What can I do with a Master of Science in Clinical Psychology with a specialization in Forensics?

About this specialization

The Forensic specialization presents master’s learners with a theoretical and practical foundation of the clinical psychology profession, with particular emphasis on psychology and the law, techniques in forensic practice, and issues and trends in forensic psychology. The specialization curriculum focuses on competencies aimed at conducting forensic assessments and research with forensic programs and populations, including incarcerated and recently released offenders.

Related job titles to explore*

The sample job titles below represent a range of options for professionals with this degree and specialization. While some titles represent entry-level positions, others may require previous experience in the field.

- Forensic
  - Analyst
  - Interviewer
  - Researcher
  - Assessment specialist
  - Case worker
  - Consultant
- Adjunct or part-time faculty
- Instructor

*These are examples intended to serve as a general guide. Because many factors determine what position an individual may attain, Capella cannot guarantee that a graduate will secure any specific job title.
Related employment settings to explore

Professionals with this degree and specialization may work in a variety of industries and settings. The following list of employment settings is not exhaustive, but is intended to provide an introduction to the opportunities in this field.

- Federal, state, and municipal government agencies
  - Department of Corrections
  - Department of probation and parole courts
- Self-employed (contract with attorneys)
- Community college
- Land-based or online college or university

Samples of associated skills

- Evaluating the importance of diversity through mastery of multicultural competencies in scholarly work, particularly as they relate to forensic populations.
- Analyzing research related to clinical and forensic psychology
- Applying ethical principles related to practice in academics, research, and the practice of forensic psychology
- Applying theory and research findings into the practice of forensic psychology
- Communicating in scholarly writing and through the use of any technologies using the professional standards of the discipline

Sources for job listings

Explore specific job postings to clarify your career goals, better understand the required skills and experience, customize your job search documents, or target your job search.

APA Online Career Center
www.psyccareers.com

APA - Law Society Job Listings
www.apadivisions.org/division-41/about/jobs/index.aspx

USAJOBS
www.usajobs.gov

Chronicle of Higher Education
http://chroniclevitae.com/job_search/new

Psychology Jobs
www.psychologyjobs.com

Indeed
www.indeed.com

HigherEdJobs
www.higheredjobs.com

LinkUp
www.linkup.com
Professional associations & industry information
Utilize professional associations to gain familiarity with the field, learn about current issues and industry trends, identify opportunities to get involved, make professional connections, and contribute your subject matter expertise. Consider joining state or local chapters to meet professionals in your region.

American Psychological Association
www.apa.org

APA Division 41 - American Psychology-Law Society
www.apadivisions.org/division-41

American Psychological Association of Graduate Students

Association for Psychological Science
www.psychologicalscience.org

American Academy of Forensic Sciences
www.aafs.org

American Board of Forensic Psychology
www.abfp.com

Association of Women in Forensic Science
www.awifs.org

O*Net Occupational Information Network
www.onetonline.org

Wall Street Journal Career Journal
www.careerjournal.com

Salary information

JobSmart Salary Survey
www.jobstar.org

Occupational Outlook Handbook
www.bls.gov

Report of the 2009 APA Salary Survey

Salary.com
www.salary.com

NACE Salary Calculator
www.jobsearchintelligence.com/NACE/jobseekers/salary-calculator.php
Career Center resources & services

The Career Center assists learners and alumni in developing and implementing their career management goals resulting in measurable career outcomes. Career counselors serve learners and alumni in all Capella University schools and degree programs. Services are free of charge to learners and alumni.

iGuide Career Center
This comprehensive career site contains a wealth of information on career planning, job searching, resume and CV writing, interviewing, and more.

Career Connection
Career Connection allows users to search for jobs, research employers, or apply for jobs with employers who are interested in recruiting Capella learners and alumni. In addition to the jobs posted in the Capella Network of employers, users can extend their search and find additional employment opportunities through a national network of employers.

Career counseling and job search advising
Career counselors consult with learners and alumni individually by phone and e-mail.

Resume and curriculum vitae (CV) review
Career Center staff members are trained in resume and CV critique. The online Career Center in iGuide provides sample resumes, CVs, and cover letters to help learners and alumni get started. When the draft is ready, Career Center staff work with the learner or graduate to transform the documents into effective self-marketing tools.

On-demand tutorials
Recorded interactive media pieces are created specifically for Capella's learners, alumni, and prospective learners. The interactive elements provide you opportunities to work with the material in a meaningful way and make connections to your experiences and situations. Because they are recorded, you can access them at your convenience.

Career seminars
The Career Center offers free, five-day seminars, which are facilitated by Career Counselors in the Capella courseroom and are designed for learners enrolled in all specializations.

• Career Exploration and Planning seminar focuses on articulating skills, interests, and work values; gaining a better understanding of target industries and professions; and creating an action plan to move toward the desired career goal.
• Effective Job Search Strategies seminar focuses on specific job search strategies to help you meet your short-term employment goals, as well as strategies for managing your career over the long-term.

Visit the online Career Center to learn more about services and resources available to help you reach your career goals.

See graduation rates, median student debt, and other information at www.capellaresults.com/outcomes.asp

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