

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 earning 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*)