

Careers: Psychology

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 Medical Center
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](#)

Apply for internships. Employers recruit full-time employees from their internship programs.

Consider applying for post-grad management or rotational programs to gain experience and build relationships.

Identify what skills the industry seeks and prepare talking points from your experiences to explain why you are a great fit.

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.



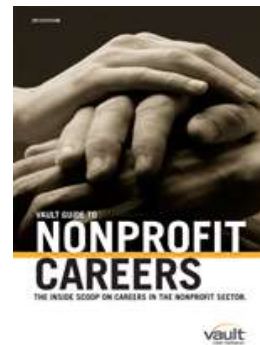
Explore Career Paths: Resources

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*).



Note- Access Vault through your [Careers4Terps](#) account for FREE.

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



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

Did you know?

“Whether or not one has an internship impacts short-term and longer-term career success. Survey takers who completed at least one internship received a job offer more quickly and had a higher first position salary than those who did not.”

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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

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocacy Intern, <i>Consumers Union</i> • Call Specialist, <i>Mental Health Association</i> • Case Manager Intern, <i>Westchester County Dept. of Community Mental Health</i> • Clinical Assistant, <i>Kennedy Krieger Institute</i> • Clinical Experience Intern, <i>KidsPeace</i> • Family Justice Intern, <i>Montgomery County Family Justice Center</i> • Forensic Psychology Intern, <i>Court Appointed Special Advocates of Washington, DC</i> • HR Intern, <i>Human Genome Sciences</i> • HR Management Intern, <i>Discovery Communications</i> • HR Project Assistant, <i>The Educational Alliance</i> • Intern, <i>CoFED</i> • Intern, <i>Cornerstone</i> • Intern, <i>Montgomery County State Attorney's Office</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intern, <i>National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism</i> • Intern, <i>Superior Court of the District of Columbia</i> • Investigative Intern, <i>DC Public Defender Service</i> • Laboratory Technician, <i>United States Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases</i> • Media Researcher, <i>Vocus</i> • MFP Intern, <i>American Psychological Association</i> • Recruitment Intern, <i>Discovery Communications</i> • Research Assistant, <i>UMD Child Development Lab</i> • Research Assistant, <i>UMD Psychotherapy Clinic & Research Lab</i> • Research Intern, <i>Ocean Mammal Institute</i> • Therapeutic Riding Intern, <i>MD Therapeutic Riding</i> • White House Intern, <i>The White House</i> |
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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



Add to your skill set with [these learning videos/courses](#).

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).

INSTITUTIONS	GRADUATE PROGRAMS
Catholic University of America	Master of Social Work
Columbia University	Master of Social Work
Drexel University	Nursing
Duke University	Physician Assistant
George Washington University	Organizational Science, Medicine, Psychology
Georgetown University	Law
Georgia State University	Clinical Psychology
Howard University	Social Work
John Jay College of Criminal Justice	Forensic Psychology
Johns Hopkins University	Pathobiology, Education, Engineering, Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine	Medicine
Loyola University Maryland	Clinical Psychology, Psychology
New York University	Social Work, Mental Health and Counseling
Robert Morris University	Human Resources Management
Rutgers University	School Counseling
Teachers College, Columbia University	Socio-Organizational Psychology and Counseling
Temple University	Podiatry
The Commonwealth Medical College	Biomedical Science
Thomas Jefferson University	Occupational Therapy
Towson University	School Psychology
University of Maryland	Psychology, Education, Speech/Language Pathology, Public Health, Public Policy
University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law	Law
University of Maryland School of Medicine	Medicine
University of Maryland, Baltimore	In Social Work, Counseling
University of Minnesota	Social Work
University of Missouri	Psychology
University of Pennsylvania	Law
University of Pittsburgh	Counseling
University of Southern California	Public Policy, Social Work
University of Virginia	Medicine



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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