

Psychology Board – Military Occupational Crosswalk

Licensed Occupations: [Psychologist](#)

Air Force

Related Occupations (Military Occupation Code):

- Clinical Psychologist (42P1A; 42P1B; 42P1C; 42P1D; 42P1E; 42P1; 42P3A; 42P3B; 42P3C; 42P3D; 42P3E; 42P3; 42P4A; 42P4B; 42P4C; 42P4D; 42P4E; 42P4; 42PXA; 42PXB; 42PXC; 42PXD; 42PXE; 42PX) [Commissioned Officer]

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Army

Related Occupations: (Military Occupation Code):

- Clinical Psychologist (73B) [Officer]
- Research Psychologist (71F) [Officer]

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Coast Guard

Related Occupations: (Military Occupation Code):

No related occupations

Marines

Related Occupations (Military Occupation Code):

No related occupations

Navy

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- Clinical Psychologist (851) [Officer]
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Education Requirement	<p>Doctoral Degree</p> <p>Completion of a doctoral program that is accredited by the American Psychological Association (APA) or the Canadian Psychological Association (CPA).</p>
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Profession definition	<p>A person who holds a license issued under the state board to engage in the practice of psychology. The practice of psychology involves the application of established principles of learning, motivation, perception, thinking, and emotional relationships to problems of personality evaluation, group relations, and behavior adjustment.</p>

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Air Force
Clinical Psychologist²

Job Duties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perform mental health evaluations and therapy • Diagnose and treat the full spectrum of psychological conditions within a multidisciplinary setting • Plan, organize and direct mental health service or department • Implement health programs through collaboration with other agencies to offer prevention programs
Education/ Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A doctoral degree (Ph.D. or Psy.D.) in clinical psychology or counseling psychology • A current unrestricted license • Completion of a clinical internship • Possible additional requirements for specialties
Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowledge of psychological theories, principles and techniques is mandatory. • Clinical internship • Valid unrestricted state-issued license to practice clinical or counseling psychology • Completion of 5.5-week Commissioned Officer training course
Related Credentials Offered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mental Health Technician Certification (MHTC)

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Licensure Requirement – Military Experience Equivalency Notes

Experience Requirement	<p>A candidate for licensure must complete two years of supervised experience to satisfy requirement.</p> <p>Air Force Clinical Psychologists are required to complete a clinical internship, which is accepted as meeting one of the two years of supervised experience.</p> <p>The second year of supervised experience is completed after completion of the internship during time of service performing job, under supervision, in the Air Force.</p> <p>Satisfies experience requirement for licensure.</p>
Education Requirement	<p>Servicemember holds doctoral degree in clinical or counseling psychology.</p> <p>Satisfies education requirement for licensure <u>if</u> degree is from an APA/CPA accredited doctoral program or designated by the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB)/National register designation project.</p>
Examination Requirement	<p>A candidate for licensure is required to obtain a passing score on the Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology and the Pennsylvania Psychology Law Examination to satisfy requirement.</p> <p>The servicemember is required to hold a license to practice in the Air Force.</p> <p>If servicemember is licensed in another state, they could seek licensure in Pennsylvania by endorsement or Act 41.</p> <p>The State Board of Psychology takes each Act 41 application under review and determines whether to issue a license after reviewing the law under each state from which the applicant applies.</p>

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Army
Clinical Psychologist (73B) [Officer]

Job Duties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apply psychological principles, theories, methods and techniques through direct patient services, consultation, education, and research in problems of human effectiveness, adjustment and emotional disturbance in medical and other settings Focus on investigation, evaluation and amelioration of mental and behavioral disorders, prevention of mental illness and promotion of effective mental health Conduct and supervise direct patient care, and plan and execute disease prevention and health promotion programs Exercise command of medical units as provided by law and regulation Perform special staff functions in health support for commanders at all levels
Education/ Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Doctoral degree in clinical psychology, counseling psychology or another subspecialty In the U.S. Army, the case diversity psychologists experience in caring for Soldiers and their families is extremely vast Psychologists have access to sophisticated technologies, methods and techniques, the opportunity to consult with experts in both the military and private sector, plus exceptional professional growth opportunities, including continuing education courses, seminars, and conferences.
Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completion of a one-year, American Psychological Association—approved clinical psychology internship Current license to practice psychology Job Requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Time-sensitive problem analysis with an accurate, sound, and immediate decision Ability to operate under stress, apply critical thinking skills, make decisions, and translate these skills to battlefield conditions Expert knowledge in their area of concentration, patient management, and general support and coordination principles. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physicians gain this knowledge through mentoring, training, continuous self-development, and progressive levels of assignments within their specialty.
Related Credentials Offered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board Certified Specialist in Behavioral and Cognitive Psychology - American Board of Professional Psychology (ABPP)

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Research Psychologist (71F) [Officer]

Job Duties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct research to determine the effects of physiological, psychological, and social variables on the health and performance of military personnel in order to develop programs and products (e.g., interventions, prevention training, etc.) to enhance both servicemember and their family's health. Perform special health support staff officer duties
Education/ Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Possess a PhD in psychology, or related behavioral science, with a strong research emphasis from an accredited program Research psychologists have access to sophisticated technologies, research methods, and opportunities to consult with leading military and civilian researchers, as well as the other professional growth opportunities such as attending professional development courses, research seminars, and academic conferences.
Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Possess statistical skills and aptitude using statistical software packages such as PAWS (SPSS) or SAS.
Related Credentials Offered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board Certified Specialist in Behavioral and Cognitive Psychology - American Board of Professional Psychology (ABPP) Board Certified Specialist in Group Psychology – ABPP Board Certified Specialist in Psychoanalysis in Psychology – ABPP

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Navy
Clinical Psychologist (851) [Officer]

Job Duties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing clinical care to service members in deployed settings • Conducting seminars to help service members, including upper leadership, maintain positive mental health • Participating in military training exercises that enhance our ability to reach service members in a wide variety of settings • Providing training and mentorship to new generations of psychologists • Serving in leadership and policy positions aimed at sustaining mental health within the military
Education/ Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doctoral degree in clinical or counseling psychology from a program accredited by the American Psychological Association • Doctoral degree from the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USUHS). A bachelor's degree is required to enter this five-year program. Upon completion, servicemembers are commissioned as a Lieutenant in the Navy • Licensed psychologists entering the Navy attend Officer Development School (ODS). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Officer Development School (ODS) is a five-week program that provides a comprehensive and intense introduction to the responsibilities of Navy Staff Corps Officers. Here officers learn about the military structure of the U.S. Navy, its rich history of traditions and customs, leadership development and military etiquette.
Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current state license to independently practice as a clinical psychologist

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