Employment Opportunities

The practice of psychology in the Philippines covers such specialty areas as Assessment, Clinical, Counseling Developmental, Educational, Social and Industrial-Organizational Psychology.

Career Opportunities include:

• Business Ownership: Consultancy Offices, Mental Health Facilities, Psychological Services Center, Psychological Clinics;

• Private Practice as a Life Coach, a Neuropsychologist, Marriage and Family Counselor, Psychologist in a Specialty area, Psychotherapist, or Consultant.

• Employment as a Government Psychologist, Addiction Counselor/Mental Health Professional, Staff Psychologist, School Psychologist, Program Director, University Professor, Research Specialist, HR/OD Mgr.

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A Psychologist is a duly registered professional who holds a valid Certificate of Registration and a valid Professional Identification Card issued by the Professional Regulatory Board of Psychology (PRBP) and the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) for the purpose of delivering the different psychological services.

**Functions**

The primary functions of a Psychologist include – **Psychological Intervention:**

- counseling and psychotherapy
- psychosocial support,
- psychological debriefing,
- life coaching
- group process,
- psychological consultation
- trauma healing

other psychological processes which dig into the psychological functioning of individuals, families, groups and organizations.

**Psychological Assessment:**

The gathering and integration of psychology-related data to:

a). make a psychological evaluation
b). assess diverse psychological functions and processes in support of psychological intervention.

**Psychological Programs:**

The development, implementation & evaluation of psychological treatment programs like –

- addiction rehabilitation treatment
- behavioral management in correctional facilities
- psychological/sensitivity training
- mental health programs in disaster/emergency situations
- clinical supervision.

**Skills and Competencies**

- Knowledge of the Discipline, Scientific Foundation, Research
- Intervention and Service Implementation
- Diagnostic Assessment/Evaluation
- Program Development and Management in a Continuum of Care
- Interpersonal, Professional and Community Relations
- Consultation and Collaboration
- Professional, Legal, Ethical and Reflective Practice

**Basic Educational Requirement**

A Bachelor’s Degree in Psychology should be a head-start, but to become a Psychologist, one must complete a Master’s Degree in Psychology and undergo clinical internship training with supervision from a duly licensed/registered Professional Psychologist.

Cost of Education

There are about 286 HEIs offering a Bachelor’s Degree in Psychology, but only 34 schools offer a Master’s Degree and only 11 schools offer Doctoral Training in Psychology. The total cost of graduate training normally ranges from PHP 180,000.00 to PHP 300,000.00 depending on the type and prestige of the academic institution. Scholarship programs are however available for graduate training here and abroad.