

LASELL COLLEGE
Office of Career Services

What Can I Do With a Major In...
PSYCHOLOGY/SOCIOLOGY/HUMAN SERVICES

These fields of study focus on human behavior. They seek to understand and explain normal and abnormal behavior, mental ability, development and differences among people. There are many subdivisions and specializations. In general psychology is concerned with individual mental functioning, sociology with the individual's interactions with groups and institutions and human services with providing assistance to people in handling mental health and social service needs. The content and skills developed in these majors can be applied in social service agencies, educational settings, hospitals, rehabilitation centers, correctional institutions as well as market research, customer service, sales and management.

CAREER POSSIBILITIES*

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| Advertising Assistant | Day Care Center Director | Occupational Therapist |
| Child Welfare Worker | Social Worker | Public Opinion Surveyor |
| Patient Advocate | School Psychologist | Marriage Counselor |
| Group Therapist | Personnel Manager | Customer Service Director |
| Employment Counselor | Rehabilitation Counselor | Respite Care Worker |
| Student Affairs Staff | Psychometrician | Social Services Coordinator |
| Music/Art/ Dance Therapist | Market Researcher | Public Health Administrator |
| Customer Services Rep | Youth Counselor | Recreation Leader |
| Guidance Counselor | Outreach Worker | Case Manager |
| Hospital Administrator | Teacher-any level | Milieu Counselor |
| Admissions Counselor | Sales Representative | Probation Officer |
| Psychologist | Crisis Counselor | Insurance Agent |
| Substance Abuse Counselor | Public Relations Assistant | Research Assistant |
| Efficiency Engineer | Mental Health Worker | Adoption Coordinator |
| Special Needs Teacher | Career Counselor | Trainer |
| Group Home Manager | Program Director | Speech Pathologist |
| Loan Officer | Psychiatrist | Claims Specialist |
| Nursing Home Director | Job Analyst | Resident Activities Director |

*positions are at various levels some of which require graduate degrees

Additional Information:

Occupational Outlook Handbook (www.bls.gov/oco)
Job Profiles (www.jobprofiles.org)
WetFeet Career Profiles (www.wetfeet.com/Content/Careers.aspx)
Careers in Psychology (www.psywww.com/careers)
Guide to Psychology Education and Careers (www.allpsychologyschools.com/faqs)

Books Available at Office of Career Services:

- Career Options with a Psychology Degree by Ronald Shapiro
- Career Paths in Psychology: Where Your Degree Can Take You by Robert Sternberg
- Careers in Counseling and Human Services by Brooke Collison and Nancy J. Garfield, eds.
- Careers in Healthcare Management by Cynthia Haddock, Robert McLean, and Robert Chapman
- Careers in Nonprofits & Government Agencies by WetFeet Insider Guide
- Careers in Social Work by Leon Ginsberg
- Resumes for Social Service Careers by VGM