

Career Guide: Law, Criminal Justice, and Forensics

This list is not inclusive of every possible career for Psychology students. It is also possible that certain careers are listed on multiple career guides.

Descriptions Used in the Resource

Each career is followed by a set of hotlinks to a variety of online sources that provide users with answers to the following questions.

1. What knowledge, skills, abilities, tools, and technologies are required in this career?
2. What do workers actually do in this career and under what conditions do they carry out these duties?
3. What types of job training or education are required to enter this career?
4. What interests, values, and characteristics do workers in this career possess?
5. How much money do people employed in this career earn?
6. How many people are employed in this career, and what is the projected need for it in the future?
7. What other occupations are related to this career?

Each hotlink is labeled using one of the following:

- **OOH and O*NET:** government websites that enable visitors to explore careers
- **Wild Card:** a nongovernmental website that enables visitors to explore careers
- **Video:** a YouTube or other online visual media source created to enable site visitors to explore careers, some of which feature “a day in the life” of a person employed in a particular career
- **Interview:** a transcribed interview with a person employed in a particular career

An Explanation of O*NET

This description of O*NET is taken from its website (National Center for O*NET Development, 2015, ¶ 1). The O*NET program is the nation's primary source of occupational information. Central to the project is the O*NET database, containing information on hundreds of standardized and occupation-specific descriptors. The database, which is available to the public at no cost, is continually updated by surveying a broad range of workers from each occupation. Information from this database forms the heart of O*NET OnLine, an interactive application for exploring and searching occupations. The database also provides the basis for our Career Exploration Tools, a set of valuable assessment instruments for workers and students looking to find or change careers. Go to <http://www.onetonline.org/> to explore this amazing source of career information.

Career Level: Bachelor Degree

Army Infantry Officer ([Wild Card](#) * [Wild Card](#) * [Video](#))

Army Mental / Behavioral Health Specialist ([Wild Card](#) * [Wild Card](#) * [Video](#))

Arbitrator, Mediator, Conciliator, or Ombudsman ([O*NET](#) * [OOH](#) * [Video](#))

Conservation Officer ([O*NET](#) * [Video](#))

Coroner ([O*NET](#) * [Video](#))

Correctional Treatment Specialist ([O*NET](#) * [OOH](#) * [Video](#))

Corrections Officer ([O*NET](#) * [OOH](#) * [Video](#))

Criminal Investigator or Detective (FBI and other) ([O*NET](#) * [Wild Card](#) * [Video](#))

Delinquency Prevention Social Worker ([O*NET](#) * [Wild Card](#) * [Video](#))

Fire / Arson Investigator ([O*NET](#) * [OOH](#) * [Wild Card](#))

Fraud Examiners / Investigators / Analyst ([O*NET](#) * [Wild Card](#) * [Wild Card](#) * [Video](#))

Immigration Officer ([O*NET](#) * [Wild Card](#) * [Wild Card](#))

Military Intelligence Officer ([Wild Card](#) * [Wild Card](#) * [Video](#))

Paralegal or Legal Assistant ([O*NET](#) * [OHH](#) * [Video](#))

Police Officer ([O*NET](#) * [OHH](#) * [Video](#))

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Polygraph Examiner ([O*NET](#) * [Wild Card](#) * [Wild Card](#))
Probation or Parole Officer ([O*NET](#) * [OOH](#) * [Video](#))
Security Manager ([O*NET](#) * [Wild Card](#) * [Video](#))
Sheriff or Deputy Sheriff ([O*NET](#) * [Wild Card](#) * [Video](#))
Veterans Contact / Service Representative ([Wild Card](#) * [Wild Card](#))
Veterans Counselor ([Wild Card](#) * [Wild Card](#))
Victims' Advocate ([Wild Card](#) * [Wild Card](#) * [Video](#))

Career Level: Graduate Degree

Criminal Psychologist ([Wild Card](#) * [Wild Card](#) * [Video](#))
Forensic Psychologist ([Wild Card](#) * [Wild Card](#) * [Interview](#) * [Video](#))
Judge ([O*NET](#) * [Video](#))
Legal Psychologist ([Wild Card](#) * [Video](#))
Lawyer ([O*NET](#) * [OOH](#) * [Wild Card](#) * [Video](#))
Operational Psychologist ([Wild Card](#) * [Wild Card](#))
Army Psychologist ([Wild Card](#) * [Wild Card](#))
Air Force Psychologist ([Wild Card](#) * [Wild Card](#))
Military Chaplain ([Wild Card](#) * [Wild Card](#) * [Video](#))
Military Counselor ([Wild Card](#) * [Wild Card](#))
Military Psychologist ([Wild Card](#) * [Wild Card](#) * [Video](#))
Navy Clinical Psychologist ([Wild Card](#) * [Wild Card](#) * [Video](#))
Navy Research Psychologist ([Wild Card](#) * [Wild Card](#) * [Video](#))