

Applied Behavior Analysis Therapist

Overview	Applied Behavior Analysis Therapists generally work with child of all ages on the autism spectrum or with developmental issues. They work one-one one with individuals to improve communication, social, and life skills and decrease problematic behavior. ABA Therapists use reward systems and other behavior management techniques as a means to modify behavior.	
Duties	· Assist individuals in identifying their needs · Formulating treatment plans to manage problematic behaviors · Carry out interventions and treatment plans · Monitor the progress of individuals under their care · Collaborate with family members or other care providers to determine how to best address long-term individual goals	
Salary	\$54,000 national median (with BCBA)	
Typical Setting	Client homes, offices, schools, hospitals, community centers, government agencies	
Educational Requirements	Employers may require board certification in behavior analysis (BCBA) which requires: · Master's degree or higher in behavioral analysis, education, or psychology · Fieldwork experience · Passing the BCBA examination It is possible to work in the field with a bachelor's degree as a Board Certified Assistant Behavior Analyst (BCaBA)	
Suggested Coursework	CO 120: Interpersonal Communication PY 203: Child Psychology PY 401: Intro to Clinical Psych PY 431: Psych Tests and Measures	PL 104: Ethics PY 204: Adolescent Psychology PY 398: Applied Behavior Analysis
Similar Occupations	Registered Behavior Technician, Board Certified Assistant Behavior Analyst (BCaBA), Mental Health Counseling, Marriage and Family Therapy	
Further Resources	http://education-portal.com/articles/Behavior_Analyst_Job_Description_and_Education_Requirements.html https://study.com/articles/ABA_Therapist_Job_Description_and_Requirements_for_Becoming_an_ABA_Therapist.html https://www.bacb.com/bcba/	

Child Life Specialist

Overview	Child Life Specialists are pediatric health care professionals who work with children and families in hospitals and other settings to help them cope with the challenges of hospitalization, illness, and disability. They provide children with age-appropriate preparation for medical procedures, pain management and coping strategies, and play and self-expression activities. They also provide information, support, and guidance to parents, siblings, and other family members.	
Duties	• Psychological preparation for tests, surgeries, and other medical procedures • Support during medical procedures • Therapeutic medical and recreational play • Sibling support • Support for grief and bereavement • Emergency room interventions • Coordinate special events, entertainment, and activities for patients and their families • Educate caregivers, administrators, and the general public about the needs of children under stress	
Salary Range	\$42,000-47,000 national median; \$57,000 average in NJ	
Typical Setting	Hospitals (primarily) but may work in medical clinics, hospice, or medical offices	
Educational Requirements	Certified Child Life Specialist (CCLS) Eligibility requirements: • Bachelor's degree from ACLP endorsed child life program OR • 10 college courses - o Child life course taught by a CCLS - o 2 child development courses - o Family systems course - o Play course - o Death/dying course - o Research course - o 3 additional courses, such as ethics, anatomy and physiology, medical terminology • 600 hours of internship • Passing the Child Life Professional Certification Exam	
Suggested Coursework	PY 203: Child Psychology BY 111/112: Anat and Physio I & 11 PL 104: Ethics PR 433: Death and Dying SO 261: Sociology of Family	PY 204: Adolescent Psychology HE 105: Medical Terminology SW 461: Culturally Diverse Child Welfare PY 342: Children's Play and Culture
Similar Occupations	Medical and Healthcare Social Worker (MSW)	
Further Resources	https://www.childlife.org/the-child-life-profession https://www.childlife.org/certification/students https://www.childlife.org/docs/default-source/certification/2019-eligibility-details.pdf	

