



## What can I do with a major in Psychology?

### Overview

- Psychology is the science of behavior and mental processes. It shares with the natural sciences an orientation toward objective observation, experimentation and quantitative analysis, but it also has humanistic concerns about the total human experience and the dignity of each individual person.

- By expanding and enriching our understanding of how people think, feel and behave, the study of psychology stimulates our intellectual growth. Personal growth comes through the self-understanding that develops by applying our understanding of people in general to our own thoughts, feelings and actions. The study of psychology also fosters moral awareness and growth. Psychology challenges students to safeguard the welfare and rights of others; establish relationships of trust; promote accuracy, honesty and truthfulness; and respect the dignity and worth of all people.

- The psychology program emphasizes breadth, active or experiential learning and an empirical or scientific approach to questions about human thought, feeling and action.

### Career Titles

▪ Academic Advisor	▪ Document Release Representative	▪ Physical Therapist
▪ Account Executive	▪ Employee Assistance Director	▪ Physician
▪ Activity Leader	▪ Employment Agency Counselor	▪ Police Officer
▪ Admissions Counselor	▪ Ergonomist	▪ Polygraph Examiner
▪ Advertising Assistant	▪ Financial Advisor	▪ Prevention Counselor
▪ Advertising Manager	▪ Financial Aid Director	▪ Probation Officer
▪ Alumni Relations Director	▪ Financial Analyst	▪ Professional Employment Recruiter
▪ Animal Behaviorist	▪ Firefighter	▪ Professor
▪ Arbitrator	▪ Food and Beverage Assistant Manager	▪ Profiler (CIA, FBI)
▪ Armed Forces Officer	▪ Forensic Scientist	▪ Program Developer
▪ Art Therapist	▪ Fraud Investigator	▪ Psychiatrist
▪ Auditory Researcher	▪ Funeral Director	▪ Psychological Anthropologist
▪ Banking Analyst	▪ Genetics Counseling	▪ Psychologist
▪ Behavior Analyst	▪ Geriatric Case Manager	▪ Psychometrist
▪ Biographer	▪ Gerontologist	▪ Psychotherapist
▪ Business Manager	▪ Grant Writer	▪ Public Opinion Surveyor
▪ Campus Minister	▪ Health and Wellness Coordinator	▪ Public Relations Assistant
▪ Care Giver	▪ Health Club Assistant Manager	▪ Public Relations Manager
▪ Career Counselor	▪ Health Educator	▪ Realtor
▪ Case Worker	▪ Hospice Coordinator	▪ Recreation Specialist
▪ Child Psychologist	▪ Hospital Administrator	▪ Registered Nurse
▪ Child Support Officer	▪ Hotel Event Management	▪ Rehabilitation Counselor
▪ Child Welfare Worker	▪ Human Resources Generalist	▪ Research Analyst
▪ Clergy Member	▪ Industrial Relations Manager	▪ Residence Hall Director
▪ Clinical Manager	▪ Insurance Sales and Claims Representative	▪ Sales Representative
▪ Clinical Research Coordinator	▪ International Student Advisor	▪ Security Guard
▪ Clinician	▪ Investigator	▪ Sign Language Interpreter
▪ Commodity Manager	▪ Junior Market Analyst	▪ Social Service Manager
▪ Community and Social Service Worker	▪ Lab Technician	▪ Social Worker

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▪ Community Relations Director	▪ Labor Relations Specialist	▪ Sociologist
▪ Community Relations Representative	▪ Lawyer	▪ Speech Pathologist
▪ Community Service Agency Director	▪ Market Research Analyst	▪ Sports Psychologist
▪ Copywriter	▪ Marketing/Sales Manager	▪ Statistician Assistant
▪ Correctional Caseworker	▪ Marriage Counselor	▪ Student Activities Director
▪ Corrections Officer	▪ Media Buyer	▪ Study Abroad Coordinator
▪ Cottage Parent	▪ Media Planner	▪ Substance Abuse Counselor
▪ Counselor: Alcohol/Drug	▪ Mediator	▪ Suicide Prevention Services Specialist
▪ Counselor: Career	▪ Mental Health Coordinator	▪ Teacher
▪ Counselor: Employment	▪ Mental Health Worker	▪ Technical Writer
▪ Counselor: Guidance	▪ Minority and Race Relations Specialist	▪ Television/Media Research
▪ Counselor: School	▪ Motivational Researcher	▪ Toxicologist
▪ Counselor: Vocational	▪ Multicultural Student Services Coordinator	▪ Training and Development Professional
▪ Creative Director	▪ Music Therapist	▪ Trauma Support Specialist
▪ Criminologist	▪ Nursing Home Administrator	▪ Victim Advocate
▪ Crisis Intervention Counselor	▪ Occupational Therapist	▪ Wage/Benefits Analyst
▪ Customer Service Director	▪ Ombudsman	▪ Youth Corrections Officer
▪ Customer Service Representative	▪ Outpatient Therapist	▪ Youth Counselor
▪ Customs/Immigration Officer	▪ Paralegal	▪ Youth Services Specialist

