



Northeastern University
University Career Services

WHAT CAN I DO WITH A DEGREE IN

Psychology and Behavioral Neuroscience

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OVERVIEW

Psychologists investigate and seek explanations for the behavior and mental life of individuals in addition to developing methods for promoting psychological well-being. The psychology curriculum explores such topics as how brain function determines behavior; how we see, hear, and learn; what constitutes abnormal personality; how people develop emotionally and cognitively; and how individuals work in groups. A background in psychology helps prepare students for careers in teaching and research as well as in business, public and social services, education, mental health, law and medicine

Behavioral Neuroscience focuses on the biological basis of human behavior. The program combines the disciplines of psychology and biology to provide an understanding of how the behavior of humans and other animals is controlled by physiological systems.

Concentrations: Double majors available; see department website

Department website: www.northeastern.edu/psychology/undergraduate

SAMPLE JOB TITLES

Advertising Assistant	Market Researcher
Affirmative Action Officer	Marketing Representative
Case Worker	Mental Health Counselor
Child Development Specialist	Organizational Psychologist *
College Admissions Counselor	Pharmacologist *
Corporate Trainer	Physician Assistant*
Corrections Officer	Pre-Health: Medical, Dental, Vet
Criminologist *	Psychiatrist*
Customer Relations	Psychologist *
Drug Abuse Educator	Public Relations Assistant
Employment Counselor	Rape Crisis Counselor
Forensic Psychologist *	Research Assistant
Fundraiser	Social Worker*
Guidance Counselor*	Teacher *
Human Resources Manager *	Victims' Advocate
Labor Relations Specialist	

Positions that require additional education or training are indicated by a ().*

Job qualifications are based not only on degree program, but on skills and experience. Students should seek out as many experiential opportunities in their fields of interest as possible, including Co-op and internships.

TYPES OF EMPLOYERS

Advertising/Marketing Companies
Biotechnology Firms
Colleges and Universities
Community Health Centers
Consulting Firms
Court Systems
Elementary & Secondary Schools
Financial Firms
Government Agencies

Hospitals
Human Service Agencies
Major Retail Firms
Pharmaceutical Companies
Public relations Firms
Publishing Companies
Religious Organizations
Research Companies

INTERNSHIPS

These sample titles can be used to research internship opportunities in the field.

Client Services
Child-Care Worker
Research Assistant
Mental Health Worker
Residential Counselor
Mental Retardation Worker

To search for internship opportunities, login to [Husky Career Link](#), Career Services' online job and internship bank for opportunities with employers seeking to hire NU students.

CO-OPS

For more information, please visit the department's website.

Students enrolled in the *College of Professional Studies* may click [here](#) for co-op and internship information.

CAREER EXPLORATION & JOB POSTINGS

The following resources include various websites and campus resources that will aid you in exploring this career field and industry.

CAREER & JOB WEBSITES

[MassCIS – Massachusetts Information System](#)

[Bureau of Labor Statistics – Occupational Outlook Handbook](#)

[Vocational Biographies](#) (username: NE Univ; password: RAZDE)

[O*NET OnLine](#)

[Careers in Marketing](#)

[Social Psychology Network](#)

[Social Service](#)

[All Psychology Career](#)

CAMPUS ORGANIZATIONS & ACTIVITIES

Psychology Club

NU Researchers of Neuroscience

Northeastern University American Pre-Medical Student Organization

Pre-Law Society

**For additional student organizations click [here](#).*

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PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Find valuable industry information, job sites, and professionals in the field you may contact for informational interview requests and networking opportunities.

American Psychological Association

Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology

American Marketing Association

Society for Neuroscience

American Academy of Forensic Sciences

SOCIAL MEDIA

Sample LinkedIn.com Groups providing resources such as industry trends, company information, job listings, and networking opportunities within the field:

[The Psychology Network](#)

[PsychologyLinked](#)

[Society for Neuroscience](#)