



# Psychologist

**Psychologists** research all forms of human behavior, cognition, and emotion, using methods of observation and evaluation to interpret and modify behavior. Examples of services:

- diagnose and treat mental, nervous, emotional, and behavioral disorders, disabilities, and illnesses
- provide market research, personnel selection, and workforce management services to organizations
- research, evaluate, and treat addictions
- administer and interpret tests of mental abilities, interests, personality, and emotions to develop treatment plans
- establish rehabilitation programs for neuropsychological disorders
- work with educators to address factors that influence learning

## Education

Doctoral degree from a [Department-registered](#) psychology licensure program, or the substantial equivalent

## Experience

Two years (3,500 clock hours) of full-time supervised experience in the practice of psychology

## Examination

A nationally approved licensure examination in psychology

- ▶ Visit the [Office of the Professions](#) for a listing of all options and requirements.

## Video



## Salary and Projected Growth

- Median salary: variable based on position type; \$85,000 to \$102,898 for Psychologists with a PhD (APA, 2015)
- Projected growth: faster than average

## Where Could I Work?

- Individual and group practices
- Hospitals, clinics, schools, and other health care settings
- Government, military, private organizations, and industry

## Your Interests and Abilities

- Analysis and modification of human behaviors
- Research and statistics
- Curiosity, open-mindedness, and patience

## Professional Skills

- Trust and integrity
- Interpersonal communication
- Compassion
- Empathy

## What Interests You?

Match your interests and personality to career options! Explore a free career tool at [mynextmove.org/explore/ip](http://mynextmove.org/explore/ip)

**Tip:** try searching for [mentoring programs](#)—talk to a psychologist about what they do and how they got started!