Clinical Psychologist

Overview	Clinical Psychologists are experts in the identification and treatment of various mental, emotional, social, and behavioral health issues. They administer programs of treatment through a variety of psychotherapy techniques. They also administer and interpret intelligence, achievement, personality, and other psychological tests to diagnose disorders and formulate plans of treatment. They select the approach to use in individual therapy and plan the frequency, intensity, and duration of therapy. Clinical psychologist may also do research and specialize in a variety of applied subfields, such as sports and forensic psychology.	
Duties	- Identify psychological, emotional or behavioral issues - Diagnose psychological, emotional or behavioral disorders - Develop and implement treatment plans and therapeutic processes - Help clients define goals and plan action to achieve personal, social, educational and vocational development and adjustment - Monitor client progress through regular meetings or sessions - Work with individuals one-on-one (generally) - Teach classes, conduct research and publish research findings	
Salary	\$77,000 national median; \$85,000 NJ median	
Typical Setting	Private practice, mental healthcare facilities, academic settings, correctional facilities, hospitals	
Educational Requirements	- Complete an APA accredited Doctor of Psychology (PsyD) or Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Clinical or Counseling Psychology program 3,500 hours supervised clinical experience - Pass Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology (EPPP) & NJ jurisprudence exam - Licensure	
Suggested Coursework	HE 260: Substance Use/Abuse PY 408: Cultural Psychology PY 401: Intro to Clinical Psych CO 120 Interpersonal Comm HE 476: Interpersonal Violence SW 105: Intro to Social Work	PY 431: Psych Tests & Measures CJ 330: Crisis Intervention PY 305: Theories of Personality PY 398: Applied Behavior Analysis PY 406: Intro to Neuroscience PY 322: Industrial/Organizational Psych
Similar Occupations	Mental Health Counselor, Clinical Social Worker, Marriage and Family Therapist, Psychiatrist	
Resources	https://www.psychologyschoolguide.net/psychology-careers/clinical-psychologist/ https://www.psychologydegree411.com/licensure/new-jersey/ https://www.allpsychologyschools.com/clinical-psychology/job-description/	

Clinical Social Worker (LCSW)

Overview	A Clinical Social Worker is a mental health practitioner. LCSW's work with clients in order to help deal with issues involving mental and emotional health. There are a wide variety of specializations the Licensed Clinical Social Worker can focus on. These include specialties such as: working with mental health issues, substance abuse, public health, school social work, medical social work, marriage counseling or children and family therapy. Some may choose to work purely in a research, policy making or administrative capacity. There are many career paths in this field. In NJ you can have a private practice to do clinical social work services, but can also engage in general social work careers.	
Duties	- Engage in private practice (in NJ) - Offer general counseling, bereavement counseling and crisis intervention for individuals, couples, families and groups - Supervise other social workers at their place of employment - Manage agency programs (e.g., mental health) - Provide consulting for health plans, schools or businesses - Serve as expert witnesses during court cases	
Salary	\$68,000 national median NJ has some of the highest salaries in the US for social work averaging \$76,000	
Typical Setting	Private practice, hospitals, mental health facilities, child welfare agencies, veteran services, homeless shelters, substance abuse clinics, children's homes, detention centers, rehabilitation centers	
Educational Requirements	- Earn a CWSE-accredited Master of Social Work degree (or higher) - Do clinical training (3,000 clinical hours) and additional coursework - Pass the ASWB Clinical exam - Licensure	
Suggested Coursework	SW 105: Intro to Social Work PY 401: Intro to Clinical Psych PY 305: Theories of Personality HE 476: Interpersonal Violence CO 120: Interpersonal Comm HE 324: Human Sexuality	CJ 330: Crisis Intervention SW 461: Culturally Diverse Child Welfare HE 260: Substance Use/Abuse PY 408: Cultural Psychology PY 431: Psych Tests & Measures HE 476: Interpersonal Violence
Similar Occupations	Marriage and Family Therapist, Mental Health Counselor	
Further Resources	https://www.humanservicesedu.org/licensed-clinical-social-worker-lcsw.html https://www.socialworkguide.org/licensure/new-jersey/ https://www.psychologycareercenter.org/clinical-social-worker.html https://www.onetonline.org/link/summary/21-1023.00#WorkContext	

