

# Psychologist Job Description

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## **Duties and Responsibilities:**

- Diagnosis and treatment of patients with mental health needs
- Research/study of human behavior and mental thought processes
- Assessment and identification of patients'/clients' psychological needs
- Developing appropriate treatment method for specific clients
- Resolution of psychological issues, including post-traumatic stress disorder, depression, and anxiety
- Tracking patient's cognitive and affective mental progress, and keeping records
- Working alongside doctors and other medical personnel to improve the recuperation process of patients
- Proffering advice and professional recommendation to clients during therapy sessions
- Providing encouragement and motivation to patients going through psychological trauma of an illness
- Giving detailed description of a patients' mental health condition
- Supervision and training of inexperienced psychologists
- Providing counselling services to an organization to influence development
- Fostering the learning and academic development of students in a school setting
- Rehabilitation of criminal offenders to reduce the probability of re-offense
- Carrying out psychological evaluation of criminal suspects to determine if they were involved in a crime
- Conducting research on new psychological approach and techniques.

## **Psychologist Requirements – Skills, Knowledge, and Abilities**

- Education and Experience: Psychologists are typically expected to have a doctorate degree in psychology although a Master's degree can be accepted. In order to practice as a psychology in the U.S, you will be

required to obtain a license of practice which is basically after you have interned and passed the Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology

- People Skills: Psychologists are well-versed in relating with people of different temperaments and behavioral disposition
- Observational Skills: Psychologists are given to details and are quick to identify behavioral inconsistency.
- Problem-solving skills: Psychologists employ their knowledge of human behavior in providing solutions to psychological challenges
- Communication skills: Among the key qualities of psychologists is the ability to interact with patients in order to identify their issues.