The University of Maryland Psychology graduates have been successful in many different fields post-graduation, including human services, government, nonprofit, research, and more. Using information from the annual University of Maryland graduation survey, we have compiled details about PSYC majors, such as their post-graduation adventures.

Review additional resources at the University Career Center @ BSOS Your Career webpage.

### Titles/Industry of Recent Alumni (Sample)

Explore career paths of PSYC majors with LinkedIn’s Alumni tool.

*Note: Must have a LinkedIn account to access.*

#### Education/Advising

**Job Titles:**
- Academic Advisor
- Admissions Counselor
- Camp Counselor/ Coordinator
- Consultant
- Elementary School Manager
- Head Aftercare Teacher
- In Home Autism Instructor
- Intensive Early Intervention
- Interpretive Aide
- Lead Preschool Teacher
- Middle School Program Coordinator
- Operations Coordinator
- Para Educator
- Post-baccalaureate Teaching Assistant
- Preschool Teacher
- Program Excellence Associate
- Teaching Assistant
- Youth Development Specialist

**Organizations:**
- 2U, Inc.
- BFits Thailand
- Center For Young Children
- Crisis Text Line
- For Love of Children
- Identity, Inc.
- Ivymount Corporation
- Montgomery County Public Schools
- SAR Academy
- Teach for America
- The George Washington University
- The Goddard School
- Trellis Services
- University of Denver
- University of Maryland College Park
- Uplift Education
- Vanguard Children's Academy

**Entry tips:**

*Important qualities/skills generally include:* communication, organizational, and creativity skills.

Apply for experiences working with youth while in school to demonstrate and test your interest.

Public school teachers at the K–12 level must be certified by the state in which they teach.

Want to work on a college campus? Explore the field of student affairs.

For detailed tips, visit Vault’s Guide to Education.

#### Healthcare

**Job Titles:**
- Dental Assistant
- Drug Safety Associate
- EMT
- Home Health Aide
- Lab Manager
- Laboratory Technician
- Medical and Research Assistant
- Medical Scribe
- Mental Health Associate/Technician
- Orthopedic Receptionist
- Pharmacy Technician
- Protege Intern of Recovery and Care
- Public Health Analyst Trainee

**Organizations:**
- Capital Digestive Care
- Children’s National Health System
- Erickson Living
- Johns Hopkins Hospital
- Maryland Pain and Spine Center
- National Community Church
- ScribeAmerica
- Technical Resources International, Inc.
- Transitions Healthcare LLC
- University of Maryland College Park
- Washington Orthopedics and Sports Medicine

**Entry tips:**

*Important qualities/skills generally include:* analytical, communication, detail oriented, interpersonal and organizational skills.

Explore positions in...

- Psychology vs. Psychiatry: Do You Know the Difference?
- Medical & Health Services
- Healthcare Occupations

An advanced degree is required for many positions in the medical field.
### Business | Management | Marketing

#### Job Titles:
- Account Executive/Management Analyst
- Associate District Manager
- Brand Associate
- Business Analyst
- Campus Project Specialist
- CASE Fundraising Intern
- Client Service Analyst
- Consultant
- District Manager
- Junior Negotiator
- Legal Assistant
- Loan Officer Assistant
- Management Consulting Analyst
- Marketplace Integrity Agent
- Mathematical Statistician
- Paralegal
- Production Assistant
- Quality Assurance Specialist
- Residential Real Estate Agent
- Sales Associate
- Securities Analyst
- SEO Specialist
- Store Management Executive
- Strategic Operations Analyst
- Travel Specialist

#### Organizations:
- Accenture
- Aflac
- American Airlines
- APS
- Atlantic Coast Mortgage
- BEYOND20
- Bloomingdales
- BluShark Digital
- Colorado College
- Fiverr
- Gartner
- GEICO
- Hungry Harvest
- IBM
- Korn Ferry
- Mayer Brown LLP
- Morgan Stanley
- Next Step Realty
- Sotheby’s
- The Advisory Board
- Unispace
- WeddingWire
- Wells Fargo

#### Entry tips:
*Important qualities/skills generally include:* analytical, communication, creativity, decision making, interpersonal, and organizational skills.

For detailed tips, visit Vault’s Guide on…
- Business Administration Jobs
- Consulting
- Real Estate
- Consulting Jobs

### Human Services | Therapy

Review a sample of the subfields that psychology majors pursue.

