Psychology

Careers

Adoption Services Provider
Advocate
Art/Music Therapist*
Career Counselor
Chaplain*
Child Care Provider
Child Life Specialist*
Counselor*
Event Coordinator
Forensics Technician*
Gerontology Aide
H.R. Specialist
Market Researcher
Manager
Mental Health Services
Occupational Therapist*
Parole & Corrections Officer
Psychiatrist*
Recreational Therapist*
Recruiting Coordinator
Research Assistant
School Guidance Counselor*
Social Worker
Sociologist*
Teacher*

*may require additional studies

Strategies for Success

• Become QMHP (Qualified Mental Health Professional) certified: a certification needed to be competitive in the healthcare field.

• Gauge interest in this major by signing up for a 100-or 200-level Psychology course.

• Get involved in psychology-related research and Psychology clubs.

• Cultivate strong oral and written communication, interpersonal, leadership, teamwork, and computer skills.

• Develop good listening skills and the ability to work well with diverse populations.

• Obtain experience through volunteer, practicum, or internship opportunities.

• Volunteer for relevant opportunities that are aligned with psychology for real hands-on experience.

• Stay ahead of the competition by completing multiple internships and volunteer opportunities.

• Supplement program of study with courses in family and child development, art/music, or sociology.

• Research your career field to determine further education. Common graduate degrees in the people-helping field are the following: M.A. in Professional Counseling, M.A. in Social Work, M.A. in Marriage and Family Therapy, M.A. in Education: School Counseling, M.S. in Counseling Psychology, M.S. in Psychology, etc.

• Talk to professionals in the industry to get their perspective on the advantages and disadvantages of their career choice.

• Research which mental health care fields are expected to have the most growth within the next several years.

**Holland Codes**

The Holland Code system is designed to connect individuals with the career field that best fits their personality. The system scores the test taker on six separate scales: Realistic (R), Investigative (I), Artistic (A), Social (S), Enterprising (E), and Conventional (C). The two or three highest scores represent an individual’s strongest attributes. Here are a few examples of positions associated with this major:

- Art/Music Therapist (ASI)
- Counselor (SIA/SAE)
- Sociologist (IAE)
- Manager (SER)
- School Guidance Counselor (SEI)
- Social Worker (SEC)
- College Professor (SEI)

The FOCUS 2 Career Assessment utilizes these Holland Codes and is a free resource to Liberty students. Customized with Liberty’s majors, assessment results are matched to career options and majors offered at Liberty. To access this free resource visit Liberty.edu/Focus2.

**Resources**

**On-Campus and Local Resources**

- Access the Christian Service page to see where other students have served. Some areas include the following:
  - Athletics
  - Youth ministries and community outreach
  - Youth in crisis and pregnant teens
  - Education, tutoring, and mentoring
  - Elderly or shut-ins
  - Abused women and children
  - Families in need and the homeless
  - People with intellectual disabilities
  - Social issues and civic organizations
  - Missions and camps
  - Children’s and music ministries

- Connect with a local Psychology club, PsyComm.
- Become a member of the Psi Chi Honor Society.
- Consider whether the Daniels Research Program is right for you.

**Online Resources**

Visit the website of the following organizations:

- APA - Psychology as a Career
- Association of Biblical Counselors
- Child Life Society
- Christian Association for Psychological Studies
- Christian Counseling & Educational Foundation
- Counseling Internships.com
- LPC Licensing Information
- Occupational Outlook Handbook
- Psychology Career Center
- The Washington Fellowship

Consider spending a semester doing an internship with The Washington Fellowship. Previous psychology locations have included the following: Capital Hill Pregnancy Center, the American Psychological Association, and International Christian Concern, among others. To learn more visit: Liberty.edu/Washington.

**Sample Resumes**

For a variety of sample resumes visit the Liberty University Career Center.