



# School of Undergraduate Studies Career Services

## Major Spotlight: Psychology



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### What avenues can psychology students pursue after graduation?

Many students plan to pursue a graduate degree within the field (or an associated social work field) in order to attain better employment opportunities within the behavioral science arena.

If students do not pursue graduate studies, many find jobs in other sectors like business. With a Bachelor's degree, some behavioral health opportunities are available in community service organizations and inpatient settings. However, many other opportunities do require Master's degree.

### How do psychology students normally find jobs and internships?

For internships, placements can be found mostly through informal contacts. Career Services has been helpful in assisting undergraduates find placements for students majoring in psychology.

Many students end up interning at behavioral health organizations where they gain knowledge about real-life practice. In these internships, students have been able to interact with clients and observe therapeutic sessions (individual and group).

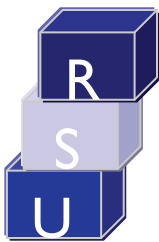
Other students have pursued academic research positions at various universities, helping them prepare for advanced study after graduation. Some students have continued to work as a volunteer or through paid employment with their

internship sites upon completion of their internship hours. Internships are a great way to get experience and maintain contact with someone who could provide a reference for you about your abilities and potential.

### What advice would you give to students currently majoring in Psychology as they look for jobs and internships?

Maintaining good contact with those who can provide a solid recommendation can be pivotal. It is helpful to have different forms of recommendations (from professors, employers, internship supervisors, church ministry leaders, etc.) to speak about your various skill sets. Seek recommendations from those who know you well.

If you are nearing the end of



## Summer Internship Reminder

It's time to think about summer internships! Many competitive internships have deadlines in the fall or early winter for the summer.

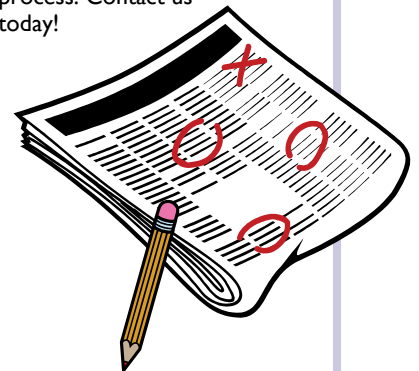
Internships are a great way to get experience in your field and marketable to employees.

How do you find a great internship? Research. Start by doing a search of your field of interest. You can visit our website to view a list of possible internships sites.

Networking among your friends and family can also help you find that perfect internship! In searching, you want to exhaust all avenues.

The Washington Center is a great opportunity for summer internships in D.C. Their competitive deadline for their summer program is February 4th, 2011. Check them out at [twc.edu](http://twc.edu)!

If you're interested in an internship, Career Services can help you identify potential companies and assist in the application process. Contact us today!



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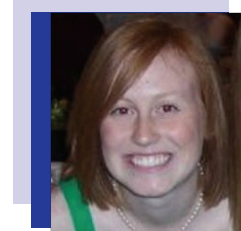
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your degree at Regent and you have not established relationships with professors or other external recommenders, become more active. Join the Psychology Club, do some volunteer work, attend a conference- all these things can help you to be more connected.

When looking for jobs, apply for positions that seem appropriate with your experience, but I would also recommend applying for positions where you meet "most" of the criteria. Some employment agencies are more than willing to offer you the training "required" for the position if

they are not successful in finding candidates with this training.

I once had a graduate admissions committee tell me informally that any student could come in with a 4.0 on paper. They were looking for students who had applied themselves with their field of study. At the end of the day you want to set yourself apart from other applicants through the experiences that you have pursued.

