

Where Psychology
can take you:

Fields of Study:

Clinical
Developmental
Community
Cognitive
Industrial/Organizational
Neural
Forensics
And Many More

Careers:

Psychologist
School Counselor
Training Coordinator
Program Director
Youth Program Worker
Substance Abuse Counselor
Community Mental Health
Research/Analyst Work
College Instructor
And Many More



Harmony of the Mind
Harmony of the Soul
Harmony of the Body
We are all Whole...

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AN Psych

Alaska Natives
into Psychology

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AN Psych is a collaborative project with the University of Alaska Fairbanks, the University of Alaska Anchorage, Native Student Services, Rural Student Services and UAS Native Rural Student Center.

Our Mission is to increase the number of Alaska Native and American Indian psychologists and other mental health professionals working in the field and to support Native communities in achieving their goals, building wellness in their villages.

We Will, through a “full circle approach,” increase the number of Natives working in rural Alaska and Native communities by encouraging individuals to enter a career in psychology; targeting high school and college students.

We Will, by exploring mental health careers and the field of psychology, establish a training pipeline that provides social, financial, and academic support for high school and college students along with mental health paraprofessionals who wish to continue their education at the Bachelors degree level in psychology.

AN Psych will provide assistance for students to receive advanced training in psychology at the graduate level—through the UAA Master’s program in Clinical Psychology or the UAF Master’s program in Community Psychology.



Why Psychology?

Many people think of psychologists as individuals who dispense advice, analyze personality, and help those who are troubled or mentally ill. But psychology is far more than the treatment of personal problems. Psychologists strive to understand the mysteries of human nature—why people think, feel, and act as they do. Some psychologists also study animal behavior, using their findings to determine laws of behavior that apply to all organisms and to formulate theories about how humans behave, think, and interact with the world.

What Psychology Majors Can Do

They seek to answer a wide range of important questions about human nature. Discoveries from psychology can help people understand themselves, relate better to others, and solve the problems that confront them.

The Study of the Soul

With its broad scope, psychology investigates an enormous range of phenomena: learning and memory, sensation and perception, motivation and emotion, thinking and language, personality and social behavior; intelligence, infancy and child development, mental illness, personal growth, and much more.

Objectives

- Provide administrative, personal, and cultural support to assist students in successful career achievement
- Develop psychology research and courses that reflect Native perspectives
- Take a full circle approach to increase the number of Native students into psychology with emphasis on rural employment
- Connect students to elders in exploring cultural perspectives on behavior, health, environmental, and psychological well being
- Provide peer and faculty connections to the University and its diverse resources
- Facilitate learning experiences, programs, and social gathering opportunities for students through peer advisors and the Connection Series classes
- Support student research projects expanding knowledge and experience
- Provide summer enrichment programs to Alaska Native students interested in psychology
- Develop partnership agreements between AN Psych, health consortiums, community groups, and state-wide agencies

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