

*UCSC Career Center*

*Clinical  
Psychology  
Career Guide*

## MSW/MA

MSW IS A MASTERS IN SOCIAL WORK. MA IS A MASTERS IN CLINICAL/COUNSELING PSYCHOLOGY. IT USUALLY TAKES 2 YEARS TO COMPLETE. IT IS FOCUSED ON WORKING WITH CLIENTS TO HELP THEM COPE WITH AND OVERCOME PROBLEMS IN THEIR LIVES.

## Ph.D

A PH.D IS A DOCTORATE THAT TAKES 5-6 YEARS TO COMPLETE. IT IS RESEARCH ORIENTED, BUT YOU CAN PRACTICE CLINICALLY AS WELL.

## PSY.D

PSY.D PROGRAMS TAKE 4-6 YEARS TO COMPLETE. IT IS AN ALTERNATIVE DEGREE THAT FOCUSES ON THE CLINICAL AND APPLIED ASPECTS OF PSYCHOLOGY.



# 3 COMMON TYPES OF DEGREES IN THE PSYCH FIELD

For more information, please visit:

<https://www.allpsychologyschools.com/psychology/psyd-vs-phd-programs/>

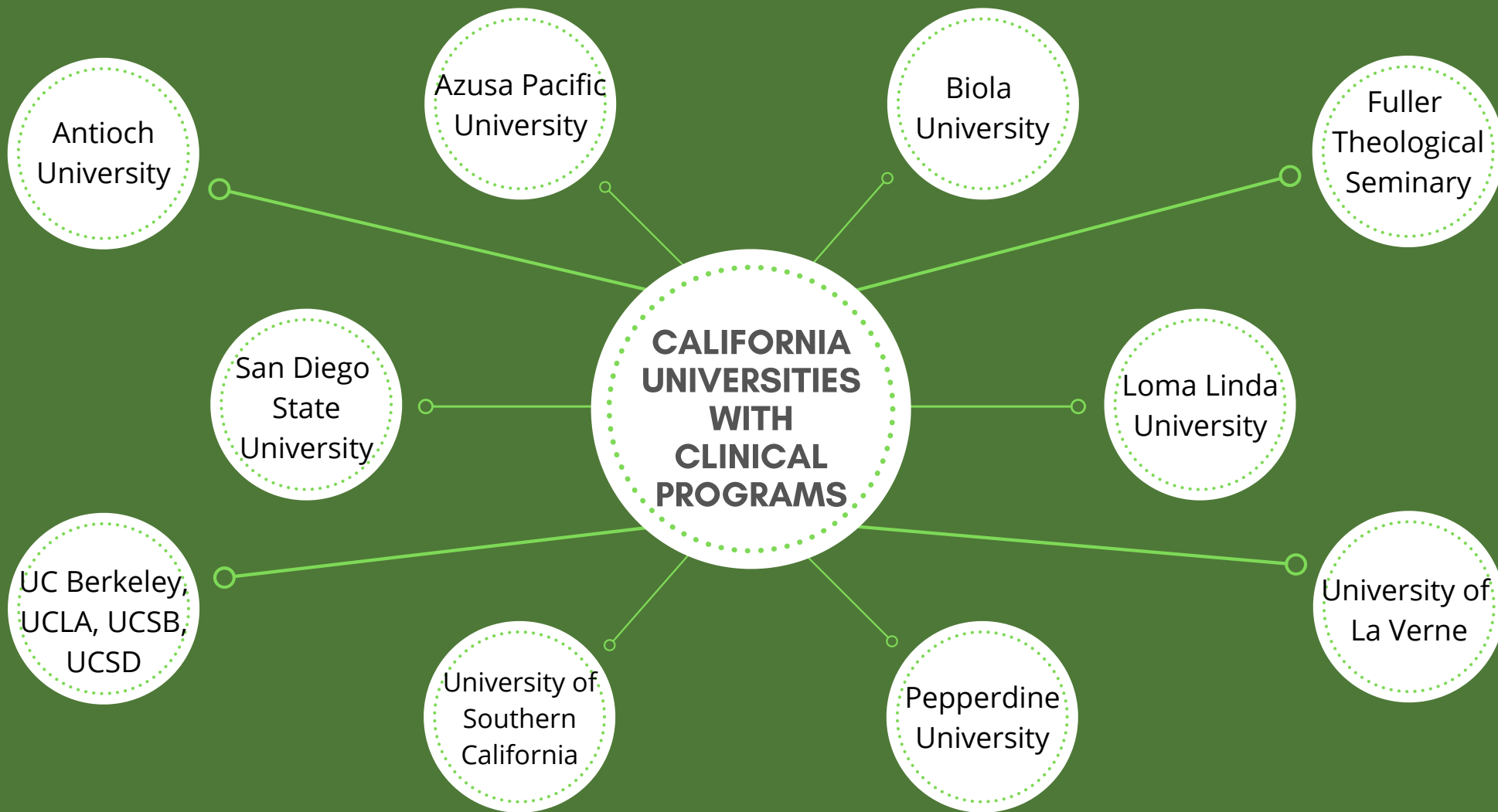


## ***SOME EXAMPLES OF PROFESSIONAL SCHOOLS FOR PSY.D/PH.D***

"Professional schools teach a curriculum that is much more broad and courses are delivered in an effort to prepare students for a career in the field. While the traditional theory is taught through lectures, there is a much greater focus on real-world application of the knowledge gained. Most professional schools also require students to complete professional internships prior to graduation." -- Best Masters Degrees