#### Job Titles:
- ABA Therapist/Instructor
- Associate Behavioral Therapist
- Behavior Therapist
- Behavioral Health Technician
- Behavioral Technician
- Community Psychiatric Supportive Therapist
- Intake Coordinator
- Program Aide
- Program Manager
- Registered Behavior Therapist
- Rehab/Recovery Counselor
- Rehabilitation Counselor
- RISE Intern
- Senior Neuropsychology Intern
- Supported Employment Specialist
- Treatment Coordinator
- Therapeutic Mentor

#### Organizations:
- Advanced Behavioral Health
- Alvord, Baker & Associates, LLC
- Behavior Basic
- Cornerstone Montgomery
- Eliada Homes
- Epic Health Services, Inc.
- Ivymount Corporation
- Kennedy Krieger Institute
- Kentlands Psychotherapy
- Little Leaves Behavioral Services
- Signature Health
- TMS Neuro Solutions, LLC

#### Entry tips:
*Important qualities/skills generally include:* creativity, communication, and attention to detail skills, as well as being flexible and patience.

Gain experience through internships/volunteering working with the population of interest.

ABA therapy is the best researched treatment for individuals with autism. Students can enter this field while in-school. (Example opportunity)

Learn more about the field of Human Services.
Human Resources/IO

Job Titles:
Corporate Recruiter  
Engagement Associate  
Human Resource Generalist/Analyst  
Human Resources Analyst  
Human Resources Coordinator  
Job Placement Specialist  
Leadership Consultant  
National Recruitment Coordinator  
Recruiter  
Recruiter, Accounting and Finance  
Recruitment Consultant- Microsoft  
Cloud Technologies  
Staffing Coordinator  
Technical Analyst/Recruiter

Organizations:
AIG  
Alliant Staffing  
Frank Recruitment Group  
HireStrategy  
Macy’s  
University of Maryland  
Wallace Montgomery & Associates  
YRCI

Entry tips:
Important qualities/skills generally include: communication, decision making, interpersonal, data analysis skills, as well as being detail oriented.

For detailed tips, visit Vault’s Guide on Human Resources Jobs.

Positions in Industrial-Organizational Psychology require an advanced degree. Read more about the path options.

Research

Job Titles:
Clinical Research Assistant  
Clinical Study Coordinator  
Environmental Justice Researcher  
Faculty Research Assistant/Staff  
Intramural Research Training Award (Research Assistant Fellow) IRTA  
Lab Manager  
MRI Participant Navigator  
Research and Recruitment Coordinator  
Research Assistant  
Research Coordinator/Project Manager (Faculty Assistant)  
Research Project Assistant  
Summer Post-Bac, Research

Organizations:
Behaviors and Experiences  
Child Mind Institute  
Child Trends  
Emory University, Rollins School of Public Health  
Friends Research Institute  
Georgetown University Medical Center  
Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center  
Laboratory of Behavioral and Genomic Neuroscience (NIAAA)  
McLean Hospital  
National Institutes of Health  
Neurocognitive Development Lab  
Northwell Health  
UMARC  
UMD Identity Management Lab

Entry tips:
Start building relationships and gaining experience as a student with faculty on campus.

Best search strategy: Networking. Examine who is conducting the type of research you are interested in pursuing and reach out to them.

Reach out to them and share that you are a student/recent grad and that you think you can help them in their pursuits because of your (insert skills).

“Psychology is 90% or more of my current position. I tell my direct reports almost weekly that we need to find the "root cause" to the problem so that we can grow from it and the only way to get to the root cause is by asking the right questions (from my Helping Skills course).”

- Brandon Bowers ‘12; Psychology, Director of Human Resources, Macy's Inc.
Use the sample job titles listed in this document to start exploring career paths.

The links below provide search boxes for you to locate more information on the titles as well as search for other options.

- **Occupational Outlook Handbook**, a career title dictionary
- **O*NET Online**, the nation's primary source of occupational information
- **FOCUS2**, explore career paths using self-assessment questionnaires
- **Terrapins Connect**, talk with professionals working in the field through UMD’s alumni network
- **Federal positions by major**, research career titles with the federal government related to your major

**Vault Guides** - browse 100’s of industry guides to gain inside tips (*see examples below*).

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**Explore career path options with these resources:**

- **Careers in Psych**, Psychology Today
- **Careers in Psychology**, APA
- **Encyclopedia of Psychology**, provides information on career paths, job boards, and graduate school
- **Federal positions by major**, research career titles with the federal government related to your major
- **Forensic Psychology: Is It the Career for Me?**, Psychology Today
- **Interesting careers in psychological science, APA**, career options for psychological scientists
- **Non-Academic careers in psychology**, career options outside of teaching for PhD candidates
- **Non-PSYCH jobs that interest psychology majors**
- **Psychology careers, overview of options**
- **Social Psychology Network**, all areas of PSYC

*Note: Access Vault through your [Careers4Terps](#) account for FREE.*
Explore career options: Gain Experience

The links below will be a helpful starting point in locating opportunities. Identify the type of experience that meets your needs.

