

# Psychology

# Careers

**P** sychologists study human behavior and the mental processes related to that behavior. Research psychologists investigate the physical, cognitive, emotional or social aspects of human behavior. Psychologists in applied fields provide mental health services in hospitals, clinics, schools or private settings. Like other social scientists, psychologists formulate hypotheses and collect data to test their validity. Research methods depend on the topic under study. Psychologists may gather information through controlled laboratory experiments, as well as through personality, performance, aptitude and intelligence tests. Other methods include observation, interviews, questionnaires, clinical studies and surveys.

Psychologists apply their knowledge and techniques to a wide range of endeavors, including human services, management, education, law and sports. In addition to a variety of work settings, psychologists specialize in many different areas. There are clinical psychologists, who assist mentally or emotionally disturbed clients; cognitive psychologists deal with

memory, thinking and perception; health psychologists promote good health through health maintenance; neuropsychologists study the relation between the brain and behavior; counseling psychologists advise people on everyday living; developmental psychologists study patterns and causes of behavioral change; experimental psychologists study behavior as they work with human beings and animals; industrial-organizational psychologists apply psychological techniques to personnel administration, management and marketing problems; school psychologists work with students, parents, teachers and administrators to resolve learning problems; and social psychologists examine people's interactions with others within the social environment.

Most jobs in psychology are found in education, while others are found in health services, government agencies and in social service, research, management consulting and marketing research organizations.

## Job Outlook

Faster-than-average employment growth is expected for psychologists. Job prospects should be the best for people who have a doctoral degree from a leading university in an applied specialty, such as counseling or health, and those with a specialist or doctoral degree in school psychology. Master's degree holders in fields other than industrial-organizational psychology will face keen competition. Opportunities will be limited for bachelor's degree holders. Employment of psychologists is expected to grow 15 percent from 2006 to 2016. Employment will grow because of increased demand for psychological services in schools, hospitals, social service agencies, mental health centers, substance abuse treatment clinics, consulting firms, and private companies.

Employment growth will vary by specialty. Growing awareness of how students' mental health and behavioral problems, such as bullying, affect learning will increase demand for school psychologists to offer student counseling and mental health services.

## Earnings

Median annual earnings of wage and salary clinical, counseling, and school psychologists in May 2006 were \$59,440. The middle 50 percent earned between \$45,300 and \$77,750. The lowest 10 percent earned less than \$35,280, and the highest 10 percent earned more than \$102,730.

## Related Careers

- Sociology
- Human Services
- Social Work
- Counseling

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## Educational Opportunities in Psychology at LCCC

### *Associate of Arts*

The associate of arts is for students who want to pursue bachelor's degrees in psychology by completing the first two or more years at LCCC. Students completing the associate of arts degree may transfer with junior (or higher) standing to the four-year university or any college of their choice. There are virtually no limitations to the programs that can be pursued as LCCC can customize associate of arts programs to meet the transfer college/university's requirements.

Students in the associate of arts program may also select electives or complement their curriculums, by choosing courses from such areas as communications, computer information systems, computer programming, criminal justice, education, human services, social work and urban studies.

Additional information may be found at [www.lorainccc.edu](http://www.lorainccc.edu). Go to "quick links" and click on Psychology Department.

## Educational Opportunities through LCCC's University Partnership

### **Cleveland State University**

#### *Bachelor of Arts in Psychology*

Many students decide to major in psychology because the Cleveland State University program prepares them to work with and help others in many different ways, from providing one-on-one, in-depth assistance to those who are suffering to conducting research into the causes of mental illness to understanding what motivates people to respond to written or oral communication. Individuals, couples, families, schools, businesses, and communities all seek and use psychological services.

Cleveland State University's bachelor of arts in psychology makes it possible for students to pursue a four-year (baccalaureate) psychology major by a combination of courses taken at LCCC that are either LCCC courses taught by LCCC instructors or CSU courses taught by visiting CSU instructors.

### **Youngstown State University**

#### *Bachelor of Social Work*

The baccalaureate degree with a major in social work prepares students for entry into beginning, generalist and professional social work practice. Social workers are employed in a variety of settings such as public and private welfare agencies, mental health centers, health care settings, educational systems, correctional institutions, and business and industry. The Council on Social Work Education accredits the social work program. A baccalaureate degree in social work from an accredited degree program qualifies a person to apply for licensing in the state of Ohio.

#### *Master of Health and Human Services*

The master of health and human services and certificate in health care management are collaborative programs between the College of Health and Human Services and the Williamson College of Business Administration. Programs accommodate students from health and human service professions who require the skills and abilities for supervisory/managerial positions or who desire competence in health promotion. Both programs are structured as a weekend-college program with classes offered Friday evenings and on Saturday during the day. After completion of an academic core of course work, students may concentrate in either health promotion or administration for health and human service professions.

#### *Certificate in Health Care Management*

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## About Lorain County Community College

Lorain County Community College continues to experience enrollment growth because attending LCCC is the most economical way to reach educational goals that help graduates become valuable players in the future economic growth of the county and region. Because of the variety and quality of learning opportunities LCCC provides, enrollment has grown 78 percent since 2000.

Lorain County Community College, which opened in 1963, is one of Ohio's leading colleges delivering credit programs at its Elyria campus and outreach centers in downtown Elyria, Lorain, Wellington and Brunswick. Plus more than 200 courses are offered via distance-learning education options, and the Associate of Arts degree can be completed entirely online.

Students can choose from more than 80 educational programs. Students can complete the first half — and sometimes more — of a bachelor's degree through LCCC's University Partnership, which brings eight universities to the LCCC campus offering 40 bachelor's and master's degree programs. Students can upgrade, retrain and improve current life skills.

In addition to providing a great education for those who enter college with aspirations of a degree, LCCC helps those who have changed their career goals, who want to broaden their horizons, and who want to return to work. LCCC provides learning and training for those who want to move up but find they need new or improved skills for the kind of professional opportunities they seek.

LCCC faculty is recognized locally and nationally for their work as professors and in other areas. They all have advanced degrees and real world experience and understand their primary responsibility at LCCC is to teach classes.

LCCC is fully accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, which is the regional accrediting authority for Ohio colleges and universities. Since opening its doors, LCCC has served more than 300,000 people. More than six million students enroll annually in credit courses at America's community colleges, representing about 46 percent of all students in higher education and about 56 percent of all first-time college entrants.



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