

Occupations of Interest to Psychology Majors

from the *Dictionary of Occupational Titles*

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The following is a list of 124 occupations that psychology majors can pursue and the urls that will take them to the descriptions of these occupations that appear in the Information Technology Associates online version of the Department of Labor's *Dictionary of Occupational Titles (DOT)*. Occupations requiring a graduate degree are marked with an *. I created this list of occupations from the following five sources.

1. Students enrolled in my Orientation to a Major in Psychology class who must identify an occupation in which they have an interest
2. A list of the occupations that IUPUI psychology alumni report they have entered
3. Marky Lloyd's *Careers in Psychology* website (www.psychwww.com/careers)
4. The UNC Wilmington Career Services website (www.uncwil.edu/stuaff/career/Majors/psychology.html)
5. A non-exhaustive examination of the *DOT*, during which I searched for occupations not identified by the first four sources

The *DOT* provides descriptions of more than 40,000 occupations that identify the tasks people in these occupations must perform. This makes the *DOT* a very valuable source of information for undergraduate psychology majors because they can use it to discover the skills they must develop in order to gain employment in the occupations they wish to enter. This knowledge can help them identify the opportunities their schools offer to develop these skills (e.g., classes, internships, service learning, and extracurricular activities) and can also provide them with the motivation to take advantage of these opportunities because of their increased awareness of the importance of these skills for their future success. The following is the description of *school psychologist* taken verbatim from the *DOT*. Notice how each sentence begins with a verb, thus identifying the skills school psychologists must possess to perform their job (e.g., evaluates needs, advises teachers, refers individuals to community agencies, counsels pupils, plans special placement, serves as a consultant, carries out research, and conducts diagnostic studies).

Evaluates needs of average, gifted, handicapped, and disturbed children within educational system or school, and plans and carries out programs to enable children to attain maximum achievement and adjustment: Conducts diagnostic studies to identify child's needs, limitations, and potentials, observing child in classroom and at play, studying school records, consulting with parents and school personnel, and administering and interpreting diagnostic findings. Plans special placement or other treatment programs. Counsels pupils individually and in groups, using psychodrama, play therapy, personal interviews, and other psychological methods to assist pupils to achieve personal, social, and emotional adjustment. Carries out research to aid in introduction of programs in schools to meet current psychological, educational, and sociological needs of children. Advises teachers and other school personnel on methods to enhance school and classroom atmosphere to provide motivating educational environment. Refers individuals to community agencies to secure medical, vocational, or social services for child or family. Participates in planning of remedial classes and testing programs designed to meet needs of students. Serves as consultant to school board, superintendent, administrative committees, and parent-teacher groups in matters involving psychological services within educational system or school.

Undergraduate psychology majors interested in becoming school psychologists should read this description carefully. Their next step should be to seek out opportunities to develop the skills identified in this description so they will be perceived as possessing the "right stuff" when they apply to school psychology graduate programs.

1.	Academic Counselor*	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/04/045107010.html
2.	Activities Director	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/18/187117046.html
3.	Admissions Evaluator	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/20/205367010.html
4.	Advertising Sales Representative	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/25/254357014.html
5.	Alumni Director	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/09/090117014.html
6.	Animal Trainer	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/15/159224010.html
7.	Applied Statistician	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/02/020167026.html
8.	Art Therapist*	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/07/076127010.html
9.	Benefits Manager	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/16/166167018.html
10.	Career Information Specialist	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/24/249367014.html
11.	Caseworker	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/19/195107010.html
12.	Chief Psychologist*	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/04/045107046.html
13.	Child Development Specialist	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/19/195227018.html
14.	Child Psychologist*	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/04/045061010.html
15.	Child Welfare/Placement Caseworker	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/19/195107014.html
16.	Claims Supervisor	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/24/241137018.html
17.	Clinical Psychologist*	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/04/045107022.html
18.	Coach	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/15/153227010.html
19.	College/University Professor*	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/09/090227010.html
20.	Community Organization Worker	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/19/195167010.html
21.	Community Worker	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/19/195367018.html
22.	Comparative Psychologist*	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/04/045061018.html
23.	Computer Programmer	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/03/030162010.html
24.	Conservation Officer	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/37/379167010.html
25.	Correctional Treatment Specialist	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/19/195107042.html
26.	Corrections Officer	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/37/372667018.html
27.	Counseling Psychologist*	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/04/045107026.html
28.	Criminal Investigator (FBI and other)	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/37/375167042.html
29.	Customer Service Representative Supervisor	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/23/239137014.html
30.	Data Base Administrator	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/03/039162010.html
31.	Data Base Design Analyst	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/03/039162014.html
32.	Delinquency Prevention Social Worker	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/19/195107026.html
33.	Department Manager	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/29/299137010.html
34.	Developmental Psychologist*	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/04/045061010.html
35.	Dietician	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/07/077117010.html
36.	Educational Psychologist*	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/04/045067010.html
37.	Elementary School Teacher	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/09/092227010.html
38.	Employee Health Maintenance Program Specialist	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/16/166167050.html
39.	Employee Relations Specialist	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/16/166267042.html
40.	Employment Counselor	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/16/166257010.html
41.	Employment Interviewer	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/16/166267010.html
42.	Engineering Psychologist*	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/04/045061014.html
43.	Experimental Psychologist*	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/04/045061018.html
44.	Family Counselor/Caseworker*	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/19/195107018.html
45.	Financial Aid Counselor	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/16/169267018.html
46.	Fund Raiser I	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/29/293157010.html
47.	Fund Raiser II	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/29/293357014.html
48.	Group Worker	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/19/195164010.html

