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Psychology Career Outlook 2013–2014

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 28 percent between 2010 and 2020, 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 384,000 jobs in 2010. More than 50 percent were employed in the healthcare and social assistance industries and almost 24 percent were employed by State and local governments.

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 II reports that the nationwide demand for social and human service assistants is expected to grow much faster than average through 2018 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 $70,250 in May 2011.

PLACEMENT INFORMATION FOR PSYCHOLOGY GRADUATES:
There are many career opportunities for Bemidji State University Psychology graduates. Of the Bemidji State University 2011-2012 Psychology (B.A.) graduates, 71.4% reported obtaining employment within one year of graduation, and 16.7% of students reported continuing their education. Of the BSU 2011-2012 Psychology (B.S.) graduates, 72.2% reported having obtained related employment within one year of graduation, while 9 of the 32 graduates reported continuing their education. This does not include students who were not seeking employment, unavailable, or had unknown status.

LIST OF EMPLOYERS WHO HAVE REPORTED HIRING BSU PSYCHOLOGY GRADUATES: (This list only includes employment within one year of graduation.)
Access to Employment Case Coordinator Virginia, MN
Abraxas Leadership Development Program Life Skills Worker II South Mountain, PA
Access to Employment Case Coordinator Virginia, MN
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AEOA-Headstart
Americorp
Americorps
Amhearts H. Wilder Foundation
Anoka County Human Services
Apple Valley School District
Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency
Baker Demonstration School
Bemidji School District
Bethany Homes
Birchwood Home
Black Hills Works Foundation
Blandin Foundation
Boston Health Care Systems
Boys & Girls Club of Bemidji
Briar Rose AFC
CCP-Adapted Living
Central Lakes College
Charles B. Want Community Health Center
Children's Mental Health Services
DeSimone & Huxster Law Firm
Development Homes Inc.
East View Academy
Employment Link
Episcopal Homes Foundation
Evergreen Community Services
Evergreen Transitional Living Program
Fortis Benefits
Game Stop
Gilfillan Center
Giovanni's Pizza
GKK Media Services
GOAL
Heartland PCA
H.O.M.E.S. Inc.
Hope House
IBM
Itasca Community College
Itasca County
Kelly Services
Kinship of Todd/Wadena Counties
Lake Elmo Elementary School
Lakeville School District
Law Offices of Chung N Phang
Leech Lake Tribal College
Magellan Behavioral Health Services
Masterson Personnel Inc.
McGaw YMCA
McGaw YMCA Children's Center
Meridian Services
Meritcare Clinic
Mesabi Community College
Mesabi Range Community & Technical College
Mille Lacs Academy
Minnesota Early Autism Project
Minnesota Reading Corp

Family Service Center Coordinator
Health and Dental Education Liaison
Volunteer
Residential Counselor
Financial Assistance Specialist
Paraprofessional
Case Manager
Assistant Teacher
EBD Paraprofessional
Recreational Therapy Assistant
Manager
Associate Instructor
Administrative Assistant
Mental Health Counselor
Program Director
Lead Staff
Family Service Coordinator
Upward Bound Advisor
Clinical Program Associate
Case Manager
Legal Assistant
Direct Support Professional
Education Assistant
Employment Access Coordinator
Campaign Associate
Off-Site Case Manager
Youth Counselor
Disability Claims Analyst
Senior Game Advisor
Chemical Dependency Counselor
Assistant Manager
Production Manager
Client Counselor
Personal Care Attendant
Direct Service Professional
LADC
Management Trainee-Human Resources Advisor
Eligibility Specialist
Paraprofessional/Substitute Teacher
Program Coordinator
Teacher's Aide Special Needs Assistant
Paraprofessional
Legal Secretary/Translator
Learning Center Director
Case Manager
On-Site Representative
Early Childhood Teacher
Assistant Teacher
Program Manager
Service Area Assistant
Faculty
Upward Bound Academic Advisor
Counselor
Behavioral Therapist
Reading Tutor

Hermantown, MN
Bemidji, MN
Sauk Center, MN
St. Paul, MN
Anoka, MN
Apple Valley, MN
Virginia, MN
Chicago, IL
Bemidji, MN
Fargo, ND
Buhl, MN
Rapid City, SD
Grand Rapids, MN
Burnsville, MN
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Brainerd, MN
Flushing, NY
Grand Rapids, MN
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Boulder, CO
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Kuala Lumpur,
Bemidji, MN
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Grand Rapids, MN
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Cyberjaya, Selangor
Grand Rapids, MN
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Bemidji, MN
Staples, MN
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Oakland, CA
Walker, MN
Peoria, AZ
Waite Park, MN
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COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES WHERE BSU PSYCHOLOGY GRADUATES HAVE GONE TO CONTINUE THEIR EDUCATION:

- Argosy University, Minneapolis, MN
- Bemidji State University, Bemidji, MN
- Brown College, Mendota Heights, MN
- Capella University, Minneapolis, MN
- Central Lakes College, Brainerd, MN
- College of St. Catherine, St. Paul, MN
- Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA
- Iowa State University, Ames, IA
- Minnesota State University, Moorhead, MN
- Northwest Technical College, Bemidji, MN
- Nova Southeastern University, Ft. Lauderdale, FL
- Saint Paul College, St. Paul, MN
- St. Cloud State University, St. Cloud, 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 North Dakota, Grand Forks, ND
- 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 positions, 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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