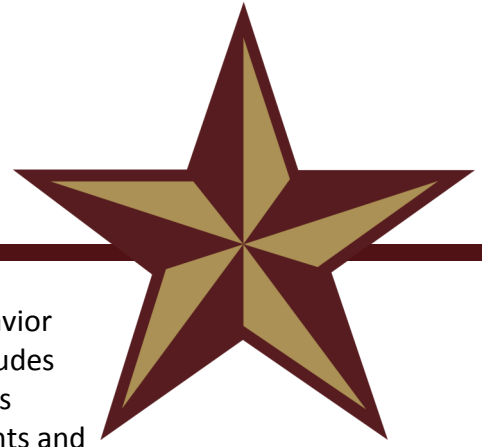


## Psychology

### What can I do with this degree?



Psychology is most commonly referred to as “the science of behavior and mental processes.” The field of psychology is broad, and includes many specialized areas of interest. The completion of a bachelor's degree in psychology will provide a valuable education for students and will prove beneficial in many career fields. Psychology majors are often sought for employment in business and industry, as well as in the helping professions. Specializations within the field of psychology (e.g., as a therapist or in research) requires the completion of a graduate degree.

#### Psychology Skills

- Ability to Resolve or Mediate Conflicts
- Active Listening Skills
- Communication Skills
- Critical and Inferential Skills
- Information Gathering/Processing Skills
- Leadership and Management Skills
- Problem Solving Skills
- Psychometric Skills
- Social and Personal Skills
- Strong Ethics
- Understanding of Human Behavior and Group Dynamics

#### Degrees & Certifications

- Bachelor of Arts, B.A.
- Doctor of Education, EdD
- Doctor of Ministry, DMin
- Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine, DO, *Psychiatry*
- Doctor of Philosophy, Ph. D.
- Doctor of Psychology, PsyD
- Master of Arts, MA
- Master of Counseling, M.C.
- Master of Education, MEd
- Master of Science, M.S.
- Master of Social Work, MSW
- Psychiatrist, MD

#### Professional Licenses

- Drug and Alcohol Counselor (DAC)
- Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor (LCPC)
- Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselor (LCDC)
- LCSW, ACSW, LCS, LICSW, CSW: Licensed Clinical Social Worker
- Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT) or Marriage, Family and Child Counselor (MFCC)
- Licensed Mental Health Counselor (LMHC)
- Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)
- Licensed Psychological Associate (LPA)

## **Possible Work Settings**

- Advertising Agencies
- Assessment Clinics
- Assisted Living Centers
- Child Protective Services
- Colleges and Universities
- Community Counseling Agencies
- Community Shelters
- Day Care Centers
- Department of Health & Human Services
- Employee Assistance Programs
- Federal, State and Local Government Agencies and Departments
- Group Homes
- Hospitals & Clinics
- Human Resources Department of Companies
- Mental Health Organizations
- Non profit Organizations
- Nursing/Retirement Homes
- Prisons & Correctional Institutions
- Private Practice
- Public Health Service
- Public Relations and Trade Associations
- Public and Private Schools
- Religiously-Affiliated Service Organizations
- Social Services Agencies
- Substance Abuse Clinics
- United Way Agencies

## **CAREER PATHS**

*(Some of the occupations outlined in this brochure may require additional education or training)*

### **...in Mental Health/Social Services Area**

#### **Sample Job Titles**

- Advocate
- Behavior Analyst
- Behavior Technician
- Case Worker
- Child Care Worker
- Child Welfare Case Worker
- Community Recreation Worker
- Corrections Officer
- Counselor Aide
- Day Care Supervisor
- Director of Volunteer Services
- Family Service Worker
- Group Home Coordinator
- Manger/Development Rehabilitation Advisor
- Mental Retardation Unit Manager
- Probation/Parole Officer Program
- Social Service Director
- Veteran's Advisor

## ...in Counseling Area

### Sample Job Titles

- Addictions Counselor (BA & MA)
- Adolescent Specialist (ASE)
- AIDS Counselor (BA)
- Art and Music Therapist (MA)
- Career Counselor (MA)
- Child Care Counselor (BA)
- Counseling Psychologist (MA & PhD)
- Crisis Counselor (MA)
- Drug/Substance Abuse Counselor (MA)
- Health Care Counselor
- Mental Health Counselor (MA)
- Psychologist (PhD)
- Psychotherapist (MA)
- Residential Youth Counselor (BA)
- Rehabilitation Counselor (MA)
- Tobacco Addiction Specialist (MA or PhD)
- Vocational & Guidance Counselor (MA)

## ...in Business Area

### Sample Job Titles

- Advertising
- Benefits Administrator
- Community Relations Officer
- Employee Counselor
- Employment and Recruitment
- Employment Counselor
- Fund-raising
- Human Resources Specialist
- Industrial/Organization Specialist
- Labor Relations Specialist
- Management Trainee
- Marketing Researcher
- Occupational Analyst
- Public Relations Specialist
- Staff Training and Development

## ...in Education

### Sample Job Titles

- Admissions Evaluator
- Community Educator
- College Admissions Counselor
- College Admissions Recruiter
- Director of Alumni Relations
- International Student Advisor
- Professor
- Program Coordinator
- Residence Director
- School Counselor
- Teacher

## Resources

### Texas State University-Student Organizations

- Psi Chi (Honors Society), <http://txstatepsichi.wordpress.com/>
- Psychology Association (Undergraduate Interest Group),  
<http://www.psych.txstate.edu/studentorgs/psychassoc.html>
- Psychology Learning Community (Psychology Majors Residing in College Inn), <http://www.reslife.txstate.edu/Living-Options/Learning-Communities0/Psychology1.html>

### Professional Organizations

- American Psychiatric Association, <http://www.psych.org/>
- American Psychological Association, <http://www.apa.org/>
- American Psychological Association of Graduate Students (APAGS), <http://www.apa.org/apags/>
- Association for Psychological Science, <http://www.psychologicalscience.org/>
- Association for Research in Personality, <http://www.personality-arp.org/>
- Center for the History of Psychology, <http://www.uakron.edu/chp/>
- Society for Personality and Social Psychology, <http://www.spsp.org/>
- Society of the Teaching of Psychology, <http://www.teachpsych.org/>
- The Association of Black Psychologists, <http://www.abpsi.org/>

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