

What Can I Do With a Degree in Psychology?

This is the number one question we get from prospective psychology majors! A number of our students go into PhD programs after completing their psychology major at Mary Washington and go on to practice as clinical psychologists or to do research and/or teach in an academic setting. Some also pursue medical degrees in order to enter into the medical field. However, what if you don't see yourself in a PhD or M.D. program after you complete college? What career options are available to students who want to find a job with a Bachelor's or Master's degree? We surveyed our alumni and asked them to tell us about their career path and what degree they needed to get there. Below is just a sample of what our majors say they are doing after leaving UMW.

Some of the things our alumni are doing with a **Bachelors of Science** in Psychology:

- Director of Global Consumer & Partner Insights for Starbucks Coffee Company
- Working for the US Secret Service
- Technical writer
- Paralegal
- Events coordinator in a marketing department
- Manager of compensation in an HR department
- Marketing/PR manager in a hospital
- Data manager at The University of Maryland
- Early intervention developmental professional working with children with autism
- Rehab technician at a pediatric physical therapy center
- Medicaid developmental disabilities waiver case manager
- Working for online custom jewelry company
- Case manager for an in home care for patients with dementia
- Elementary English as a Second Language (ESL) teacher
- Therapeutic day treatment counselor
- Manager/head coach of a CrossFit gym
- Working as an admissions counselor in a university admissions office
- Started own bakery/catering business
- Working for a government consulting program doing data entry and analysis
- Executive Director of Human Resources for Estee Lauder Companies
- Senior Vice President of Human Resources for CNN in NYC
- Web developer & designer
- Coordinator for child support services
- HR manager at nonprofit organization
- Program supervisor at an inpatient psychiatric unit
- Registered behavior technician
- Education Manager for the Virginia Breast Cancer Foundation

Some of the things our psychology alumni are doing after continuing on to earn a **Master's Degree**:

- School psychologist (EdM in School Psychology)
- Elementary school counselor (M.E.d in School Counseling)
- Clinical research associate at the University of Rochester in Heart Research Follow-up program (Masters of Public Health)
- Pediatric occupational therapist (Master of Science in Occupational Therapy)
- Outpatient clinician - Contracting with Federal Bureau of Prisons-Specialization in Substance Abuse (Master of Social Work with Mental Health Concentration)
- Special education teacher (Masters in Childhood Education & Special Education)
- Civil engineer/project manager specializing in roadway design (Masters in Civil and Infrastructure Engineering)
- Licensed Psychological associate (Masters in Clinical Psychology)
- Outpatient counselor at a medical practice (Masters in Clinical-Counseling Psychology)
- Licensed professional counselor (Masters in Counseling Psychology)
- Coordinator for individuals and their families with mental health and intellectual disabilities (Masters in Counseling Psychology)
- Elementary school teacher (Masters in Education)
- Director of Dementia Care with Senior Services of America (Masters in Gerontology)
- Registered Nurse on a medical-surgical oncology unit (Masters in Health Promotion Management; BSN)
- Operations manager handling HR, administrative, and leadership/management training for D3 systems (Masters in Human Factors and Applied Cognition)
- Engineering Psychologist for the US Army (Masters in Human Factors Psychology)
- Health management consultant (Masters in Kinesiology)
- Wilderness therapist (Masters in Social Work)
- Works with the BioRisk Program at NIH (Masters in Social Work)
- School librarian (Masters of Library Science)
- Medical social worker at a pediatric hospice (Masters in Social Work)
- Child protective services supervisor for investigations in Richmond (Masters in Social Work)