49.	Guidance Counselor*	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/04/045107010.html
50.	Health Care Facility Administrator	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/18/187117010.html
51.	High School Teacher	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/09/091227010.html
52.	Human Resource Advisor	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/16/166267046.html
53.	Industrial/Organizational Psychologist*	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/04/045107030.html
54.	Information Specialist	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/10/109067010.html
55.	Job Analyst	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/16/166267018.html
56.	Labor Relations Manager	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/16/166167034.html
57.	Lawyer*	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/11/110107010.html
58.	Loan Officer	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/18/186267018.html
59.	Management Analyst	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/16/161167010.html
60.	Market Research Analyst	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/05/050067014.html
61.	Marriage and Family Counselor*	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/04/045107054.html
62.	Medical Social Worker*	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/19/195107030.html
63.	Mental Retardation Aide	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/35/355377018.html
64.	Military Psychologist*	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/04/045107030.html
65.	Minister, Priest, Rabbi, Chaplain, etc.*	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/12/120107010.html
66.	Music Therapist*	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/07/076127014.html
67.	Neurologist*	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/07/070101050.html
68.	Neuropathologist*	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/07/070061010.html
69.	Neurosurgeon*	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/07/070101094.html
70.	News Writer	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/13/131262014.html
71.	Nurse	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/07/075364010.html
72.	Occupational Analyst	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/16/166067010.html
73.	Occupational Therapist*	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/07/076121010.html
74.	Optometrist*	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/07/079101018.html
75.	Patient Resources and Reimbursement Agent	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/19/195267018.html
76.	Pediatrician*	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/07/070101066.html
77.	Penologist*	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/05/054067014.html
78.	Personnel Psychologist*	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/04/045107030.html
79.	Personnel Recruiter	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/16/166267038.html
80.	Pharmacologist*	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/04/041061074.html
81.	Physiatrist*	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/07/070101070.html
82.	Physical Therapist*	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/07/076121014.html
83.	Physician*	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/07/070101022.html
84.	Police Officer	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/37/375263014.html
85.	Polygraph Examiner	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/19/199267026.html
86.	Preschool Teacher	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/09/092227018.html
87.	Probation/Parole Officer	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/19/195107046.html
88.	Psychiatric Aide/Attendant	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/35/355377014.html
89.	Psychiatric Social Worker*	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/19/195107034.html
90.	Psychiatric Technician	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/07/079374026.html
91.	Psychiatrist*	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/07/070107014.html
92.	Psychological Anthropologist*	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/05/055067010.html
93.	Psychological Stress Evaluator	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/19/199267026.html
94.	Psychometrist*	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/04/045067018.html
95.	Public Health Director	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/07/079117014.html
96.	Public Relations Representative	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/16/165167014.html
97.	Purchasing Agent	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/16/162157038.html

98.	Real Estate Agent	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/25/250357018.html
99.	Recreation Leader	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/19/195227014.html
100.	Recreation Supervisor	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/18/187167238.html
101.	Recreational Therapist	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/07/076124014.html
102.	Research Assistant	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/19/199364014.html
103.	Retail Salesperson	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/27/279357054.html
104.	School Psychologist*	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/04/045107034.html
105.	School Social Worker*	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/19/195107038.html
106.	Social Group Worker	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/19/195107022.html
107.	Social Psychologist*	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/04/045067014.html
108.	Social Services Aide	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/19/195367034.html
109.	Speech Pathologist*	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/07/076107010.html
110.	Substance Abuse Counselor	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/04/045107058.html
111.	Systems Analyst	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/03/030167014.html
112.	Teacher for the Emotionally Impaired	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/09/094227010.html
113.	Teacher for the Hearing Impaired	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/09/094224010.html
114.	Teacher for the Learning Disabled	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/09/094227030.html
115.	Teacher for the Mentally Impaired	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/09/094227022.html
116.	Teacher for the Visually Impaired	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/09/094224018.html
117.	Technical Writer	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/13/131267026.html
118.	Therapist for the Blind*	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/07/076224014.html
119.	Veterans Contact Representative	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/18/187167198.html
120.	Veterinarian*	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/07/073101010.html
121.	Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor*	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/04/045107042.html
122.	Vocational Training Teacher	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/09/097221010.html
123.	Volunteer Coordinator	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/18/187167022.html
124.	Writer	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/13/131067046.html

If there are other occupations in the *DOT* that you believe should be included in this list, please email these occupations and their urls to me at dappleby@iupui.edu.