Sample list of opportunities

- **BSOS Engagement Opportunities** - browse links on out of the classroom experiences
- **Careers4Terps** - check out job and internship openings for off-campus positions for UMD students
- **Help Center Hotline - Counselor**. For more information please call 301.314.4357 or stop by 3105 South Campus Dining Hall
- **UMD Department of Psychology Blog** - list opportunities
- **UMD National Scholarships Office** - review a listing of opportunities for UMD
- **Federal government internships** - links to openings and application tips
- **Start your search with these tips** - provided by the University Career Center @ BSOS
- **Browse positions** - featured in Careers4Terps for PSYC majors

Research Links

- **APA undergraduate research** and internships opportunities
- **Clinical Research Internships for Undergraduates** - Dr. Lynn Friedman
- **UMD Research Centers** - potential RA positions
- **Research Opportunities** - advice and links for undergraduate students
- **PSYC E-News Blog** - lists current research position openings

Fellowships

- **ProFellow** - search for fellowships in a variety of fields; requires a free account to access
- **UMD National Scholarships Office** - review a listing of opportunities for UMD recent grads & graduate students
- A very popular postbac research program with UMD students is the [NIH Postbac Program](#)

Where are PSYC Majors Interning?

Internships are a great way to try out an interest, regardless if they are directly related to your major. Employers tend to favor job seekers who have had an internship in the field they are hiring for.

Sample internship sites/title

- Advocacy Intern, **Consumers Union**
- Call Specialist, **Mental Health Association**
- Case Manager Intern, **Westchester County Dept. of Community Mental Health**
- Clinical Assistant, **Kennedy Krieger Institute**
- Clinical Experience Intern, **KidsPeace**
- Family Justice Intern, **Montgomery County Family Justice Center**
- Forensic Psychology Intern, **Court Appointed Special Advocates of Washington, DC**
- HR Intern, **Human Genome Sciences**
- HR Management Intern, **Discovery Communications**
- HR Project Assistant, **The Educational Alliance**
- Intern, **CoFED**
- Intern, **Cornerstone**
- Intern, **Montgomery County State Attorney’s Office**
- Intern, **National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism**
- Intern, **Superior Court of the District of Columbia**
- Investigative Intern, **DC Public Defender Service**
- Laboratory Technician, **United States Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases**
- Media Researcher, **Vocus**
- MFP Intern, **American Psychological Association**
- Recruitment Intern, **Discovery Communications**
- Research Assistant, **UMD Child Development Lab**
- Research Assistant, **UMD Psychotherapy Clinic & Research Lab**
- Research Intern, **Ocean Mammal Institute**
- Therapeutic Riding Intern, **MD Therapeutic Riding**
- White House Intern, **The White House**

Learn about more internship sites! Click here.
Skills Developed as a PSYC Major

Skills lead to jobs. Which skills do you possess?

- Assess your skills, abilities, interests, and values and explore how they relate to career options.
- Complete this skills inventory to get started.

Sample list of skills developed in class by Psychology majors.
- Communication skills
- Content in psychology
- Critical thinking
- Data analysis
- Interpretation
- Research methods
- Scientific approach to solving problems

Graduate School Programs

Start researching your career path of interest to identify the educational requirements. The resources below offer a brief overview of some of the more popular graduate degree programs for our PSYC undergraduates.

Sample job titles that require an advance degree:
- Assessments Specialist
- Assistant Director for Student Services
- Assistant Professor of Psychology
- Career Center Counselor
- Certified Vocational Rehabilitation Consultant
- Clinic Coordinator
- Consumer Insights Planner
- Editorial Assistant
- Faculty Advisor
- Forensic Psychologist
- Industrial/Organizational Psychologist
- Manager- Professional Training & Coaching
- Marriage & Family Therapist
- Psychiatrist
- Psychologist
- Psychology Associate
- Quality Improvement Specialist
- Research Analyst Consultant
- Research Assistant and Interviewer
- Research Data Associate
- School: Counselor, Psychologist or Teacher
- Senior Market Research Analyst
- Vocational Consultant/ Expert Witness

Graduate School Resources

Researching programs:
- Accredited Graduate Programs in Counseling (from CACREP)
- Choosing Between the PsyD and PhD Psychology Graduate Degree
- Non-Academic Careers for PhDs
- Psychology degree specialties
- Types of Psychology Degrees

Learn about the Licensing process:
- Types of Counseling Licensure in Maryland & Requirements
- Licensure information by state

Application tips:
- UMD Pre-Health Advising, offers guidance related graduate school
- Questions to consider before applying
- Application timeline: stay on track with your graduate school application
- Tips for completing the application
- Financing ideas for graduate school
- Financial Aid resources for PSYC students
UMD PSYC undergraduates have attended the following programs/schools (sample).

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Need help starting your career exploration or job search? Schedule a [career consultation appointment](#) with the University Career Center. Get started mapping your [career action](#) plan today!

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