Forensic Psychologist

Overview	According to the APA, "Forensic psychology refers to professional practice by any psychologist working within any sub-discipline of psychology (e.g., clinical, developmental, social, cognitive) when applying the scientific, technical, or specialized knowledge of psychology to the law to assist in addressing legal, contractual, and administrative matters." It is a combination of psychology, criminal justice, and law. Instead of starting with a career as a forensic psychologist in mind, you should consider what you would like to do within the legal system and see what sort of training will best accomplish that goal. There are many occupations that cross psychology with the legal system.	
Duties	These vary greatly as the field is incredible diverse. Forensic psychologists may help determine whether a suspect is competent enough to stand trial, help select a jury, or determine whether an inmate is ready for parole. They may help recommend to the court juvenile custody assignments, assists in civil law suits, help victims of crime and investigate and counsel abuse cases. They may also conducting screening and assessments of inmates and police officers, help police determine the motives for certain crimes and narrow down a suspect pool to assist investigators. Forensics psychologists may serve as an expert witness, jury consultant, victim advocate, or in law enforcement. They may do research, administer tests and evaluations, conduct interviews, observe witness/suspect behaviors, write reports, and counsel.	
Salary Ranges	National average is \$63,000 - \$94,000	
Typical Setting	Courts, law firms, law enforcement, correctional facilities much of the work is consulting	
Educational Requirements	Most states only license forensic psychologists with a doctoral degree (PhD or PsyD); often offered as a track within clinical psychology State licensure required Board certification may be required (American Board of Forensic Psychology)	
Suggested Coursework	CJ 380 Forensic Psychology CJ 241 Criminology CJ 330 Crisis Intervention PY 350 Theories of Personality	PY 398: Applied Behavior Analysis PY 406 Introduction to Neuroscience PY 408 Cultural Psychology PY 431 Psych Tests and Measures
Similar Occupations	Parole Officer/Probations, Social Work, Forensic Mental Health Counseling, Clinical Mental Health Counseling	
Further Resources	https://www.apa.org/action/science/forensic/education-training https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H3-p1QnHrVk http://careersinpsychology.org/becoming-a-forensic-psychologist/ http://careersinpsychology.org/interview/dr-jack-a-apsche/	

Human Resource Specialist

Overview	Human Resources Specialists recruit, screen, interview, and place workers. They often handle other human resources work, such as those related to employee relations, compensation and benefits, and training. It is a diverse field with specialization opportunities.
Duties	• Employment and recruiting: Assist in hiring and managing employee data • Labor and employee relations: Liaison between management & employees • Training and development: Conduct new employee orientation, provide ongoing education for staff, use data to develop training materials • Job analysis: Identify job duties, determine compensation, develop job titles and descriptions and application materials • Benefits and compensation: Performance reviews, establish bonus and stock options plans, develop pay structure, serve as liaison with insurance carriers
Salary	\$60,000 national median; \$69,000 NJ median
Typical Setting	Corporate; employment agencies, companies with 40+ employees tend to have full-time human resources personnel
Educational Requirements	Bachelor's degree in human resources, psychology, or business Professional in Human Resources certification (optional) Master's in human resources or an MBA may be required for advancement
Suggested Coursework	PY 322: Industrial/Organizational Psychology PY 408: Cultural Psychology BM 250: Principles of Management and Organizational Behavior BM 404: Human Resources Management CO 120: Interpersonal Communication
Similar Occupations	Market Research, Finance, Real Estate, Public Relations
Resources	https://www.bls.gov/ooh/business-and-financial/human-resources-specialists.htm https://study.com/articles/Human_Resource_Specialist_Job_Description_and_Education_Requirements.html https://www.onetonline.org/link/summary/13-1071.00

Industrial-Organizational Psychologist

Overview	Industrial-organizational Psychologists apply psychological principles and research methods to solve problems in the workplace and improve the quality of life. They study workplace productivity and management and employee working styles. They get a feel for the morale and personality of a company or organization. They also collaborate with management to help plan policies, carry out screenings and training sessions, and develop a plan for the future. They may also do consumer psychology.
Daily Duties	• Apply psychological research to the workplace • Help businesses hire more qualified employees • Help train and motivate workforce • Assess job performance • Develop compensation and reward systems • Increase business efficiency • Improve organizational structure • Improve quality of life for employers and employees • Ease transitions such as corporate mergers • Study consumer behavior/psychology • May develop surveys, assessments, and other measurement tools
Salary	\$97,000 national median; \$116,890 NJ median
Typical Setting	Corporate, within human resources offices, as consultant
Educational Requirements	Master's degree in industrial-organizational psychology (or doctorate) Voluntary certification from (ABOBCP)
Suggested Coursework	PY 322: Industrial-Organizational Psychology PY 408: Psych Tests and Measurements PY 408: Cultural Psychology PY 305: Personality Theories BM 250: Principles of Management and Organizational Behavior BM 4xx: Upper level business management courses Internship in the field
Similar Occupations	Human Factors, Human Resources, Marketing Research, Consumer Psychology
Further Resources	https://www.psychologyschoolguide.net/career-guides/becoming-an-industrial-organizational-psychologist/ https://www.onetonline.org/link/summary/19-3032.00#WagesEmployment

