

Alfred University

McComsey Career Development Center

CAREERS IN...PSYCHOLOGY

The Industry

The Psychology degree prepares students for entry level jobs in human services, human resources, business, and research. It also prepares students for graduate school. Entry level jobs for psychology majors typically involve people skills, analytical skills, writing skills, and research skills. A psychology degree is flexible allowing students to pursue careers in a variety of fields. Examples include human services (counseling, social work), business (human resources, sales, marketing), criminal justice (probation officer, corrections officer), health, recreation, and education (rehabilitation counselor, teacher).

Sample Job Titles

- Case manager/worker
- Human resources director
- Rehabilitation counselor
- Social worker
- Paralegal
- Consultant
- Chemical dependency counselor
- Career counselor
- Child care provider
- Market research analyst
- Advertising manager
- Psychiatric nurse
- Sales associate
- Organizational trainer
- Minister/clergy
- Clinical/Counseling psychologist
- Art therapist
- Public opinion surveyor
- Labor relations advisor
- Personnel specialist
- Lawyer
- Parole officer
- Employment interviewer
- College admissions counselor
- Researcher

Our Graduates...Where Are They Now?

Within the past few years, graduates have obtained employment as:

Job Coach Developer – Allegany County Arc
Assistant Director of Kids Court – Allegany County Courthouse
Events Planner – Theta Theta Chi Alumni Board
Counselor – Federation of Organizations
Advisor, SAGE TRiO Project (Student Support Services) – Laramie County Community College
Resident Supervisor – Pathways, Inc.
Social Services Tech II – Advantage Behavioral Health Services
Day Operations Specialist – Living Resources
Career Agent – Conseco
Alcohol Counselor Trainee – Steuben County Drug and Alcohol Services
Sociotherapist – Crestwood Children's Center
Foster Care Supervisor – Kinship Family and Youth Services
Publications Manager and Grant Assistant – National Center for Restructuring Education
Ongoing Service Coordinator – Mid-Hudson Association for Persons with Disabilities
Project Manager – Center for Client Retention
Social Worker – Brothers of Mercy Rehabilitation Center
Psychiatric Rehabilitation Counselor – Southern Tier Environments for Living

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...and have attended graduate school at:

University of Texas at Tyler (Clinical Psychology)
Columbia University (Organizational Psychology)
Vermont College (Gerontology)
University of New Haven (Industrial/Organizational Psychology)
University of Rochester (Marriage and Family Counseling)
Quinnipiac College of Law (Law)
SUNY Albany (Rehabilitation Counseling)
Columbia University (Social Work)
Wake Forest University (Communications)
University of Massachusetts (Gerontology and Social Policy)
John Jay College of Criminal Justice (Forensic Psychology)
American University (Health Fitness Management)
Ball State University (Community Counseling)

Alumni who graduated several years ago are currently employed as:

Faculty – University of Chicago Medical School
Director of Pediatric Speech Language Pathology – Nassau University Medical Center
CEO – Noonan-Russo Presence Euro RSCG
Associate Professor/Counselor Education – Alfred University
Surgeon – Thames River Orthopedic Group
Occupational Therapist – Self-Employed
Chief Psychologist – Kansas Rehabilitation Hospital
Faculty Psychologist – University Of Chicago Medical School
Psychiatric Social Worker II – Delaware County Mental Health Clinic

Get Experience On Campus

Try to get involved on campus in activities or organizations related to your area of interest. For example, if your goal is to go into a helping profession, join one of the many student organizations focused on helping others. Some campus organizations, clubs, or offices through which you can gain relevant experience include:

- APO (Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity)
- SVCA (Student Volunteers for Community Action)
- Psychology Club
- Student Health Advisory Council
- Women's Issues Coalition
- SHRM (Students for Human Resource Management)
- Students Acting for Equality
- Be an tutor and/or intern at the Career Development Center
- Work as a tour guide for Admissions

Where to go from here?

- Individual career counseling for anything from choosing a major to getting a job
- Saxon JobLink web services (www.alfred.edu/cdc) to view jobs and internships, post a resume and more
- Saxon Career Volunteer network – alumni in your field who would love to speak to you
- Choices CT computerized program for searching graduate schools
- Web resources: we recommend the **AU Psychology Division** website at <http://las.alfred.edu/%7Epsy/> or the **American Psychological Association** at www.apa.org

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