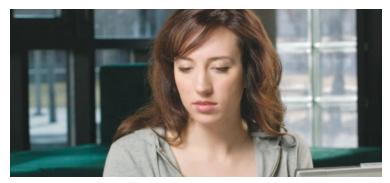
### **PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT**

**College of Liberal Arts and Sciences** 







#### CAREERS INVOLVING POST BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

#### **Professional Titles**

**Psychiatrists** – medical doctors specializing in the treatment of mental disorders who have privileges to treat psychiatric problems with prescription drugs.

**Research Psychologists** – doctorate level professionals who conduct research and denote scientific observations to enhance understanding of human behavior and the mind.

**Applied Psychologists** – doctorate level professionals who apply psychological principles and theories to practical problems in order to enhance performance, efficiency, or effectiveness.

**Clinical Psychologists** – doctorate level professionals who counsel clients with psychological problems and disorders by utilizing a variety of therapeutic techniques.

**Counseling Psychologists** – doctorate level professionals who also counsel clients, but typically work with clients who have adjustment problems and seek to help individuals regain normal functioning at school, work, or home.

**Licensed Professional Counselors (LPC)** – master's level professionals who counsel relatively healthy clients by promoting a wellness-model (rather than mental illness) to help individuals discover a fulfilling and productive life.

Marriage and Family Therapists (MFT) – master's level professionals who use therapeutic techniques to counsel individuals, couples, families, and groups to improve the clients' interpersonal functions and quality of relationships.

### **Advanced Degrees**

Master's Degree – two to three year post baccalaureate degree providing training in a specialty area such as school psychology, industrial/organizational psychology, rehabilitation counseling, etc., which allows individuals to work in a variety of settings. Professionals with a master's degree are typically supervised by a PhD level psychologist.

**PhD** – four to five year post baccalaureate doctoral degree focusing heavily on research and training in a specialty area of psychology such as: clinical, counseling, cognitive, developmental, industrial/organizational, educational, experimental, social and personality, neuropsychology, etc. A PhD allows professionals to work independently or within institutions such as a university. A doctoral degree in education is sometimes labeled an EdD which indicates different coursework requirements related to education.

**PsyD** – four year post baccalaureate doctoral degree for practitioners in clinical or counseling psychology specializations. In comparison with a PhD, this type of program has less emphasis on completing research related to the specialization. Instead, a PsyD focuses on enhancing applied clinical skills and is usually offered at private institutions and professional schools.

**MD** – doctoral degree for physicians. This advanced post-graduate clinical degree is granted upon completion of medical school. Medical students can specialize in psychiatry in order to apply for licensure as a psychiatrist.

# Bachelor's Degree in Psychology

Although a bachelor's degree in psychology does not give you the merit to work as a "psychologist" there are plenty of job opportunities at this level related to psychology, business, and other disciplines.

# JOB TITLES WITHIN PSYCHOLOGY

#### Community/Family Services

- Alcohol/drug abuse counselor
- Case management aide
- Case worker
- Child protection worker
- Community support worker
- Community outreach worker
- Eligibility worker
- Family services worker
- Group home coordinator
- Life skill counselor
- Mental retardation unit manager
- Rehabilitation advisor
- Social services assistant
- Social services director
- Veterans advisor

#### **Clinical Counseling**

- Applied behavior analyst
- Behavioral health technician
- Counselor aide
- Gerontology aide
- Hospital patient service representative
- Mental health technician
- Psychology technician
- Residential counselor
- Residential youth counselor

#### Higher Ed/Career Planning

- Academic advisor
- Career counselor
- Career planning and placement counselor
- College admissions officer
- Employment counselor
- Housing/student life coordinator
- Secondary school teacher
- Vocational rehabilitation counselor

## JOB TITLES IN OTHER DISCIPLINES

#### **Business/Finance**

- Advertising agent
- Claims specialist
- Congressional aide
- Customer service
- Bank management
- Director of fundraising
- Insurance agent
- Insurance claims
- Lobbying organizer
- Loan officer
- Marketing representative
- Media buyer
- Office/store manager
- Political campaign worker
- Property management
- Restaurant management
- Sales representative

#### Administration/Personnel Services

- Activity director
- Educational coordinator
- Employee relations assistant
- Events coordinator
- Human relations director
- Human resources recruiter
- Personnel worker/administrator
- Program manager

- Public affairs coordinator
- Public relations specialist
- Staff training and development
- Task force coordinator
- Work activity program director

#### **Human Services/Public Safety**

- Affirmative action representative
- Assistant youth coordinator
- Camp staff director
- Childcare worker
- Community recreation worker
- Community relations officer
- Corrections officer
- Crime prevention coordinator
- Day care center supervisor
- Director of alumni relations
- Director of volunteer services
- Juvenile probation officer
- Law enforcement
- Neighborhood outreach worker
- Nursing home administrator
- Park and recreation director
- Parole officer
- Public information officer
- Security officer
- Teaching/private tutor
- Volunteer coordinator
- Youth minister

#### Research

- Film researcher/copywriter
- Financial researcher
- Laboratory assistant
- Newspaper reporter
- Occupational analyst
- Publications researcherRadio/TV research assistant
- Research/statistical assistant
- Statistical reports compiler
- Technical/scientific writer
- Urban planning research assistant

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