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CAREERS IN PSYCHOLOGY
Frequently Asked Questions & Answers

What do Careers in Psychology Look Like?

- Read this blog about Careers in Psychology and check out the Careers in Psychology Search Tool
- Check out these videos:
    - Should I Major in Psychology?
    - What Can You Do with a Major in Psychology?
    - What Can You Do with your Psychology Degree?
- Check out the American Psychological Association's (APA) 54 Divisions

What Are the Differences Between Bachelor's, Master's, PhD, and PsyD Programs in Psychology?

- Check out the 5 Types of Psychology Degrees blog
- Learn about what you can do with a bachelor's degree in Psychology: read this blog and these interviews from psychology majors
- Learn about what you can do with a master's degree in Psychology
- If you're interested in clinical or counseling psychology, watch this video to learn about graduate degree options and this video to learn about master's vs. doctoral programs
- If your goal is to become a fully licensed and practicing psychologist, researcher, or professor, you'll want to focus on PhD and PsyD programs

How do I Apply for Graduate School?

- Watch APA's videos about Becoming a Psychological Scientist!
- Read the FAQs about Graduate School in Psychology
- Watch the Surviving your Grad School Application Cycle video
- Read the Getting into Graduate School: Roadmap to Success blog
- Reach out to your academic advisors, professors, and graduate teaching assistants to let them know you're interested in graduate school – they can help you with the process!

Still Unsure What Type of Job (In or Outside of Psychology) is a Good Fit for You?

- Complete the O*Net Interest Profiler
- Use O*Net to search for specific jobs. O*Net is an excellent resource to find detailed information about specific job requirements (e.g., education, knowledge, skills), employment trends (e.g., wages, salary medians), and related occupations.
    - Example: Industrial-Organizational Psychologist
    - Example: School Psychologist
    - Example: Mental Health Counselor
    - Example: Clinical and Counseling Psychologist