Careers in Psychology

What can I do with my degree?

What are your career concerns?

- I won't get a job after I graduate.
- I won't make much money.
- ▶ I won't get in to graduate school.
- ▶ I don't know what I want to do.
- I know I want to go to graduate school, but I don't know what degree I want to pursue.

A Liberal Arts Education

Emphasizes:

- Critical Thinking
- Life-Long Learning
- Logic and Reasoning
- Self Management
- Self Empowerment
- Social Responsibility
- Communication Skills
- Analytical Thinking

- A Sense of Values & Ethics
- Global Awareness
- Teamwork
- Leadership Skills
- Computer and Other Technology Skills
- Time Management

A Liberal Arts Education

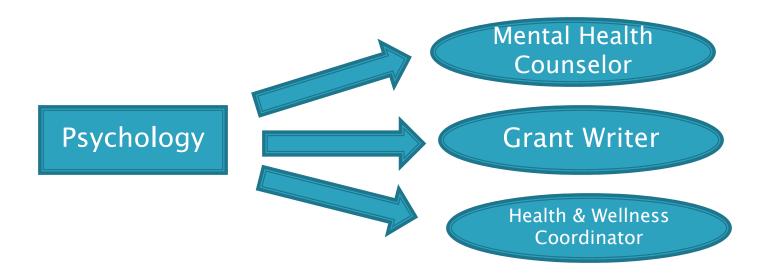
- Transferable Skills
 - Skills that are valued by the majority of employers
 - Skills that you can take from one career to the next

The Major-Career Connection

- Most students believe in the one-to-one ratio:
 - One major matches up with one career
 - Accounting Accountant
 - Education Teacher
 - Electrical Engineering Electrical Engineer
- This does not apply to most majors.

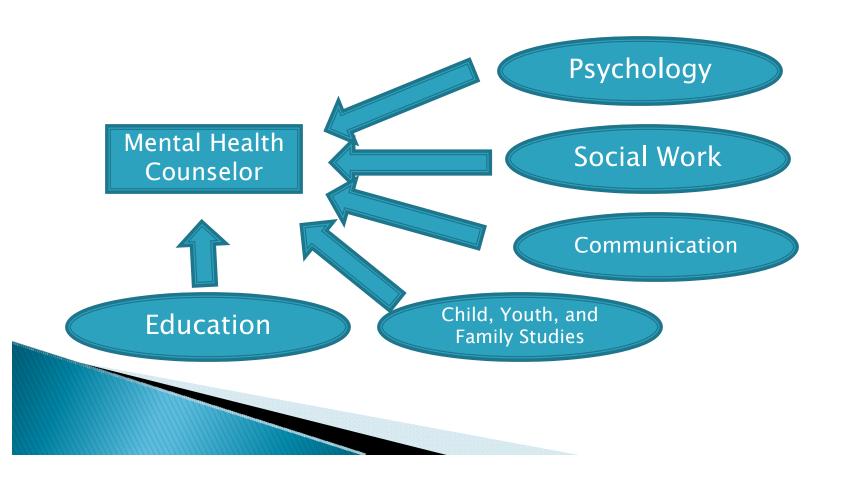
The Major-Career Connection

Most majors can lead to a number of different careers.



The Major-Career Connection

One career can be held by individuals with a variety of different majors.



In Summary

- You are pursuing a Liberal Arts Education in psychology.
- You are developing a set of Transferable Skills.
- Your Education and Skills can be applied to a wide variety of different careers.

Bachelor's Degree

- Human Services
- Government
- Business
- Education

Human Services

- Academic advisor
- Alcohol/ drug abuse counselor
- Career counselor
- Case worker
- Counselor's assistant
- Child care worker
- Director of volunteer services

- Gerontology aide
- Group home coordinator
- Mental health program manager
- Outreach worker
- Rehabilitation advisor
- Residential youth counselor
- Student life coordinator

Government

- Case worker
- Child protection worker
- Family services worker
- Veteran's advisor
- Mental health paraprofessional
- Juvenile intake worker
- Law enforcement officer

- Corrections officer
- Parole officer
- Probation officer
- Program development
- Rehabilitation advisor
- Residential youth counselor
- Research assistant
- Foreign Service Officer

Business

- Advertising agent
- Human resources
 - Employee development
 - Training coordinator
 - Recruiter
 - Affirmative action
- Manager
 - Sales
 - Benefits
- Public affairs coordinator

- Public relations specialist
 - Research
 - Programming
 - Fundraising
 - Public Speaking
- Publisher/Editor
- Radio/TV research assistant
- Retail and Sales specialist

Education

- Administrator
- Child care provider
- Preschool teacher
- Teacher
- Public opinion surveyor
- Community health educator

Careers with a Bachelor's Degree

- Experience, Experience, Experience!!!
 - Part-time job
 - Internship
 - Volunteering
 - Professional References
 - Faculty
 - Supervisors
 - Networking is important.

Master's Degree

- Counseling
- Marriage and Family Therapy
- Social Work
- School Psychology
- Industrial/Organizational Psychology
- A Master's degree will expand your career options and increase your salary.

PhD and PsyD

PhD

 Behavioral, Biological, Child & Adolescent, Clinical, Cognitive, Community, Consulting, Counseling, Developmental, Educational, Environmental, Experimental, Industrial/Organizational, Law/Psychology, Multicultural, Neuropsychology, Personality, Physiological, Psychoanalytic, Psycholinguistics, Psychopharmacology, Quantitative, Rehabilitation, School, Social, and Sport

PsyD

Clinical, Counseling, and School

Bachelors / Masters / PhD

PhD Less Jobs Most \$\$\$

Masters

Fewer Jobs, More \$\$

Bachelors

Lots of Jobs, Less \$

Remember...

- An interest in Psychology and a desire to "help people" doesn't always equal therapist.
- There are hundreds of other careers paths to choose from.

Master's Degree

- Other Master's programs to consider:
 - Student Affairs
 - Health Promotion / Public Health
 - MBA (Master's in Business Administration)
 - Communication Studies
 - Youth Development
 - Leadership Development
 - Public Relations
 - Community and Regional Planning
 - Public Administration
 - Legal Studies

Career Decision-Making

- Evaluate your:
 - Interests
 - Abilities
 - Values
 - Personality
 - Goals
- Experience, Experience, Experience!!!
 - Volunteering, Internships, Job Shadowing, Part-Time Jobs, Career Interviews

Exploring Careers

- Experience
 - Part-time jobs, internships, volunteering
- Career Interviews
 - Talk to people in careers that interest you

Exploring Careers

- Visit "Graduate Programs" websites of different colleges
 - There are probably programs you've never heard of or thought about
- Pretend you're done with your Psychology degree and start looking for a job
 - There are probably jobs you've never heard of or thought about

Remember...

- You don't have to decide what you're going to do for the rest of your life right now.
- You do need to start doing things to figure it out.
- Schedule an appointment with me if you don't know where to start.
 - Internships, Part-time Jobs, and Volunteering
 - Preparing for a Career with a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology
 - Is Graduate School Right for You?

Preparing for Graduate School in Psychology