



What Can I Do With A Major In: Psychology

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DESCRIPTION

Psychology maintains expertise in multiple areas, including clinical psychology, school psychology, forensic psychology, evolutionary psychology, and developmental psychology.

WHAT JOBS ARE AVAILABLE?

Advertising Account Planner	Counseling Psychologist	Occupational Psychologist
Advice Worker	Educational Psychologist	Psychiatric Technician
Analyst	Experimental Psychologist	Psychotherapist
Careers Advisor	Forensic Psychologist	Public Relations
Child Care Worker	Further Education Lecturer	Social Services Specialist
Clinical Psychologist	Human Resources Officer	Sport & Exercise Psychology
Community Service Management	Market Researcher	Student Affairs
Corrections Treatment	Marriage Therapist	Teacher
Counselor	Mediator	Writer

WHO EMPLOYS STUDENTS WITH THIS MAJOR?

Private counseling businesses | Non-profit organizations | Government agencies | Human resources departments | Schools and universities | Hospitals and health centers | Law enforcement agencies

INTERNSHIP INFORMATION

At Western Carolina University there are numerous internship opportunities for students. In some cases internships are established through a faculty member in the student's major. Oftentimes students find part-time jobs in an area related to their field of study. When this happens, students should discuss with their academic advisor the possibility of receiving college credit. Generally, three hours of general elective credit can be earned for a minimum of 200 hours of experience.

On WCU's website, there is a list of organizations all around the country and locally who take on psychology interns. It also lists the contact information. A link that might be of interest to students interested in interning is:

<http://goo.gl/bKPqeU>

Many local businesses have hired WCU students as psychology interns. Some of these include:

Autism of North Carolina Summer Camp	Jackson County Public Schools
Big Brother Big Sisters of North Carolina	Mountain Mediation Services
Camp Cheerio & Cheerio Adventures	Project Challenge North Carolina

Cashiers Historical Society
Full Spectrum Farms
Girl Scouts - Carolinas Peaks to Piedmont
Hands On Asheville - Buncombe
Jackson County Family Resource Center

Project C.A.R.E. Jackson County
Skyland Care Center
The Cashiers-Highlands Humane Society
The Community Table, Inc.
Youth Empowered Solutions (YES)

WHAT SKILLS ARE LEARNED IN THE CLASSROOM?

Independent Worker | Information Handling & Organization | Curiosity and Creativity | Statistical Awareness | Oral & Written Communication | Highly literate and numerate | Analyze and Interpret Data Studies | Critical Evaluation | Problem Solving | Research Skills | Teamwork

KNOWLEDGE

- Demonstrate familiarity with major concepts, theoretical perspectives, empirical findings, and historical trends in psychology.
- Understand and apply basic research methods in psychology, including research design, data analysis, interpretation, and presentation of findings.
- Use critical and creative thinking, skeptical inquiry, and, when possible, the scientific approach to solve problems related to behavior and mental processes.
- Understand and apply psychological principles to personal, social, and organizational issues.
- Able to weigh evidence, tolerate ambiguity, act ethically, and reflect human values that are the underpinnings of psychology as a discipline.

Interested in the classes you'll be taking? Check you your eight semester program here:

<http://goo.gl/9kIFW0>

PROFESSIONAL RESOURCES

- American Psychology Association - <http://www.apa.org>
- Association for Psychological Science - <http://www.psychologicalscience.org>
- Society for General Psychology - <http://www.apadivisions.org/division-1/>
- International Council of Psychologists - <http://www.icpweb.org>
- Tip: Join LinkedIn groups that are related to your career interest. Need help finding groups? Check out the "Groups You May Like" link under the Interests/Groups tab. Review the groups that professionals in your field of interest have joined and consider joining them as well.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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