Marketing Research Analyst

Overview	Marketing research involves collecting data about products, promotion, placement, and price points, which includes advertisement testing and product concept testing. The similar field of market research examines larger trends in the consumer needs and services.		
Duties	· Gather data on consumers, competitors, and market conditions · Develop research plans for product development using surveys, interviews, focus groups, etc. · Compile and analyze statistical data · Interpret data, formulate reports and make recommendations · Convert complex data and findings into understandable tables, graphs, and written reports · Measure the effectiveness of marketing programs and strategies · Provide competitive analysis on various companies' market offerings, identify market trends, pricing/business models, sales and methods of operation (market research) · Remain fully informed on market trends, other parties researches and implement best practices		
Salary	\$63,000 national median; \$78,000 NJ median		
Typical Setting	Corporate; most industries use marketing research		
Educational Requirements	· Bachelor's degree in marketing, psychology, statistics, business administration, economics, or communication · Internship experience in field highly recommended · MBA is not required, but desired for leadership positions		
Suggested Coursework	PY 321: Qualitative Research Methods BK 250: Principles of Marketing BK 404: Consumer Behavior BK 411: Principles in Advertising BK 401: Marketing Research (pre-reqs: BK250, BM250, IT100, BE251)	PY 408: Cultural Psychology PY 322: I/O Psychology CO 120: Interpersonal Comm	
Similar Occupations	Human Resources, Finance, Real Estate, Public Relations		
Resources	https://www.mymarketresearchmethods.com/market-research-marketing-research-difference/ https://www.bls.gov/ooh/business-and-financial/market-research-analysts.htm https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TsOgNmeeQHo https://collegegrad.com/careers/market-research-analysts		

Marriage and Family Therapy

Overview	Marriage and Family Therapists guide couples, families and groups on issues that affect their mental health and well-being. Their counseling focuses on families and individuals with social and relationship based problems. They focus on systems (e.g., family, school, work) using a hybrid of psychology (focusing on the individual) and sociology (focusing on society). Many marriage and family therapists approach their work holistically and use a “wellness” model (as opposed to an “illness” one) which highlights and encourages clients’ strengths. Common issues they may assist with include: child and adolescent behavioral problems, grieving, depression and anxiety, LGBTQ issues, domestic violence, infertility, marital conflicts, and substance abuse.	
Duties	· Observe how people interact within systems, such as within a family, school or work system · Evaluate and resolve relationship problems · Diagnose and treat psychological disorders within a family context · Guide clients through transitional crises such as divorce or death · Highlight problematic relational or behavioral patterns · Help replace dysfunctional behaviors with healthy alternatives · Take a holistic (mind-body) approach to wellness	
Salary	National median \$50,000, but in NJ the median is \$72,000	
Typical Setting	Private practice, social service agencies, hospitals, substance abuse centers, hospitals, schools	
Educational Requirements	· Master’s degree accredited by COAMFTE for marriage and family therapy · 3 years (4,500 hours) supervised experience · Licensure exam	
Suggested Coursework	HE 260: Substance Use/Abuse PY 408 Cultural Psychology PY 401: Intro to Clinical Psych PY 305: Theories of Personality PY 398: Applied Behavior Analysis HE 324: Human Sexuality Additional developmental courses, such as PY 203, 204, & 205	SO 101: Intro to Sociology CJ 330: Crisis Intervention SW 461: Culturally Diverse Child Welfare CO 120: Interpersonal Communication PY 431: Psychological Tests & Measures HE 476: Interpersonal Violence
Similar Occupations	Mental Health Counseling, Clinical Social Work, Clinical Psychologist	
Further Resources	https://www.allpsychologyschools.com/marriage-and-family-therapy/job-description/ https://careersinpsychology.org/mft-degrees-schools-employment-nj/ https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w6P0STFIPQ4	

*Only two universities in NJ offer this program. Seton Hall University (MFT) and the College of New Jersey (combined MFT & LPC)

Mental Health Counseling (LPC)

