

Linking Majors to Careers

APPLIED PSYCHOLOGY

For CPS undergraduate students only

The study of psychology is the study of behavior and mental processes of individuals. It involves studying the physical, cognitive, emotional, and/or the social aspects of human behavior. Learning about people's traits and tendencies can lead to better understanding of how and why people act as they do and can facilitate change in human behavior. The Applied Psychology major in the College for Professional Studies Undergraduate program prepares students for careers and further education in criminal justice, domestic violence, adolescent or substance abuse counseling and human services. It is designed for students contemplating work in the human and social service arenas or for those already working in these fields. The curriculum offers a solid theoretical foundation as well as practical application activities and experiences. Students also have the opportunity to do an internship-for-credit which can enhance the student's experience in the field and assist in developing professional contacts.

For students considering further study in a graduate program, the student is advised to check with each school for their specific requirements.

SKILLS: The person who majors in **Applied Psychology** at Regis University has the opportunity to learn a variety of essential **skills**, such as:

- Interpersonal Communication
- Leadership
- Negotiation
- Listening
- Understanding of Human Behavior
- Human Services and Criminal Justice applications
- Critical Thinking
- Data Analysis
- Stress Management
- Academic Writing
- Research
- Behavioral Observation
- Teamwork

SOME TIPS ON GETTING A JOB THAT UTILIZES YOUR APPLIED PSYCHOLOGY SKILLS:

1. Do an internship-for-credit in the area you are interested in.
2. Do volunteer work or a special project in your field.
3. Join a professional organization in your field(s) of interest. You can usually join as a student at a discount.
4. Attend local and national conferences or meetings of professional organizations.
5. Contact Career Services, www.regis.edu/careerservices, for more information and ways to enter the field.

RELATED JOBS: Listed below are some career fields someone with an emphasis in Applied Psychology may enter:

Clinical psychologist*	Guidance counselor*
Community organization manager	Police officer
Criminal investigator*	Customs examiner
Correction counselor/officer*	Probation officer
Special agent, FBI*	Child services caseworker
Probation officer	Psychologist*
Biofeedback technician	Drug counselor
Psychotherapist*	Career counselor*
Vocational counselor*	Employment interviewer
Fundraiser	Hospice manager
College admissions advisor	Research assistant
School counselor*	Human services client
Advocate	Human services caseworker
Child/youth protective services worker	Job developer for people with disabilities
At-risk youth program developer	

* May require graduate/professional degree or additional training.



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WEB SITES RELATED TO APPLIED PSYCHOLOGY:

- Accredited Graduate Programs in Counseling (from CACREP)
www.cacrep.org
- American Counseling Association
www.counseling.org
- American Public Human Services Association
www.aphsa.org
- American Society of Criminology
www.asc41.com
- American Sociological Association
www.asanet.org
- Association for Applied and Clinical Sociology
www.aascnet.org/wp/
- Careers in Psychology
www.apa.org/students/brochure/
- Careers in Social Work
www.socialworkers.org/students
- Careers in School Psychology
www.indiana.edu/%7Ediv16/G&O.htm
- Central Intelligence Agency
www.cia.gov
- Colorado Forum on Community and Restorative Justice
www.coloradorestorativejustice.org
- Federal Bureau of Investigation
www.fbi.gov
- Information on Federal Service Jobs & Internships with the Federal Government
www.ourpublicservice.org
- National Association for Victim Assistance
www.trynova.org
- National Association of Social Workers
www.naswdc.org
- National Child Support Enforcement Association
www.ncsea.org
- National Coalition Against Domestic Violence
www.ncadv.org
- National Security Agency
www.nsa.gov
- Society for the Study of Social Problems
www.sssp1.org
- U.S. Department of Justice
www.usdoj.gov