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 POSITIONS

Business/Human Resources

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<td>Advertising agent</td>
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<td>Staff training and development</td>
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Suggested Minors:
- Office Management
- Information Systems
- Business Administration
- Management
- Marketing
- Industrial/Organizational Psychology
- Statistics/Behavioral Research

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### Mental Health/Social Services Area

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<td>Residential youth counselor</td>
<td>Veteran’s advisor</td>
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**Suggested Minors:**
- Mental Health Services (Psychology)
- Social Welfare
- Health Care Services (Social Work)
- Family Students (Sociology)
- Criminology (Sociology)
- Criminal Justice Administration
- Sociology

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### Other Miscellaneous Positions

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<td>Statistical assistant</td>
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**Suggested Minors:**
- Public Administration
- Recreation
- Mass Communication
- English
- Statistics