“What Can I Do With a Bachelor’s Degree in Psychology?”

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Psychology majors often ask, “What can I do with a bachelor’s degree in psychology?” The purpose of the resource described in this poster is to provide an answer to this question. This resource consists of 300 careers that psychology majors can prepare to enter, which are organized into the 15 broad occupational categories highlighted in BLUE below. Those that can be entered with a bachelor’s degree are highlighted in GREEN. Careers whose futures are promising because they are expected to grow rapidly in the next several years, will have large numbers of job openings, or are new and emerging occupations are followed by ●. Persons employed in 57 of these careers are psychologists who hold the appropriate graduate degree. The remaining 243 psychology-related careers (i.e., those that require the demonstration of psychological knowledge and skills, but which do not carry the title of psychologist) are divided almost equally into two categories: those that can be entered with a bachelor’s degree and those that require a graduate degree. Each career is followed by a set of hotlinks to websites containing information such as required skills and knowledge, work activities and environment, necessary preparation, and pay scale. Students can access this resource under the Academic Advising tab at http://www.teachpsych.org/page-1603066, and a formal introduction to this resource for faculty can be accessed at the same address. Faculty, advisors, and administrators can use this resource in classes, advising sessions, and departmental websites to help psychology majors begin the process of accomplishing Goal 5: Professional Development of APA’s Guidelines for the Undergraduate Psychology Major by acquiring an understanding of the “settings in which people with backgrounds in psychology typically work,” and to become familiar with the “skill sets desired by employers who hire or select people with psychology backgrounds,” thus enabling them “to develop meaningful professional directions.”