Overview	Licensed Professional Counselors (LPC) work with any age group on any issue that impacts mental health. They offer psychotherapy to help treat those with mental health and substance abuse issues. LPCs help patients work through personal issues like anger management, depression, stress, suicidal thoughts, self-image, relational problems, stress, addiction and crisis management.	
Duties	· Work with individuals through psychotherapy to improve mental health · Encourage clients to discuss emotions and experiences · Help clients define goals, plan action and gain insight · Conducting mental health assessments · Develop individualized treatment plans · Run classes or workshops · Make treatment referral · Leading therapy sessions	
Salary	\$48,000 national median; \$55,500 NJ median	
Typical Setting	Private practice, hospitals, health centers, government agencies, youth homes	
Educational Requirements	· CACREP accredited master's program in mental health counseling · 3 years (4,500 hours) of supervised clinical experience · Passing the National Counselor Exam · License as a Professional Counselor (LPC)	
Suggested Coursework	HE 260: Substance Use/Abuse PY 408: Cultural Psychology PY 401: Intro to Clinical Psych CO 120: Interpersonal Comm HE 476: Interpersonal Violence	PY 431: Psych Tests & Measures CJ 330: Crisis Intervention PY 305: Theories of Personality PY 398: Applied Behavior Analysis
Similar Occupations	Marriage and Family Therapy, Clinical Social Worker, Clinical Psychologist	
Further Resources	https://www.onetonline.org/link/summary/21-1014.00#WagesEmployment https://www.tuw.edu/health/lpcc-vs-mft/ https://www.counselor-education.com/new-jersey-lpc-requirements/ https://www.allpsychologyschools.com/mental-health-counseling/job-description/	

Probation Officer

Overview	Probation Officers, or Correctional Treatment Specialists, provide social services to assist in rehabilitation of law offenders in custody or on probation or parole. They may work with juveniles or adults to ensure court stipulations are met in lieu of incarceration.	
Duties	· Interview with probationers and parolees, their friends, and their relatives in an office or at a residence to assess progress · Evaluate probationers and parolees to determine the best course of rehabilitation · Provide probationers and parolees with resources, such as job training · Test offenders for drugs and offer substance abuse counseling · Complete prehearing investigations and testify in court regarding offender's backgrounds · Write reports and maintain case files on offenders	
Salary	\$53,000 national median; \$73,780 NJ median	
Typical Setting	State and local government offices and residence of probationers and parolees	
Educational Requirements	Bachelor's degree (internship in field highly recommended) State-mandated training program	
Suggested Coursework	CJ 380: Forensic Psychology CJ 241: Criminology CJ 330: Crisis Intervention PY 350: Theories of Personality	PY 398: Applied Behavior Analysis CJ 101: Intro for Criminal Justice PY 408: Cultural Psychology
Similar Occupations	Correctional Officer, Social Worker	
Further Resources	https://study.com/how_to_become_a_probation_officer.html https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wVHEX7bJZnU https://www.bls.gov/ooh/community-and-social-service/probation-officers-and-correctional-treatment-specialists.htm	

Psychiatrist

Overview	Psychiatry deals with the prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and research of mental disorders. Psychiatrists must earn a general medical degree (M.D.) after which they start their training in psychiatry. As medical practitioners, psychiatrists mainly use pharmacological treatment. Because psychiatrists are trained medical doctors, they can prescribe medications, and they spend much of their time with patients on medication management as a course of treatment. In contrast, psychologists focus extensively on psychotherapy and treating emotional and mental suffering in patients with behavioral intervention.
Duties	· Prescribe, direct, or administer psychotherapeutic treatments or medications to treat mental, emotional, or behavioral disorders · Gather and maintain patient information and records, including social or medical history obtained from patients, relatives, or other professionals · Design individualized care plans, using a variety of treatments · Collaborate with physicians, psychologists, social workers, psychiatric nurses, or other professionals to discuss treatment plans and progress · Analyze and evaluate patient data or test findings to diagnose nature or extent of mental disorder
Salary	\$208,000 national and NJ median
Typical Setting	Private practice, hospitals, clinics, prisons, community agencies, hospice, nursing homes
Educational Requirements	Earn a Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) - 4 years to complete Become a licensed M.D. Complete a 4-year residency in psychiatry Become board certified in psychiatry from the ABPN
Suggested Coursework	· Follow guidelines for pre-medicine advising found at: https://www.monmouth.edu/pre-health/ · Includes general & organic chemistry, biology, biochemistry, physics, calculus, statistics, psychology, sociology, anatomy & physiology · Must take MCAT exam for medical school admissions
Similar Occupations	Clinical Psychology, Mental Health Counseling, Marriage and Family Therapy
Further Resources	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3L3Zd7zTm2A https://learn.org/articles/Psychiatrist_5_Steps_to_Becoming_a_Psychiatrist.html https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WNG7QwpNu1k

