

Descriptions of Occupations of Interest to Psychology Majors From the *Dictionary of Occupational Titles*

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The following is a list of over 100 occupations that psychology majors can pursue and the urls that will take them to the descriptions of these occupations in the Information Technology Associates online version of the Department of Labor's *Dictionary of Occupational Titles (DOT)*. I created this list of occupations from the following sources.

- Psychology majors enrolled in my B103 Orientation to a Major in Psychology class who must identify an occupation in which they have an interest and create a plan to successfully enter that occupation
- A list of the occupations that IUPUI psychology alumni have entered
- Marky Lloyd's *Careers in Psychology* website (www.psychwww.com/careers)
- A non-exhaustive examination of the *DOT*, during which I searched for additional occupations of interest to psychology majors not identified by the first three sources

The *DOT* provides descriptions of over 40,000 occupations that identify the tasks people employed in these occupations must perform. This makes the *DOT* a valuable source of information for undergraduate psychology majors because they can use it to discover the skills they must develop to gain employment in the occupations they wish to enter. This knowledge can then 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 example, the following is a 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, and carries out research, 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 a school psychologist should read this description carefully, and seek opportunities to develop or enhance these skills. This information will help students to identify careers of interest, and assist in the career planning process.

Academic Counselor	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/04/045107010.html
Advertising Sales Representative	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/25/254357014.html
Alumni Director	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/09/090117014.html
Animal Trainer	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/15/159224010.html
Applied Statistician	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/02/020167026.html
Art Therapist	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/07/076127010.html
Benefits Manager	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/16/166167018.html
Career Information Specialist	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/24/249367014.html
Caseworker	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/19/195107010.html
Chief Psychologist	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/04/045107046.html
Child Development Specialist	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/19/195227018.html
Child Psychologist	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/04/045061010.html
Child Welfare/Placement Caseworker	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/19/195107014.html
Claims Supervisor	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/24/241137018.html
Clinical Psychologist	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/04/045107022.html
Coach	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/15/153227010.html
College/University Professor	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/09/090227010.html
Community Organization Worker	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/19/195167010.html
Community Worker	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/19/195367018.html
Comparative Psychologist	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/04/045061018.html
Computer Programmer	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/03/030162010.html
Conservation Officer	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/37/379167010.html
Correctional Treatment Specialist	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/19/195107042.html
Corrections Officer	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/37/372667018.html
Counseling Psychologist	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/04/045107026.html
Criminal Investigator (FBI and other)	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/37/375167042.html
Customer Service Representative Supervisor	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/23/239137014.html
Data Base Administrator	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/03/039162010.html
Data Base Design Analyst	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/03/039162014.html
Delinquency Prevention Social Worker	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/19/195107026.html
Department Manager	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/29/299137010.html
Developmental Psychologist	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/04/045061010.html
Dietician	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/07/077117010.html
Educational Psychologist	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/04/045067010.html
Elementary School Teacher	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/09/092227010.html
Employee Relations Specialist	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/16/166267042.html
Employment Counselor	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/16/166257010.html
Employment Interviewer	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/16/166267010.html
Engineering Psychologist	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/04/045061014.html
Experimental Psychologist	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/04/045061018.html
Family Counselor/Caseworker	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/19/195107018.html
Financial Aid Counselor	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/16/169267018.html
Fund Raiser I	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/29/293157010.html
Fund Raiser II	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/29/293357014.html
Group Worker	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/19/195164010.html
Guidance Counselor	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/04/045107010.html

Health Care Facility Administrator	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/18/187117010.html
High School Teacher	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/09/091227010.html
Human Resource Advisor	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/16/166267046.html
Industrial/Organizational Psychologist	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/04/045107030.html
Information Specialist	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/10/109067010.html
Job Analyst	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/16/166267018.html
Lawyer	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/11/110107010.html
Loan Officer	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/18/186267018.html
Management Analyst	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/16/161167010.html
Market Research Analyst	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/05/050067014.html
Marriage and Family Counselor	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/04/045107054.html
Medical Social Worker	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/19/195107030.html
Mental Retardation Aide	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/35/355377018.html
Military Psychologist	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/04/045107030.html
Minister, Priest, Rabbi, Chaplain, etc.	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/12/120107010.html
Music Therapist	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/07/076127014.html
Neurologist	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/07/070101050.html
Neuropathologist	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/07/070061010.html
Neurosurgeon	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/07/070101094.html
News Writer	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/13/131262014.html
Nurse	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/07/075364010.html
Occupational Analyst	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/16/166067010.html
Occupational Therapist	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/07/076121010.html
Optometrist	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/07/079101018.html
Patient Resources and Reimbursement Agent	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/19/195267018.html
Pediatrician	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/07/070101066.html
Penologist	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/05/054067014.html
Personnel Psychologist	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/04/045107030.html
Personnel Recruiter	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/16/166267038.html
Pharmacologist	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/04/041061074.html
Physiatrist	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/07/070101070.html
Physical Therapist	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/07/079364018.html
Physician	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/07/070101022.html
Police Officer	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/37/375263014.html
Polygraph Examiner	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/19/199267026.html
Preschool Teacher	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/09/092227018.html
Probation/Parole Officer	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/19/195107046.html
Psychiatric Aide/Attendant	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/35/355377014.html
Psychiatric Social Worker	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/19/195107034.html
Psychiatric Technician	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/07/079374026.html
Psychiatrist	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/07/070107014.html
Psychological Anthropologist	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/05/055067010.html
Psychological Stress Evaluator	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/19/199267026.html
Psychometrist	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/04/045067018.html
Public Health Director	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/07/079117014.html
Public Relations Representative	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/16/165167014.html
Purchasing Agent	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/16/162157038.html

Real Estate Agent	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/25/250357018.html
Recreation Leader	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/19/195227014.html
Recreation Supervisor	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/18/187167238.html
Recreational Therapist	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/07/076124014.html
Research Assistant	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/19/199364014.html
Retail Salesperson	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/27/279357054.html
School Psychologist	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/04/045107034.html
School Social Worker	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/19/195107038.html
Social Group Worker	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/19/195107022.html
Social Psychologist	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/04/045067014.html
Social Services Aide	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/19/195367034.html
Speech Pathologist	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/07/076107010.html
Substance Abuse Counselor	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/04/045107058.html
Systems Analyst	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/03/030167014.html
Teacher for the Emotionally Impaired	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/09/094227010.html
Teacher for the Hearing Impaired	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/09/094224010.html
Teacher for the Learning Disabled	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/09/094227030.html
Teacher for the Mentally Impaired	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/09/094227022.html
Teacher for the Visually Impaired	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/09/094224018.html
Technical Writer	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/13/131267026.html
Therapist for the Blind	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/07/076224014.html
Veterans Contact Representative	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/18/187167198.html
Veterinarian	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/07/073101010.html
Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/04/045107042.html
Vocational Training Teacher	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/09/097221010.html
Volunteer Coordinator	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/18/187167022.html
Writer	http://www.occupationalinfo.org/13/131067046.html

If there are other occupations contained 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.