

PSYCHOLOGY- Career Resource Guide

Potential Career Options

Below is a sample of related career options; for some, additional experience and/or further education may be helpful or required.

Community Psychologists	Work in a variety of settings, from academic institutions to business and government agencies, to provide services for the prevention and treatment of mental disorders.
Consumer Psychologists	Study people and the processes they use as they purchase and consume goods and services, in order to influence purchasing behavior.
Counseling Psychologists	Help people recognize strengths and resources to cope with problems. Involved with counseling/psychotherapy, teaching, and scientific research with individuals of all ages, families, and organizations (e.g. schools, hospitals, businesses).
Educational Psychologists	Concentrate on how effective teaching and learning take place at any stage of life or ability level. Consider a variety of factors, such as human abilities, student motivation, and the effect on the classroom of the diversity of race, ethnicity, and culture.
Engineering/Ergonomic Psychologists	Integrate knowledge of human perception and thought process into the development of industrial and consumer products and the built environment.
Forensic Psychologists	Apply psychological principles to legal issues. Also conduct research on jury behavior and eyewitness testimony. Often provide expert testimony and assistance to the legal and law enforcement professions.
Health Psychologists	Work with the medical professions to improve the delivery of health care services and foster emotional and physical well being. Research public health issues such as AIDS, drug use and teen pregnancy and develop and implement programs to address these problems.
Industrial/Organizational Psychologists	Apply psychological principles and research methods to the workplace, in the interest of improving productivity and the quality of work life by assisting human resource departments and consulting with businesses.
Political Psychologists	Study the psychology behind the political behavior of voters, lawmakers, local and national governments and administrations, international organizations, political parties and associations. Work with a broad range of issues such as cross-cultural communication, the impact of prejudice on people's lives, the role of personality in leadership, the behavior of political figures, etc.
Quantitative & Measurement Psychologists	Focus on methods and techniques for designing experiments and analyzing data. May be employed in insurance, financial and academic settings, as well as in government agencies and research centers.
School Psychologists	Work with public and private schools. Assess and counsel students, consult with parents and school staff, and conduct behavioral interventions when appropriate.
Sport Psychologists	Help athletes and coaches improve their performance. Develop and support programs for youth sports and adult recreation.

Career Information Resources

Vault is a comprehensive career resource that includes industry and profession overviews; rankings and profiles for employers and internship programs; a job and internship database; career articles, blogs and videos; sample resumes, cover letters and interview questions; and over 100 career guides. A selection of the Vault Guides is listed below.

Career Launcher:

Education
Law
Law Enforcement & Public Safety
Nonprofit Organizations

Vault Guide to...

Alternative Health Care Jobs
Child Care Jobs
Elder Care Jobs
Social Sciences Jobs
Social Services Jobs

Vault Career Guide to...

Government Agency
Nonprofit

Note: Refer to the CPDC website for a link to Vault as well as the CPDC Tip Sheets and Handshake job postings.

Associations/Societies

American Political Science Association **	www.apsanet.org
American Psychological Association *	www.apa.org
American Psychology-Law Society *	www.apadivisions.org
Association for Psychological Science *	www.psychologicalscience.org
International Society of Political Psychology	http://ispp.org
National Association of School Psychologists *	www.nasponline.org
National Association of Social Workers *	www.socialworkers.org
Society for Community Research and Action *	www.scra27.org
Society for Consumer Psychology *	www.myscp.org
Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology *	www.siop.org

* Contains employment listings; ** Contains employment listings for members

Career & Employment Websites

Bureau of State Employment (PA)	www.employment.pa.gov
Careers In Psych	www.careersinpsych.com
Human Services Career Network	www.hscareers.com
Idealist.org – Action Without Borders	www.idealist.org
National Association of Independent Schools	www.nais.org
Nonprofit Career Network	www.nonprofitcareer.com
Occupational Outlook Handbook (OOH) – Search Specific Job Titles	www.bls.gov/oooh
Pennsylvania CareerLink	www.cwds.state.pa.us
Pennsylvania State Civil Service Commission	www.scsc.state.pa.us
Public Relations Society of America – Job Center	www.prsa.org/jobcenter
Social Psychology Network	www.socialpsychology.org
Society for Human Resource Management – HR Jobs	www.shrm.org/jobs
The Social Service Job Site	www.socialservice.com
USAJOBS – U.S. Office of Personnel Management (federal)	www.usajobs.gov

Note: A helpful list of general job search websites is available on the Internet Tip Sheet at www.rmu.edu/cpdc.

Selected RMU Activities & Organizations

Best Buddies	Office of Engaged Learning & Community Involvement
Beverly's Birthdays	Paranormal Mythology Club
Big Brothers/Big Sisters	Pre-Law Society
Bringing Hope Home	Psychology Club
College Democrats	Red Cross Club
College Republicans	S.A.F.E. (Student Alliance for Equality)
Colonial Advocates for Childhood Homelessness and Education	Society for Human Resource Management
Community Advisors	Student Government Association
Criminal Justice Society	Student Program Board
Early Success Program (ESP) Mentors	Students for Life
First Year Student Mentors	Thrive Leaders
Nonprofit Leadership Association	University Pals

Bachelor-Level Practicum Organizations

Allegheny Intermediate Unit	Merakey (formerly NHS Human Services)
Aspire Pediatric Therapy	Neuropsychology Specialty Care
Associates in Behavioral Diagnostics & Treatment	Pathfinder School
Associates in Counseling and Wellness	Pennsylvania Connecting Communities
Barber National Institute	Pittsburgh Bureau of Police
Boys and Girls Club	Southwestern Veterans Administration Center
Cambria County Prison	Staunton Clinic
Community Alternatives	The Bradley Center
Crisis Text Line	The Watson Institute
Family Behavioral Resources	United Way of Southwestern Pennsylvania
Gateway Rehabilitation Center	UPMC Centers for Rehabilitative Services
Girls Hope of Pittsburgh	Wellspan Behavioral Health
Hope Grows	Wesley Spectrum
Laughlin Children's Center	Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic
Lifesteps	Youth Advocate Program, Inc.

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