Recreational Therapist

Overview	Recreational Therapists use recreation and other activity-based interventions to address the assessed needs of individuals with illnesses and/or disabling conditions, as a means to psychological and physical health, recovery and well-being. There is purpose behind each activity with the goal of helping the clients' learn to live with their disability and enhance their quality of life by reducing depression, stress and anxiety and building confidence and sociability.	
Duties	- Plans, organizes, and directs medically approved recreation programs - Directs and organizes such activities as sports, dramatics, games, and arts and crafts - Regulates content of program in accordance with patients' capabilities, needs, and interests - Instructs patients in relaxation techniques to reduce stress and tension - Instructs patients in calisthenics, stretching and limbering exercises, and individual and group sports - Counsels and encourages patients to develop leisure activities - Assesses needs and monitors progress - Organizes special outings	
Salary	\$48,000 national median; \$58,000 NJ median	
Typical Setting	Hospitals, nursing homes, physical rehabilitation centers, mental health centers, assisted living facilities, parks and recreation	
Educational Requirements	- Bachelor degree in recreational therapy, internship, & exam OR - Bachelor degree (not field specific), coursework in therapeutic recreation (18 credits), 1 year full-time paid work experiences in recreational therapy under a CTRS or 5 years full-time experience, pass exam; advised to seek out master's degree programs post BA in psychology - Certification as a Therapeutic Recreation Specialists (CTRS) from NCTRC	
Suggested Coursework	BY 111: Anat and Physio I HE 101: Strat Healthy Living PY 208: Abnormal Psychology	HE 212: Lifespan Development & Health HE 435: Community Health
Similar Occupations	Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Rehabilitation Counselor, Mental Health Counselor	
Further Resources	https://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/recreational-therapists.htm https://www.psychologyschoolguide.net/psychology-careers/recreational-therapist/ http://www.rectherapytoday.com/2017/09/13/why-i-went-for-a-masters-degree-in-recreation-therapy/ https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3UFfRCvRp7o	

Rehabilitation Counselor

Overview	Rehabilitation Counselors help people with physical, mental, developmental, or emotional disabilities live independently. They work with clients to help them manage the social, personal, and professional aspects of their lives, so that they can experience independent living. They may work with clients that have physical or mobility issues, mental illness, brain injury, chronic disease, substance abuse or addiction, sensory impairment, and communication or language disorders. These may result from a tragic life events. They help people overcome obstacles that pave the way towards a more productive life.	
Duties	• Assessing the client's capabilities and limitations • Working with clients to set goals for employment and independent living • Arranging the necessary training and therapy to meet those goals • Facilitating job training and placement • Assisting in the job application process • Serving as an advocate in cases of employment or workplace discrimination • Helping people with disabilities find meaningful work serves to increase their independence and social interconnectedness	
Salary	\$36,000 national median; \$62,000 median in NJ	
Typical Setting	Vocational rehabilitation services, senior centers, youth guidance organizations, correctional facilities, hospitals, physical therapy clinics, assisted living facilities, nursing homes	
Educational Requirements	• Master's Degree in rehabilitation counseling from a CACREP/CORE accredited program • 4,500 supervised practice hours • Licensure as a Rehabilitation Counselor (LRC)	
Suggested Coursework	HE 212: Lifespan Development & Health PY 431: Psychological Tests & Measures PY 301: Psych of Learning	HE 324: Human Sexuality CO 120: Interpersonal Comm PY 302: Memory and Cognition
Similar Occupations	Mental Health Counseling, Occupational Therapist, Social Services Manager	
Resources	https://www.bls.gov/ooh/community-and-social-service/rehabilitation-counselors.htm https://www.psychologyschoolguide.net/counseling-careers/becoming-a-rehabilitation-counselor/ https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nCZVNg3dhrU https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1IFsqTMLtz4	

