

## Psychology Careers Tutorial

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### Module A Objectives

By the end of this tutorial you will be able to...

**# 6 – Identify** the occupational settings and jobs where you would work for each of the specialty areas of psychology

**# 7 – Compare** the educational and experiential requirements of a psychiatrist, psychologist, marriage and family therapist, social worker, and paraprofessional counselor.

### Specialty Areas of Psychology

- |                  |                             |
|------------------|-----------------------------|
| • Clinical       | • Industrial/Organizational |
| • Personality    | • Developmental             |
| • Educational    | • Experimental              |
| • Forensic       | • Health                    |
| • Biological     | • Social                    |
| • Cognitive      | • Counseling                |
| • Rehabilitation | • Sports                    |

Quiz: Who am I? [http://psychology.about.com/library/quiz/bl\\_specialty\\_quiz.htm](http://psychology.about.com/library/quiz/bl_specialty_quiz.htm)

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### Psychology Careers and Jobs

- **Read:** Websites
  - [Areas of Specialization](#) (Northwestern University)
  - Areas of Research and Application (Wagner College)
  - [Psychology Careers and Education](#)
- **Take Notes**
  - *Settings – where would you work?*
  - *Responsibilities – what would you do?*
- **Reflection:** Which areas are most interesting to you and why?

### Clinical Professions

- Read and Outline
  - Psychiatric Technician and Aid - <http://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/psychiatric-technicians-and-aides.htm>
  - Psychologists - <http://www.bls.gov/ooh/Life-Physical-and-Social-Science/Psychologists.htm>
  - Mental Health Counselors and Therapists - <http://www.bls.gov/ooh/community-and-social-service/mental-health-counselors-and-marriage-and-family-therapists.htm>
  - Social Worker - <http://www.bls.gov/ooh/Community-and-Social-Service/Social-workers.htm>
- **Tip!** Not all mental health professionals are the same. Some require more education and training than others and it's probably no surprise that the more education the higher the salary!

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### Conclusions

- There is much more to psychology than just mental illness!
  - *There are many different specialty areas.*
  - *There are many different occupational choices too!*
  
- Picking the right specialty area for you is just a matter of putting a little time into learning more about psychology!
  - **Become familiar with the different specialty areas.**
  - *Look into the career possibilities.*
  - *Double check the career requirements (i.e. education, licenses, etc.).*

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