

ALTERNATIVE CAREER OPTIONS IN PSYCHOLOGY

Many graduates from undergraduate degrees will not go on to graduate schools, often from choice (e.g., gaining a PhD takes too long). However, there are many careers that offer an opportunity to do similar work (e.g., advising and counseling people). Some links to explore alternative careers are presented later, but first, students have to think about their competencies and how to identify them to potential employers.

PACKAGING AND MARKETING COMPETENCIES

Although your transcript and even your resume may list the courses and activities that you have engaged in, employers will be interested in the competencies or abilities that you would bring to bear on their organizations. It may not be obvious from a course title exactly what skills and competencies were involved. So it is up to you as an applicant to identify what competencies you have developed as a function of your program of study.

A first step is to identify what sorts of competencies employers are seeking. Some may be identified in a job ad, but you also want to think about desirable qualities of any employee (e.g., hard-working, ability to learn independently, communication skills, ...).

EXPLORING CAREERS

Below are a sampling of on-line resources to explore career options in psychology. These and many other links can be found through Google. Most links should be clickable; for others you may need to cut and paste.

Robert Shapiro article in Psi Chi

<http://www.psichi.org/?162EyeWin12aShapiro#.WmguOU2ovKu>

Drew Appleby Career Exploration in Psychology Links (Cancel Username/Password when prompted)

<http://www.teachpsych.org/resources/Documents/otrp/resources/appleby16students.docx>

<http://teachpsych.org/resources/Documents/otrp/resources/appleby11.pdf>

Careers in Neuroscience

<https://neurosciencemajor.osu.edu/careers-neuroscience>

APA Careers in Psychology

<http://www.apa.org/careers/index.aspx>

CPA Careers in Psychology

<http://www.cpa.ca/students/career>

<http://www.cpa.ca/students/career/careersinpsychology>

UofT's Careers By Major – Psychology

<https://www.utm.utoronto.ca/careers/careers-by-major-psychology>

Psychology Today – Career Options for Psychology Majors

<https://www.psychologytoday.com/blog/beyond-the-psychology-major/201606/14-career-options-psychology-majors>

Careers in Psychology Website

<https://careersinpsychology.org/psychology-careers/>

<https://careersinpsychology.org/50-best-jobs-psychologists/>

U Victoria Careers in Psychology

<https://www.uvic.ca/socialsciences/psychology/undergraduate/careers/index.php>

Simon Fraser University Career Services

<https://www.sfu.ca/career/WCID/fass/psychology.html>

Marky Lloyd Careers in Psychology on Psych Web

<http://www.psywww.com/careers/index.html>

Career-Related Links on Psychology Amoeba Web Site

<http://www.vanguard.edu/research/amoebaweb/career-prep>

Career Profiles Site

<http://www.careerprofiles.info/psychology-bachelors-degree-career-options.html>

Majors & Careers in Psychology Books (UW Library Access)

<https://ebookcentral-proquest-com.libproxy.uwinnipeg.ca/lib/uwinnipeg/detail.action?docID=1982917>

<http://sk.sagepub.com.libproxy.uwinnipeg.ca/books/your-undergraduate-degree-in-psychology>