School Counseling

Overview	School Counselors play an important role in helping students navigate their education. This position has expanded from guidance counselor positions, which focused mainly on post-graduation planning and administrative support. Current focus areas include, personal/social development, family intervention, academic guidance, and career development. School counselors are a collaborative member of an educational team.
Duties	• Creating and implementing counseling programs that assist in academic, career and personal development • Evaluating the school's counseling needs • Using individual assessment tools to evaluate students' abilities, interests, and personality characteristics • Meeting with students to assist in goal setting and career planning • Counseling students individually and within small groups regarding educational issues and personal or behavioral problems • Providing crisis intervention to students when difficult situations occur at school • Measuring and reporting the effectiveness of school counseling programs
Salary Ranges	\$45,000 to \$54,000 national median; NJ average \$69,000
Typical Setting	School settings pre-K to 12 th grade
Educational Requirements	Masters or higher from CACREP accredited program State Certification
Suggested Coursework	PY 310: Psychology Internship (field related) PY 408: Cultural Psychology PY 431: Psychological Tests and Measures Additional developmental courses, such as PY 203, 204, & 205 CO 120: Interpersonal Communication ED 250: Psychological and Philosophical Foundations of Education HE 260: Substance Use/Abuse SW 105: Intro to Social Work
Similar Occupations	School Social Worker, School Psychologist, Career Counseling, Marriage and Family Therapy
Further Resources	https://www.psychologyschoolguide.net/school-counseling/ https://www.schoolcounselor.org/press/what-does-a-school-counselor-do https://www.allpsychologyschools.com/school-counseling/job-description/

School Psychologist

Overview	School Psychologists provide direct support and interventions to students, consult with teachers, families, and other school-employed mental health professionals (i.e., school counselors, school social workers) to improve support strategies, work with school administrators to improve school-wide practices and policies, and collaborate with community providers to coordinate needed services.
Duties	· Conduct psychological evaluations · Develop IEPs based on testing and monitor their progress · Teach pro-social behaviors to help student success · Counsel students individual or in small groups · Meet with parents · Facilitate workshops for teachers and parents · Offer grief and emergency counseling
Salary Ranges	\$61,000 (masters); \$73,000 (doctorate) national median; NJ average \$85,000
Typical Setting	School settings pre-K to 12 th grade
Educational Requirements	Masters from NASP or Doctorate from APA accredited program Certification
Suggested Coursework	PY 310: Psychology Internship (field related) PY 398: Applied Behavior Analysis PY 408: Cultural Psychology PY 431: Psychological Tests and Measures Additional developmental courses, such as PY 203, 204, & 205 CO 120: Interpersonal Communication ED 250: Psychological and Philosophical Foundations of Education
Similar Occupations	School Social Worker (MSW), School Counseling (Masters or higher)
Further Resources	https://www.nasponline.org/about-school-psychology/who-are-school-psychologists https://www.school-psychologists.com/state/new-jersey-school-psychologist-certification.html https://www.apa.org/ed/graduate/specialize/school https://www.learnhowtobecome.org/psychologist/school-psychologist/

Speech-Language Pathology

Overview	Speech-Language Pathologists treat many types of communication and swallowing problems from babies to adults. This includes speech sounds, language, social communication, voice, fluency, and feeding and swallowing. They focus on prevention, assessment, diagnosis, and treatment.
Duties	- Communicate with patients to evaluate their levels of speech or language difficulty - Determine the extent of communication problems through testing - Identify treatment options - Create and carry out an individualized treatment plan - Teach patients how to make sounds and improve their voices - Teach alternative communication methods to patients with little or no speech capability - Work with patients to develop and strengthen the muscles used to swallow - Counsel patients and families on how to cope with communication disorders
Salary	\$77,500 national median; \$87,500 NJ median
Typical Setting	Private practice, medical offices, hospitals, schools, rehabilitation centers
Educational Requirements	- Graduate degree (MA, MS, MEd) in Speech-Language Pathology/Communicative Sciences and Disorders from a CAA accredited program - Complete a post-graduate fellowship (~ 1,260 hours) - Pass a national exam for speech-language pathology - Obtain state licensure
Suggested Coursework	- Complete the minor in Communication Sciences and Disorders which includes 18 credits of required prerequisite coursework needed for graduate programs if you do not have a bachelor's degree in the field - Internship in the field - CO 120: Interpersonal Communication
Similar Occupations	Occupational Therapist, Physical Therapist, Recreational Therapist, Respiratory Therapist, Audiologist
Further Resources	https://www.asha.org/public/Who-Are-Speech-Language-Pathologists/ https://www.speechpathologygraduateprograms.org/how-to-become-a-speech-language-pathologist/ https://www.truity.com/career-profile/speech-language-pathologist

