Career Opportunities in Psychology

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Agenda

• Explore Psychology careers
• Network with professionals
• Build experience in your future field
• Prepare for career success
Psychology Careers
Why Psychology?

• What prompted you to pursue your degree?
• What skills, strengths, and experience do you bring to the Psychology field?
• What is your end goal?

Would you like to learn more? Visit Career Services Center’s Self Knowledge Tab: http://academicguides.waldenu.edu/careerservices/selfknowledge
Explore Psychology Careers

**Human/Social Services**
- Case Manager
- Correctional Officer
- Psychiatric Assistant
- Victim Advocate
...and many more!

**Research**
- Researcher
- Program Evaluator
- Data Analyst
- Graduate/Doctoral Studies
...and many more!

**Education/Training**
- Workshop Facilitator
- Life or Career Coach
- Community College Instructor
...and many more!

**Administration**
- Coordinator
- Program Manager
- Project Manager
- Field Research Coordinator
...and many more!

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Where Are Walden M.S. Psychology Graduates Employed?

MS Psychology 2015 Graduates

- Unknown/Non-applicable: 7% (22%)
- Human Services: 4% (14%)
- PreK-12 Education: 11% (7%)
- Public Administration: 7% (7%)
- Business/Management: 4% (4%)
- Higher Education: 2% (7%)
- Technology: 2% (2%)
- Health Sciences: 7% (11%)

Data Source: Graduate Application 2015
Research Potential Careers Using These Sites...

Walden University’s Career Options by Program
Bachelor’s, Master’s and Doctoral Degrees in Psychology:
https://www.waldenu.edu/programs/psychology-counseling

Occupational Outlook Handbook
http://www.bls.gov/oco/

ONET Online  http://www.onetonline.org
Walden Career Services Center’s Psychology Resources

http://careercenter.waldenu.edu
Continue Your Career Exploration...

- Careers in Psychology: [http://careersinpsychology.org/](http://careersinpsychology.org/)
- Dr. Kit–Psychology: [http://www.drkit.org/psychology/](http://www.drkit.org/psychology/)
- Psi Chi International Honor Society: [https://www.psichi.org/](https://www.psichi.org/)
- Psychology Job Resources – MegaList: [http://psychologydegreeguide.org/job-resources/](http://psychologydegreeguide.org/job-resources/)
- Road Trip Nation: Roadmap Assessment: [https://roadtripnation.com/roadmap](https://roadtripnation.com/roadmap)
- BS Psychology Career Exploration Toolkit: (Coming Soon!)

Refer to the **Psychology Career Resources Handout** for additional resources!
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Career Progression:
Office Manager, Case Manager/Community-Based Rehabilitation Specialist, Behavioral Specialist
Networking
Join LinkedIn Groups in Your Field

Career Services’ Resources: Psychology LinkedIn Groups
http://academicguides.waldenu.edu/careerservices/socialandbehavioralscience/psychology

Join www.linkedin.com to participate in Groups!
Connect with Experts

• Schedule informational interviews
• Ask for 20-30 minutes of their time
• Gain insights into your profession (career paths, typical day, additional skills needed)
• Showcase your knowledge, skills, and strengths
• Build your professional network!
Join the Career Services Center LinkedIn Group
Gain Experience
Establish a Psychology “Niche”

Ask yourself these questions...

• What populations do I enjoy working with?
• What environments would I like to work in?
Discover volunteer opportunities:
• “Test the waters”
• Gain experience and skills
• Expand your professional network

http://academicguides.waldenu.edu/careerservices/careerwebinars/socialchange
Be Proactive!

• Contact organizations directly
• Research the mission/vision of the organization; client population; staff
• Provide ideas for projects
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Career Progression:
Lieutenant Commander (US Navy),
Founder of CHANCE,
Family Therapist,
Author/Speaker/Educator
Prepare for Your Future Career

Achieve Your Career Goals!
What Are Your Next Steps?

What additional *training* will help increase your marketability?

What *doctoral programs* are available to advance in your Psychology career?

Will you need to pursue *licensure* to achieve your end goal?
Build Your Reputation

• Get involved in professional associations
• Assume leadership roles
• Share your knowledge with others
• Contribute to your community
Career Progression

B.S. Psychology

M.S. Psychology

Ph.D. in Psychology
Faculty Career Path

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Questions?
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Craft Your Career Plan
Presenter: Lisa Cook

Telling Your Career Story
Presenters: Dr. Krista Laursen, Jennifer Farinella, Dr. Dania Thomas, Dr. Betsy List, and Nicolle Skalski

Career Opportunities in Industrial/Organizational Psychology
Presenters: Dr. Lori LaCivita, Dr. Donna DiMatteo-Gibson, Dr. Stephen Lifrok, and Dr. Brigit Olsen

Mobilize and Organize Your Job Search
Presenters: Angie Lira and Denise Pranke

Maximizing Career Success Through Strategic Volunteering
Presenters: Dr. Bill Schulz and Dr. Tonya Howard
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Every person on this earth is full of great possibilities that can be realized through imagination, effort, and perseverance.

-Scott Barry Kaufman