

Career Fact Sheet BA Psychology

Many think a degree in Psychology is only for those thinking about careers in counseling or social work. In fact, this liberal arts degree opens doors to many careers requiring an understanding of human behavior and solid communication skills. Occupational opportunities include human services, business management, research, law, sales, human resources and education.

The study of Psychology develops skills necessary for a large number of career fields. These qualities include:

- Critical and creative thinking
- Effective interpersonal skills
- Research, organization and editing
- An understanding of group dynamics
- Analysis of data
- Motivational and mediating techniques
- Effective questioning, reasoning and responding skills

Make the most of your major:

- Become a tutor
- Develop a minor
- Complete an internship
- Volunteer in human services
- Mentor area youth
- Learn to work well under pressure
- Assist faculty with a research project
- Network/use your connections
- Attend internship and career fairs
- Schedule informational interviews
- Study abroad
- Participate in UNH Undergraduate Research Conference

Sample Career Possibilities

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| • Business administrator | • Marketing & sales |
| • Case manager | • Personnel administrator |
| • Community relations officer | • Psychiatric assistant |
| • Human services provider | • Public relations |
| • Educator | • Research analyst |
| • Government service/law | • Student support services (college) |
| | • Volunteer services coordinator |

University of New Hampshire and General Resources:

Occupational Outlook Handbook on-line

www.bls.gov/oco | The US Department of Labor resource describes what workers do on-the-job, work environment, training and educational qualifications, earnings and expected job outlook for a wide variety of occupations.

Wildcat Careers

<http://www.unh.edu/uacc/careeradvising.html> | Wildcat Careers via the University of New Hampshire University Advising and Career Center website. Scroll down and click on the Wildcat Careers Login Box (First time users need to register).

Quintessential Careers

www.quintcareers.com | Over 2,400 pages of job search information.

University of New Hampshire at Manchester: Internships

www.unhm.unh.edu/internships

University of New Hampshire at Manchester: What Can I Do With A Major In...?

www.unhm.unh.edu/counseling/career/

WetFeet

www.wetfeet.com | Research industries, companies and careers. Also a source for job search tips.

Vault.com

<http://www.library.unh.edu/researchtools/databases/databases.asp?search=UVWXYZ>

Vault has been called “The best place on the Web to prepare for a job search.” This database includes more than 80 full-length career guides, insider company information and career advice. Scroll down and click the link to Vault Online Career Library.

Psychology Career Resources:

American Psychological Association (APA)

www.apa.org/students | The largest association of psychologists worldwide, the APA website for students offers information about careers, graduate programs and other information related to this field.

Encyclopedia of Psychology

www.psychology.org/links/Career | A site of multiple links to psychology-related information including job posting.

Magazine Publishers of America

www.magazine.org | Career information with links to permanent positions and internships.

National Organization for Human Services

www.nationalhumanservices.org | In addition to providing information about the field of human services, this site offers job postings and scholarship information.

Public Relations Society of America

www.prsa.org | Site includes a job center and opportunity to post resumes.

Society for Human Resource Management

www.shrm.org | This comprehensive site includes a job search tool as well as career opportunities within SHRM.

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