Sports Psychologist

Overview	Sports Psychologists use of psychological techniques to enhance the performance, mental health, emotional health and general well-being of athletes. Sports psychology is a combination of the sciences of psychology, sport, and physical fitness. The field is broken down into clinical sports psychology, which addresses personal and career crises, such as performance issues and mental responses to injury, and applied sports psychology, which helps with mental conditioning, visualization, concentration and peak performance.	
Duties	• Help athletes cope with performance fears & improve mental skills for performance • Work individually with athletes to set reachable goals • Work with athletes to remove mental behaviors preventing them from performing at their best • Teach teams how more effectively work together and recommend strategies to enhance group cohesion • Help athletes with personal problems, injuries, confidence, concentration, motivation, anxiety, and substance abuse • Research how to improve athletic performance	
Salary	\$60,000-\$80,000 at university athletics; wide range in private practice	
Typical Setting	Amateur or professional sports teams, colleges/universities, private practice/consulting, military (performance enhancement specialist)	
Educational Requirements	• Master's degree or doctorate in clinical psychology, educational psychology or mental health counseling with mentored applied experience • Most sports psychologists are clinical psychologists or licensed professional counselors specializing in sports performance • Master's level sport psychology programs are preparation for mental performance coaching, coaching sports teams, and preparation for doctorates in counseling or clinical • Certification as a Certified Mental Performance Consultant (CMPC) is helpful	
Suggested Coursework	BY 111/112: Anat and Physio I & II PY 401: Intro to Clinical Psych CO 120: Interpersonal Comm PY 301: Psych of Learning PE 310: Sport Exercise Psychology A minor in Health Studies is highly recommended	HE 101: Strat Healthy Living PY 305: Theories of Personality PY 398: Applied Behavior Analysis PY 302: Memory and Cognition PE 330: Biomechanics & Kinesiology
Similar Occupations	Mental Health Counselor, Sports Rehabilitation Therapist, Clinical Psychologist	
Resources	https://www.psychologyschoolguide.net/sport-psychology/ https://www.apa.org/gradpsych/2012/11/sport-psychology https://study.com/articles/Sports_Psychology_Career_Information_and_Education_Requirements.html	

Substance Abuse Counselor

Overview	A Substance Abuse Counselors specializes in treating clients who have a chemical dependency on drugs or alcohol. A substance abuse counselor works with their client to help overcome dependencies and become self-sufficient. The substance abuse counselor may also work closely with the family of the client as well.	
Duties	· Meeting with clients to evaluate their health and substance problem · Identifying issues and create goals and treatment plans · Teaching clients coping mechanisms · Helping clients find jobs or reestablish their career · Leading group therapy sessions · Providing updates and progress reports to courts · Referring clients to support groups · Setting up aftercare plans · Meeting with family members and provide guidance and support	
Salary	\$48,000 national median; \$55,500 NJ median	
Typical Setting	Private practice (LCADC), hospitals, schools, family services, substance abuse centers, state and local governments, after school programs	
Educational Requirements	· Licensure as a Clinical Alcohol and Drug Counselor (LCADC) - o Masters' degree in accredited program (INCASE; NASAC) - o 3,000 supervised field hours - o National alcohol/drug counselor exam · Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor (CADC) is also possible, but you must practice under others and cannot diagnose	
Suggested Coursework	HE 260: Substance Use/Abuse PY 408: Cultural Psychology PY 401: Intro to Clinical Psych PY 398: Applied Behavior Analysis	CO 120 Interpersonal Comm CJ 330: Crisis Intervention PY 305: Theories of Personality
Similar Occupations	Mental Health Counseling, Clinical Social Work	
Resources	https://www.allpsychologyschools.com/substance-abuse-counseling/job-description/ https://www.humanservicesedu.org/substance-abuse-counselor.html https://www.psychologyschoolguide.net/psychology-careers/substance-abuse-counselor/ https://www.nj.gov/humanservices/dmhas/initiatives/workforce/FAQs_Becoming_LCADC_CADC.pdf	