PSYCHOLOGY CAREER PATHS

UMBC’s B.A. in Psychology offers students a variety of career options in psychology, social services, and other public sector professions. In addition to research opportunities, students work hand-in-hand with faculty who are professionals in the field. Psychology is often a first step toward graduate school, professional school or careers in advertising, business, civil services, human relations, public relations or any other field that includes extensive work with people.

BIOPSYCHOLOGY/RESEARCH PATH
GOVERNMENT | UNIVERSITIES | RESEARCH LABORATORIES
• Lab Assistant
• Research Assistant
• Research Technician
• Statistical Analyst

BUSINESS PATH
ADVERTISING | MARKETING | PUBLIC RELATIONS
• Advertising Salesperson
• Consumer Survey Supervisor
• Copywriter
• Fund-Raiser/Development Associate
• Marketing Coordinator
• Marketing Research Analyst
• Media Buyer
• Public Relations Specialist
• Special Events Planner

INSURANCE
• Claims Representative/Examiner
• Insurance Agent
• Underwriter

BANKING | FINANCE
• Branch Manager
• Credit Counselor
• Loan Representative
• Property Manager
• Stock Broker

RETAIL | SALES
• Assistant Buyer
• Sales Representative
• Store/Department Manager

PUBLISHING / JOURNALISM
• Book/Subscription Salesperson
• Circulation Personnel
• Editorial Assistant
• Promotions Assistant
• Reporter
• Technical Writer

DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY PATH
DAY CARE CENTERS | GOV’T PROGRAMS | ISSUE-ORIENTED NON-PROFITS | HOSPITALS
• Adoption Case Worker
• Child Care Worker
• Child Life Specialist
• Child Support Case Officer
• Day Care Supervisor
• Developmental Specialist
• Head Start Coordinator
• Parent Educator
• Research Assistant
• Teacher
• Youth Counselor
• Activities Coordinator

EDUCATION PATH
HIGH SCHOOLS | COLLEGES | UNIVERSITIES
• Admissions Counselor
• Financial Aid Counselor
• Literacy Program Coordinator
• Teacher

GOVERNMENT PATH
LOCAL | STATE | FEDERAL AGENCIES
• Contract Administrator
• Customs/Immigration Officer
• Foreign Service
• Peace Corps Worker
• Public Affairs Specialist
• Quality Assurance Specialist
• Researcher/Statistician

HEALTH PATH
HOSPITALS | INSURERS | NON-PROFITS | GOVERNMENT
• Admissions Clerk
• Community Health Educator
• Customer Service Rep.
• Medical Admissions Staff
• Patient Advocate
• Provider Relations Specialist
• Public Health Statistician

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Hi! The UMBC Psychology program at the Universities at Shady Grove (USG) offers a large variety of pathways of study along with the opportunity for students to individualize their academic plan. While the degree program provides breadth within the six domains specified by the American Psychological Association (APA) it also offers depth into more specific areas of interest. Students in the program have the opportunity to engage in research and participate in internships.

Upon graduation, a number of our students have gone on to advanced study in graduate schools, law schools, and medical schools; while others have pursued careers in the public and private sector. Recent graduates have taken jobs at a variety of locations within the Washington Metropolitan area, including positions at the Maryland Psychiatric Research Center (MPRC), National Institutes of Health (NIH), Community Services for Autistic Adults and Children (CSAAC), Children Achieving Maximum Potential (ChAMP), Madison House Autism Foundation, and the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

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