









# What you can do with your Psychology major



Psychology majors study the fascinating science of human behavior and mental processes. This includes the study of the mind, the brain, and social interactions, all valuable skills in the workforce as society creates the need for new methods for helping people. They are well-placed to specialize and succeed in a wide variety of jobs in many career industries; licensing will require an advanced graduate credential. Career paths can range from psychotherapy, marketing, and social work to human resources, diversity leadership, counseling, and health areas. Emerging, in-demand jobs with this degree include positions in mental health (such as substance abuse, geropsychology, family therapy), technology (UX Design, gaming, education design) and business consulting (industrial-organizational, diversity/equity/inclusion, market research), among many others. About 49% of graduates pursue an advanced degree.

According to the [Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), employment for those who majored in psychology is projected to grow 6% from 2021 to 2031, faster than the average for all occupations.

## Essential Skills & Characteristics to develop and highlight:

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|  Critical thinking                        |  Leadership               |
|  Compassionate                            |  Open minded              |
|  Attention to detail and organization    |  Well-rounded researcher |
|  Communication and interpersonal skills |  Collaborative          |

## How To Get Started:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Assess</a> your personal strengths & preferences                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Get an <a href="#">internship/relevant</a> work experience                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Research opportunities</a> : online/in-person                         | <input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Join a professional psychology organization</a>                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Expand your psychology</a> & technical network and professional brand | <input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Connect with professionals</a> through career conversations & job shadowing |

## Chart Your Path Forward with the [Career Success Center](#)

### [Activate Your Handshake Account](#)

for events, coaching appointments and connections to jobs, internships, employer & alumni networking & more!  
[www.wcsu.edu/handshake](http://www.wcsu.edu/handshake)

### [Explore Career Communities](#)

to discover a wide variety of fields where you can turn your Psychology major into success.

### [Get Career & Internship Advising](#)

from the Career Success Center to make a plan, whether you're a first-year student or about to graduate

# Put your Psychology major to **WORK**

## Common Alumni Job Titles:

- Anthropologist
- Career Counselor
- Mental Health Counselor
- Psychologist
- Physician
- Social Worker
- Substance Abuse Counselor
- Survey Researcher

## Employers of Psychology Majors:

- Danbury Public Schools
- WCSU
- Family & Children's Aid
- Ability Beyond
- Yale New Haven Hospital
- EdAdvance
- Education Connection
- University of Hartford
- Stokes Counseling Services

## Recent Psychology Alumni

### Employment Sector

- 47 % Health Care and Social Assistance
- 12 % Retail Trade
- 11 % Educational Services
- 10 % Accommodations and Food Services
- 4 % Professional, Scientific and Tech Services
- 4 % Finance and Insurance
- 3 % Manufacturing
- 3 % Administrative and Support

### Live & Work

- 76 % Connecticut
- 14 % Middle Atlantic
- 3 % New England Balance
- 3 % South Atlantic
- 2 % Pacific
- 1 % Eastern North Central

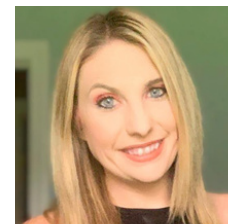


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"The Psychology faculty at WCSU inspired me to pursue a career in academia through challenging seminars and hands-on research opportunities. As a first-generation college student, I credit my Ph.D. to their support and guidance."

## Informational & Job Websites

- <https://wcsu.joinhandshake.com/login>
- <http://www.allpsychologycareers.com/>
- <https://www.psychology.org>
- <http://psychologydegreeguide.org/>
- <http://www.apa.org/gradpsych/2016/04/salaries.aspx>
- <https://www.psychologycareercenter.org/salaries.html>
- <http://www.counseling.org/>
- <http://www.apa.org/>
- <http://www.psychologicalscience.org/>
- <http://www.nappp.org/>
- <http://www.profiling.org/>
- <http://www1.salary.com/Psychologist-Salary.html>
- <https://www.liquidcompass.com/institutions/wcsu>



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*Owner, private practice as a licensed trauma therapist*  
"I am a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC), National Certified Counselor (NCC) and a business owner of my own private practice. I was inspired by Dr. Barrett to more deeply pursue the field of psychology. This led to more advanced learning (analysis of behavior, mental health disorders, attachment, and childhood trauma) and a great career as a psychotherapist."

## Career Communities for Psychology Majors

The Career Success Center has seven Career Communities to connect you with career advising, resources and programs. Here are a few suggestions on where Psychology majors can start.

Not inspired by these options? Visit our website at [www.wcsu.edu/careersuccess/career-communities/](http://www.wcsu.edu/careersuccess/career-communities/) to view more.

- [Government, Public Policy, Law and Non-Profit](#)
- [Financial, Business and Consulting Services](#)
- [Healthcare, Wellness and Life Sciences](#)