## Employers

▪ Abuse Center	▪ Family Services Agency	▪ Private Practice
▪ Adoption and Child Care Agencies	▪ Federal Bureau of Prisons	▪ Private Psychiatric Facilities
▪ Advertising Agencies	▪ Financial Service Companies	▪ Probation Departments
▪ Air Traffic Control	▪ Foreign Service	▪ Psychological Services
▪ Alzheimer's Association	▪ Government-State/Federal Agencies	▪ Public Health Services
▪ Banks	▪ Group Homes	▪ Public Relations Firms
▪ Big Brother/Big Sister Agencies	▪ Health and Human Services	▪ Publishing Companies
▪ Board of Education	▪ Hospitals and Clinics	▪ Radio and TV Stations
▪ Business and Industry	▪ Insurance Companies	▪ Real Estate Agencies
▪ Career Services Offices	▪ Labor Department	▪ Rehabilitation Agencies
▪ Caseworkers	▪ Labor Unions	▪ Religious Organizations
▪ Child Care Center	▪ Laboratories	▪ Research Programs/Centers
▪ Churches and Religious Organizations	▪ Local, State, Federal Government	▪ School Districts
▪ Civil Rights Commission	▪ Management Consulting Firms	▪ Science Research Laboratories
▪ College And University Counseling Centers	▪ Market Research Firms	▪ Social Service Agencies
▪ Colleges/Universities	▪ Mental Health Institutions	▪ Substance Abuse Clinics
▪ Community Services	▪ Mortgage Corporations	▪ Test Development Corporations
▪ Consulting Firms	▪ National Science Foundation	▪ Trust Administrators
▪ Consumer Affairs Office	▪ Newspapers, Magazines	▪ United Way Agency
▪ Correctional Institutions	▪ Non-Profit Organizations	▪ Veterans Administration
▪ County Probation Department	▪ Nursing Homes	▪ Vocational Rehabilitation Units

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| ▪ Division of Youth & Family Services | ▪ Peace Corps/VISTA    | ▪ Women's Center               |
| ▪ Educational Institutions            | ▪ Prisons              | ▪ YMCAs and YWCAs              |
| ▪ Employee Assistance Programs        | ▪ Private Corporations | ▪ Youth Homes/Guidance Centers |

## Skills

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| ▪ Ability to communicate and present ideas and information | ▪ Decision making   | ▪ Knowledge of community resources                           |
| ▪ Ability to research and write reports                    | ▪ Empathy   | ▪ Knowledge of human development & behavior                  |
| ▪ Ability to understand and improve human relationships    | ▪ Engage in ethical practice                                  | ▪ Problem solving  |
| ▪ Ability to work in teams                                 | ▪ Evaluates personal problems and makes appropriate decisions | ▪ Recognize cultural differences/similarities                |
| ▪ Able to promote healthy relationships                    | ▪ Good listener   | ▪ Resolve/mediate conflicts                                  |
| ▪ Analyze, synthesize and interpret information            | ▪ Insight to deal effectively with people                     | ▪ Understanding of group dynamics                            |
| ▪ Concern for and sensitivity to others                    | ▪ Interpersonal communication (oral and written)              | ▪ Understands socio-cultural forces impacting human behavior |
| ▪ Critical and inferential thinking                        | ▪ Interviewing techniques                                     |  |

## Salary

- NACE (National Association of Colleges and Employers) Summer 2008 Salary Survey Average Offers:
- **Psychology Bachelor's Degree: \$33,564**

The job titles and employers listed below are a sample of the results from the annual St. Norbert College Career Services graduate follow-up survey for the Classes of 2003-2007.

## Graduate Information: Job Titles

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| ▪ 8th Grade Teacher                  | ▪ Family Resource Team           | ▪ Social Studies Teacher |
| ▪ Account Manager                    | ▪ Human Resources Representative | ▪ Social Worker          |
| ▪ Benefits and Claims Representative | ▪ Line Therapist                 | ▪ Student Liaison        |
| ▪ Case Manager                       | ▪ Pension Plan Coordinator       | ▪ Teacher's Aide         |
| ▪ Claims Representative              | ▪ Program Coordinator            | ▪ Teaching Assistant     |
| ▪ Customer Service Representative    | ▪ Residential Coordinator        | ▪ Transition Assistant   |
| ▪ Customer Service Specialist        | ▪ Sales Associate                | ▪ Treatment Counselor    |
| ▪ Director of Marketing              | ▪ Senior Therapist               | ▪ Youth Counselor        |
| ▪ Employee Benefits Account Manager  |                                  |                          |

## Graduate Information: Employers

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|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| ▪ Beyond Boundaries of Autism        | ▪ Fox Valley Autism        | ▪ St. Vincent de Paul            |
| ▪ Bonduel School District            | ▪ Humana Insurance         | ▪ United Health Care             |
| ▪ Chicago Public School System       | ▪ Johnson International    | ▪ United States Army             |
| ▪ Compass Development                | ▪ Rogers Memorial Hospital | ▪ Webster Design Associates      |
| ▪ Family Services                    | ▪ Roundy's                 | ▪ Wheaton Franciscan Services    |
| ▪ Fort Howard Family Resource Center | ▪ St. Anthony School       | ▪ Wisconsin Early Autism Project |



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## Career Library Resources

- Career Paths in Psychology: Where Your Degree Can Take You
- Careers in Criminal Justice-The Inside Story
- Careers in Social and Rehabilitation Services
- Ferguson's Careers in Focus-Geriatric Care
- Getting In-A Step by Step Plan for Gaining Admission to Graduate School in Psychology
- Great Jobs for Psychology Majors
- Majoring in Psych? Career Options for Psychology Undergraduates
- Opportunities in Social Work Careers
- The Social Work Graduate School Applicant's Handbook

For the most current information about Majoring in Psychology from Career Services, including links regarding Alumni Profiles, Career Information, Professional Associations, and Jobs and Internships, please visit:

<http://www.snc.edu/career/students/majors/psychology.html>