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/19/195227010.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/03/039162010.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]
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/11/110107010.html]
57. Lawyer* [http://www.occupationalinfo.org/16/166167034.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]
64. Military Psychologist* [http://www.occupationalinfo.org/04/045107030.html]
65. Minister, Priest, Rabbi, Chaplain, etc.* [http://www.occupationalinfo.org/12/120107010.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]
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]
80. Pharmacologist* [http://www.occupationalinfo.org/04/041061074.html]
81. Psychiatrist* [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/07/070107010.html]
92. Psychological Anthropologist* [http://www.occupationalinfo.org/05/055067014.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/16/161217038.html]
98. Real Estate Agent  
99. Recreation Leader  
100. Recreation Supervisor  
101. Recreational Therapist  
102. Research Assistant  
103. Retail Salesperson  
104. School Psychologist*  
105. School Social Worker*  
106. Social Group Worker  
107. Social Psychologist*  
108. Social Services Aide  
109. Speech Pathologist*  
110. Substance Abuse Counselor  
111. Systems Analyst  
112. Teacher for the Emotionally Impaired  
113. Teacher for the Hearing Impaired  
114. Teacher for the Learning Disabled  
115. Teacher for the Mentally Impaired  
116. Teacher for the Visually Impaired  
117. Technical Writer  
118. Therapist for the Blind*  
119. Veterans Contact Representative  
120. Veterinarian*  
121. Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor*  
122. Vocational Training Teacher  
123. Volunteer Coordinator  
124. Writer

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.