CAREER OPTIONS IN PSYCHOLOGY

As a psychology major, you can gain employable knowledge and skills:
A majority of employers are now looking specifically for liberal arts majors; psychology is popular because of the analytical skills that come with that liberal arts major. Some of the skills include you gain include: communication (interpersonal, intrapersonal, oral, written), critical thinking, application of science to global issues, community citizenship, information gathering and synthesis, approach to issues from diverse perspectives, group work, computer literacy, presentation skills, analytical skills, flexibility, adaptability, and problem solving.

With a 4-year Bachelor’s Degree (either BA or BS), you can get employed in the fields of:
Common settings: Group homes, hospitals, nursing homes, FBI, correctional facilities, juvenile detention facilities, preschools, shelters, universities, banks, corporations, local/state/national human services, drug companies, industry, military, publishing companies, media
Human resources (employee development, training coordinator, recruiter, benefits coordinator)
Intervention (crisis, substance abuse, suicide)
Residential care (hospice, developmentally delayed, elders, delinquents)
Case worker (child services, human services)
University (admissions, career services, leadership, student activities, residential life, alumni, fund raising)

Sales
Day care for children
Teacher’s aide
Research assistant/lab technician
Opinion survey researcher
Athletics administration
Elder activities coordinator
Cruise activities coordinator
Financial advisor
Bank teller
Fitness trainer
Advertising
Marketing researcher
Military recruiter
Performance analyst
Family facilitator

Media science writer
Life skills counselor
Mental Health aide
Community outreach worker
Social work assistant
Substance abuse counselor
Administrative assistant
Office manager
Volunteer coordinator
Wilderness guide
Recreation manager
Public relations
Product design
Software design/testing
Speech writer
Grant writer

Editor
Restaurant and hotel
Corporate buyer
Parole officer
Juvenile intake worker
Peace Corps
Political campaigns
Nutritionist
Pharmacy technician
Industrial design assistant
Budget analyst
Insurance underwriter
Psychiatric aide
Realtor
Teacher

With a Master’s Degree (MA, MS, MSW, MEd, MPH):
Counselor
Corporate consultant (industrial, organization, human factors)
Research (university, corporate)
Student/developmental assessment
School counselor
Legislator

School program developer/consultant
Physical therapist
Trial/jury consultant
Industry consultant
Database administrator

Usability specialist
Occupational therapist
Athletic performance consultant
Social worker
Community program developer
Environmental designer

With a Doctoral Degree (PsyD, PhD, EdD, DrPH, PharmD, MD, DDS):
Independent practitioner
Professor
Researcher
Psychiatrist
Dentist

Pharmacist
Sport psychologist
Hostage negotiator
Health psychologist

Health services agency management
Grant program director
Epidemiologist
Forensic Psychologist