

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.



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BIOPSYCHOLOGY/RESEARCH PATH

GOVERNMENT | UNIVERSITIES | RESEARCH LABORATORIES

- Lab Assistant
- Research Assistant
- Research Analyst
- 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.
- Insurance Customer Service Rep.
- Medical Admissions Staff
- Patient Advocate
- Provider Relations Specialist
- Public Health Statistician

A NOTE FROM OUR PROGRAM DIRECTOR



Dr. Diane Alonso

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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INTELLIGENCE | CORRECTIONS | LAW PATH

PRISONS | COURTS | GOVERNMENT AGENCIES | PRIVATE PRACTICES

- Civil Rights Investigator
- Correctional Caseworker
- Court Appointed Special Advocate
- Intelligence Support Analyst
- Investigative Assistant
- Legal Secretary
- Paralegal
- Police Officer
- Probation/Parole Officer
- Program Evaluator
- Special Agent
- Youth Corrections Officer

LOCAL/STATE/FEDERAL AGENCIES PATH

- Civil Rights Investigator
- Contract Administrator
- Customs/Immigration Officer
- FBI/CIA Agent
- Foreign Service Officer
- Officer Candidate - Military
- Peace Corps Worker
- Program Evaluator
- Program Specialist
- Public Affairs Specialist
- Records Manager/Analyst
- Researcher

PERSONNEL/INDUSTRIAL PSYCHOLOGY PATH

BUSINESSES | NON-PROFITS | EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES | GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

- Benefits/EAP Coordinator
- Compensation Specialist
- EEO/Affirmative Action Specialist
- Employee Relations Specialist
- Employment Consultant
- Employment Specialist
- Interviewer
- Job Classification Specialist
- Job Coach
- Job Developer
- Labor Relations Specialist
- Payroll Officer
- Personnel/Human Resources Asst.
- Placement Counselor
- Recruiter
- Staffing Specialist
- Trainer/Training Specialist
- Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor

PROFESSIONAL MENTAL HEALTH PATH

COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTERS | GOVERNMENT AGENCIES | REHABILITATION CENTERS | RELIGIOUS-AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS | RESIDENTIAL PROGRAMS
RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES/NURSING HOMES | NON-PROFITS | SHELTERS

- Activities Leader/Coord./Therapist
- Addictions Counselor
- Case Manager
- Caseworker
- Community Outreach Worker
- Crisis Counselor
- Eligibility Specialist
- Family Services Specialist
- Hospice Coordinator
- Intake Counselor/Specialist
- Mental Health Counselor
- Program Assistant
- Psychological/Psychological Tech.
- Recreation Specialist
- Rehabilitation Therapist
- Residential Counselor
- Social Service Administrator
- Social Skills Trainer
- Therapy Aide
- Volunteer Coordinator

PUBLIC POLICY PATH

CONGRESS | STATE LEGISLATURE | LOCAL GOVERNMENT

- Congressional/Legislative Aide
- Legislative Research Assistant

POLICY ORGANIZATIONS (ISSUE-ORIENTED | NON-PROFIT | NATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS)

- Public Opinion Interviewer
- Community/Field Organizer
- Project Manager
- Membership Coordinator
- Program Developer/Coord.
- Political Organizer
- Meetings Coordinator
- Community Relations Officer
- Office Manager

RESEARCH ORGANIZATIONS (ISSUE-ORIENTED | NON-PROFIT | NATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS)

- Project Assistant
- Research Associate