Psychiatry (M.D.)

Social Psychologist (Ph.D. or Ed.S. Degree)

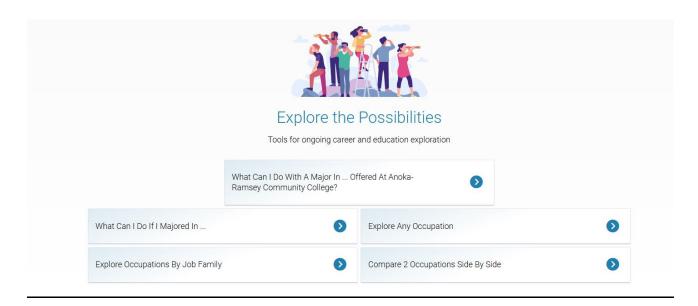
## Who Hires for this Occupation?

Human service agencies, counseling centers, outpatient mental health centers, hospitals, clinics, businesses, social service agencies, K-12 schools, non-profits, private practice, government, and colleges and universities.

<sup>\*</sup>Many applied positions require licensure. This can take an additional one to three years of supervised experience after earning a graduate degree depending upon state requirements.

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## Minnesota Colleges and Universities with a major in PSYCHOLOGY

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Augsburg College	*Bemidji State University	Bethany Lutheran College
Bethel University	Capella University	Carleton College
College of St. Benedict	College of St. Scholastica	Concordia College
Concordia University	Crown College	Gustavus Adolphus College
Hamline University	Macalester College	*Metropolitan State University
*MN State Univ., Mankato	North Central Univ.	St. John's University
St. Catherine's University	*MN State University, Moorhead	St. Olaf College
St. Mary's Univ., Winona	St. Mary's Univ., Minneapolis	St. Mary's Univ., Rochester
*St. Cloud State University	*Southwest State University	University of MN – Duluth
University of MN – Morris	University of MN - Twin Cities	Univ. of Northwestern
*Winona State University	University of St. Thomas	Walden University

<sup>\*</sup>Anoka-Ramsey Community College offers an <u>Psychology Transfer Pathway Associate of Arts Degree</u> with general education courses that typically transfer as all or part of the first two years of a baccalaureate degree and also directly to designated Psychology Bachelor's Degree programs at Minesota State System Universities.

Search for majors and colleges at Minnesota State System Colleges and University.

## **Professional Association Links**

American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy

American Board of Forensic Psychologists

**American Counseling Association** 

American Psychological Association

American Psychological Association: PsycCareers

Association for Psychological Science

Association for Applied Sports Psychology

National Association of School Psychologists

**National Board for Certified Counselors** 

The Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology

## **For More Information**

Contact ARCC Counseling (Coon Rapids and Cambridge) at (763) 433-1100 or stop by the campus Information Desk

#### Information adapted from:

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