

PSYCHOLOGY- Career Resource Guide

Subfields in Psychology

Community Psychologists	Work in a variety of settings, from academic institutions to business and government agencies, to provide services for the prevention and treatment of mental disorders.
Consumer Psychologists	Study people and the processes they use as they purchase and consume goods and services, in order to influence purchasing behavior.
Counseling Psychologists	Help people recognize strengths and resources to cope with problems. Involved with counseling/psychotherapy, teaching, and scientific research with individuals of all ages, families, and organizations (e.g. schools, hospitals, businesses).
Educational Psychologists	Concentrate on how effective teaching and learning take place at any stage of life or ability level. Consider a variety of factors, such as human abilities, student motivation, and the effect on the classroom of the diversity of race, ethnicity, and culture.
Engineering/Ergonomic Psychologists	Integrate knowledge of human perception and thought process into the development of industrial and consumer products and the built environment.
Forensic Psychologists	Apply psychological principles to legal issues. Also conduct research on jury behavior and eyewitness testimony. Often provide expert testimony and assistance to the legal and law enforcement professions.
Health Psychologists	Work with the medical professions to improve the delivery of health care services and foster emotional and physical well being. Research public health issues such as AIDS, drug use and teen pregnancy and develop and implement programs to address these problems.
Industrial/Organizational Psychologists	Apply psychological principles and research methods to the work place, in the interest of improving productivity and the quality of work life by assisting human resource departments and consulting with businesses.
Political Psychologists	Study the psychology behind the political behavior of voters, lawmakers, local and national governments and administrations, international organizations, political parties and associations. Work with a broad range of issues such as cross-cultural communication, the impact of prejudice on people's lives, the role of personality in leadership, the behavior of political figures, etc.
Quantitative & Measurement Psychologists	Focus on methods and techniques for designing experiments and analyzing data. May be employed in insurance, financial and academic settings, as well as in government agencies and research centers.
School Psychologists	Work with public and private schools. Assess and counsel students, consult with parents and school staff, and conduct behavioral interventions when appropriate.
Sport Psychologists	Help athletes and coaches improve their performance. Develop and support programs for youth sports and adult recreation.

Associations/Societies

American Political Science Association **	www.apsanet.org
American Psychological Association *	www.apa.org
American Psychology-Law Society *	www.ap-ls.org
Association for Psychological Science *	www.psychologicalscience.org
International Society of Political Psychology	http://ispp.org
National Association of School Psychologists *	www.nasponline.org
National Association of Social Workers *	www.naswdc.org
Society for Community Research and Action *	www.scra27.org
Society for Consumer Psychology	www.myscp.org
Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology *	www.siop.org

* Contains employment listings; ** Contains employment listings for members

Career & Employment Websites

American Society for Training & Development Job Bank	http://jobs.astd.org
Bureau of State Employment (PA)	www.employment.pa.gov
Careers In Psych	www.careersinpsych.com
Environmental Careers Organization	www.eco.org
Human Services Career Network	www.hscareers.com
Idealist.org – Action Without Borders	www.idealist.org
MarketingJobs.com – Sales & Marketing Jobs Nationwide	www.marketingjobs.com
National Association of Independent Schools	www.nais.org
Nonprofit Career Network	www.nonprofitcareer.com
Occupational Outlook Handbook (OOH) – Search specific job titles	www.bls.gov/oooh
Pennsylvania CareerLink	www.cwds.state.pa.us
Pennsylvania State Civil Service Commission	www.scsc.state.pa.us
Public Relations Society of America – Job Center	www.prsa.org/jobcenter
Social Psychology Network	www.socialpsychology.org
Society for Human Resource Management – HR Jobs	www.shrm.org/jobs
The Social Service Job Site	www.socialservice.com
USAJOBS – U.S. Office of Personnel Management (federal)	www.usajobs.gov

Note: A helpful list of general job search websites is available on the Internet Tip Sheet at www.rmu.edu/careercenter.

Selected RMU Activities & Organizations

Alpha Phi Omega
Big Brothers/Big Sisters
College Democrats
College Republicans
Community Advisors
Early Success Program (ESP) Mentors
First Year Student Mentors
Nonprofit Leadership Alliance (formerly American Humanics)

Office of Student Civic Engagement

Pre-Law Society
Psychology Club
S.A.F.E. (Student Alliance for Equality)
Society for Human Resource Management
Student Government Association
Student Program Board
Thrive Leaders

Salary Information

2015 RMU Salary Survey: **Range:** \$30,000 - \$33,000 **Mean:** \$31,500

Bachelor-Level Practicum Organizations

Allegheny Intermediate Unit	Lifesteps
Aspire Pediatric Therapy	NHS Human Services
Associates in Behavioral Diagnostics & Treatment	Pathfinder School
Associates in Counseling and Wellness	PEAK Technical Staffing, USA
Barber National Institute	Renewal Inc.
Boys and Girls Club	Southwestern Veterans Administration Center
Family Behavioral Resources	Stauton Clinic
Gateway Rehabilitation	Try-Again Homes
Gray Matter Systems	Wellspan Behavioral Health
Hope Grows	Youth Advocate Program, Inc.
Laughlin Children's Center	YWCA