

What Can I Do with a Degree in Psychology?

(A Student's Guide to Careers in Psychology)

GETTING STARTED

- Start thinking about career options early! Some careers will require a graduate education or coursework in a specific area. Take the Careers in Psychology seminar (PSY2000) as soon as you can.
 - 1) Look at Marky Loyd's "Job Search Strategies and Timeline"
(<http://www.psywww.com/careers/time-job.htm>)
 - 2) Use Middle Tennessee State University's career resources. Talk to Lewis Gray, the Career Coordinator for the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences (lgray@mtsu.edu).
- Ask yourself the following questions:
 - 1) What are the skills I possess or will possess upon graduation? A degree in psychology strengthens skills in Human Relations, Communications, Research, & Creativity.
 - 2) What are my interests? For instance, do I like working with people? Do I enjoy working with computers?
 - 3) What do I value?
- Explore careers and job opportunities that align with the answers to the above questions.

POSSIBLE ENTRY LEVEL POSITIONS¹

Business/Human Resources

Administrative assistant	Employee counselor	Job analyst	Marketing Researcher
Advertising agent	Occupational analyst	Public information officer	Public relations
Customer relations	Staff training and development	Store manager	Insurance agent

Suggested Minors:

- Office Management
- Information Systems
- Business Administration
- Management
- Marketing
- Industrial/Organizational Psychology
- Statistics/Behavioral Research

¹ Lloyd, M.A. (1997, July 16). Entry level positions obtained by psychology majors. [Online]. Available: <http://www.psywww.com/careers/entry.htm>.

Mental Health/Social Services Area

Behavior analyst	Case worker	Corrections officer	Day care center supervisor
Director of volunteer services	Drug/Substance abuse counselor	Group home coordinator	Mental retardation unit manager
Probation/parole officer	Residential youth counselor	Veteran's advisor	Child protection worker

Suggested Minors:

- Mental Health Services (Psychology)
- Social Welfare
- Health Care Services (Social Work)
- Family Students (Sociology)
- Criminology (Sociology)
- Criminal Justice Administration
- Sociology

Other Miscellaneous Positions

Affirmative action officer	College admissions counselor	Community recreation worker	Congressional aid
Community relations officer	Director of alumni relations (College)	Director of fund raising (College)	Hospital patient service representative
Parks and recreation director	Statistical assistant	Technical writer	Newspaper reporter

Suggested Minors:

- Public Administration
- Recreation
- Mass Communication
- English
- Statistics