For more information, please visit:

<https://www.universities.com/find/california/best/clinical-psychology-degrees>



## ***SOME EXAMPLES OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES FOR PSY.D/PH.D***

"In Graduate schools you will be studying for your Master's or Doctorate in a specific area of study. The courses that you take will all be designed to help you master the field of study that you are majoring in. These courses will build your technical knowledge, but don't focus as intently on applying the knowledge. Graduate schools are more likely to require a thesis prior to graduation." -- Best Masters Degree

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# HOW TO : RESEARCH GRADUATE SCHOOLS

**WHEN RESEARCHING POSSIBLE GRAD SCHOOLS, YOU WANT TO THINK ABOUT THE FOLLOWING THINGS:**

- TYPE OF SCHOOL
- TYPE OF DEGREE YOU WANT TO PURSUE
- AREA OF STUDY YOU ARE INTERESTED IN



**For more information and resources for graduate programs, visit these websites:**

- <https://www.collegetuitioncompare.com/graduate/>
- <https://www.gradschools.com/get-informed/before-you-apply/choosing-graduate-program/compare-graduate-schools>

***You can compare programs using this website:***

<https://www.princetonreview.com/grad-school>



## Clinical Psychologist

Someone with a Ph.D or Psy.D, sometimes an EdD in clinical psychology. They diagnose and treat mental and behavioral disorders.

## Therapist

Someone with a Masters or Ph.D in counseling or clinical psychology. Their main focus is working 1:1 with patients/clients, treating couples, or leading therapy groups.

## Psychiatrist

A medical doctor (M.D.) who often works with patients with mental health issues that often involves drug therapy.

## Social Worker or Counselor

Someone with a MSW (Masters in Social Work) They support children and families in need of assistance. They also help people solve and cope with problems in their daily lives.

Usually work in clinics, rehabilitation centers, or in schools. Some positions include: substance abuse, child and family, or military/veteran social workers/counselors.

# Comparisons of Mental Health Professions

Hours of training required is based off of California requirements.  
 May not be the same for other states/internationally.\*\*

	MARRIAGE FAMILY THERAPIST (MFT)	LICENSED CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKERS (LCSW)	PSYCHOLOGIST	PSYCHIATRIST
WHAT THEY DO	Marital and Family Treatment	Clinical Social Work	Psychotherapy, Psychological Testing	Prescribing and Monitoring Medications and Psychotherapy
HOURS OF TRAINING REQUIRED	3,000 hours of training**	3,200 hours of training**	3,000 hours of training**	4 years of residency post degree
DEGREE REQUIRED	MA/MS or PhD/PsyD/EdD	MSW	PhD, PsyD, EdD	MD
AVERAGE SALARY <i>Based off of California estimates in 2020*</i>	\$50K-60K/YR*	\$70K-85K/YR*	\$100K/yr*	\$255k/yr*

For more information, please visit:

<https://www.nami.org/About-Mental-Illness/Treatments/Types-of-Mental-Health-Professionals>

Hospitals &  
Health  
Centers

Schools

Criminal  
Justice  
System

## WHERE CAN I WORK?

*Examples of potential areas for  
psychology related careers.*

Mental  
Health  
Clinics

Private  
Practice

Government  
&  
Non Profit





# BACHELOR'S ONLY JOBS

*For those taking a gap year or going straight into the industry.*

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## EDUCATION/CHILDREN

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ABA THERAPIST  
ACTIVITY LEADER  
CHILD ADVOCATE  
COTTAGE PARENT  
HEAD START FAMILY WORKER  
PARENT EDUCATOR  
PROGRAM DEVELOPER  
RECREATION SPECIALIST/LEADER

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## HEALTH

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HEALTH EDUCATOR  
HOSPICE COORDINATOR  
CRISIS INTERVENTION COUNSELOR  
MENTAL HEALTH COORDINATOR

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## GOVERNMENT

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CASE WORKER  
CORRECTIONAL CASEWORKER  
CORRECTIONS OFFICER  
JUVENILE OFFICER  
PROBATION OFFICER  
YOUTH CORRECTIONS OFFICER  
SOCIAL SERVICE PROFESSIONAL  
STAFF

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## COMMUNITY

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COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL SERVICE  
WORKER  
COMMUNITY RELATIONS  
REPRESENTATIVE

**For more information, please visit:**

<https://www.apa.org/ed/precollege/psn/2018/01/bachelors-degree>



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Resume Workshops  
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Career Coach Advising

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index.html](https://careers.ucsc.edu/student/index.html)