Psychology Career Outlook 2014–2015

**Psychology Programs Available at Bemidji State University:**

**Major:** Psychology (B.A., B.S.)  
**Field of Emphasis:** Social Studies: Psychology  
**Minor:** Psychology  
**Department Website:** http://www.bemidjistate.edu/academics/departments/psychology

**MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS:**
Psychology is the science of behavior, cognition, and affect. All psychology is grounded in research that ultimately seeks to understand the actions, thoughts, and emotions of people. Applied psychology is designed to provide practical solutions to human problems. The Psychology major emphasizes psychology as an applied and scientific discipline. Students majoring in Psychology receive particular preparation for graduate study in the field and broad preparation for employment in the human services and a wide range of positions requiring a college degree. Advanced degrees are required for the following representative careers: child psychologist, clinical psychologist, college professor, experimental psychologist, industrial psychologist, rehabilitation counselor, school psychologist, and secondary school counselor.

**EMPLOYMENT AREAS:**
The "Occupational Outlook Handbook" reports the number of social and human service assistants is expected to grow by nearly 22 percent between 2012 and 2022, which is much faster than the average for all occupations. This is due in large part to the aging population and increased demand for mental health and substance abuse treatment. Social and human service assistants held about 372,700 jobs in 2012. 23 percent were employed by individual and family services; 20 percent were employed by state and local government; 16 percent were employed by residential care facilities; 12 percent were employed by community and vocational rehabilitation services; and 10 percent were employed by religious, grantmaking, civic, professional, and similar organizations.

**PROJECTED DEMAND FOR PSYCHOLOGY MAJORS IN MINNESOTA:**
MnCareers reports the outlook for mental health counselors is very good. Currently there are 2,040 Minnesota employees with these classifications, having a median income of about $22.10 per hour. These positions require a Master’s degree in mental health counseling and licensure.

**PROJECTED DEMAND FOR PSYCHOLOGY MAJORS NATIONWIDE:**
Focus™2 reports that the nationwide demand for social and human service assistants is expected to grow much faster than average through 2022 primarily due to the rise in the elderly population, with people established in their career generally earning between $22,230 and $35,620 per year. The "Occupational Outlook Handbook" also reported that the median annual wages of psychologists (which require an advanced degree—typically a Ph.D.) were $69,270 in 2012.

**PLACEMENT INFORMATION FOR PSYCHOLOGY GRADUATES:**
There are many career opportunities for Bemidji State University Psychology graduates. Of the Bemidji State University 2012-2013 Psychology (B.A.) graduates, 53.8% reported obtaining employment within one year of graduation, and 23.8% of students reported continuing their education. Of the BSU 2012-2013 Psychology (B.S.) graduates, 66.7% reported having obtained related employment within one year of graduation, while 10.3% reported continuing their education. This does not include students who were not seeking employment, unavailable, or had unknown status.
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University Settlement Society

Service Area Assistant
Upward Bound Academic Advisor
Counselor
Behavioral Therapist
Reading Tutor
Teaching Assistant
Corrections Officer
Child Protection Specialist
Program Manager/QMRP
Medicare Claims Examiner
Associate Neighborhood Director
Mental Health Practitioner
Foster Care Case Manager
Mental Health Behavioral Aide
Youth Counselor
Transitional Counselor
Education Assistant-Emotional Behavioral
ARMHS Therapist
Chemical Dependency Counselor Aide
ARMHS
Chemical Dependency Technician
Occupational Therapy Assistant
Training Manager
Program Director/Community Residence
Child Care Worker
Job Coach
Program Specialist
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Youth Counselor
Human Resource Representative
Paraprofessional/Counselor
Primary Counselor
Psychiatric Technician
LADC-Halfway House Counselor
Case Manager
Mental Health Practitioner
Mental Health Practitioner
Child Protection Worker
Student Advisor
Direct Support Professional
Mental Health Practitioner
Community Habilitation Specialist
Special Ed Assistant
Marketing Assistant
Mental Health Rehabilitation Worker
Qualified Developmental Disability
MFIP Job Counselor
Neuropsych. Technician
Coordinator
Mental Health Rehabilitation Worker
Stats & Research Assistant
Financial Worker
Administrative
Mental Health Practitioner
Sales Mediator/Trainer
Personal Care Attendant
Teacher
Community Services Coordinator
Administrative Assistant
Psychiatric Associate
Case Manager
COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES WHERE BSU PSYCHOLOGY GRADUATES HAVE GONE TO CONTINUE THEIR EDUCATION:

- Argosy University, Minneapolis, MN
- Augsburg College, Minneapolis, MN
- Bemidji State University, Bemidji, MN
- Bethel University, St Paul, MN
- Brown College, Mendota Heights, MN
- Capella University, Minneapolis, MN
- Central Lakes College, Brainerd, MN
- Century College, White Bear Lake, MN
- College of St. Catherine, St. Paul, MN
- Everest College, Portland, OR
- Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA
- Iowa State University, Ames, IA
- Lake Superior College, Duluth, MN
- Mesabi Range Community and Technical College, Virginia, MN
- Minnesota State University, Moorhead, MN
- Northwest Technical College, Bemidji, MN
- Nova Southeastern University, Ft. Lauderdale, FL

- Oakton Community College, Chicago, IL
- Saint Paul College, St. Paul, MN
- St. Cloud State University, St. Cloud, MN
- Saint Mary's University Of Minnesota, Winona, MN
- University of California, Los Angeles
- University of Louisiana, Monroe, LA
- University of Minnesota, Duluth, MN
- University of Minnesota, Mankato, MN
- University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN
- University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, IA
- University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA
- University of the Pacific, Stockton, CA
- University of Wisconsin, Superior, WI
- Walden University, Minneapolis, MN

Note 1: Some of the above job/career titles require advanced degrees or specialized training.

Note 2: Degrees alone do not get students jobs. Internships, summer jobs, volunteer work, part-time jobs, work-study, and active participation in student organizations on campus are all ways to become more competitive in a tight job market.

Note 3: Personal Competencies: it is also recommended that individuals be competent in a variety of communication methods, and computer skills are a must.

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- FOCUS II. Career Dimensions Incorporated, Manchester, NH (2015)

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