What did I do with my Psychology major?

What is your primary discipline/field?

Developmental psychologist

Was Psychology your undergraduate major?

- (●) Yes
- ( ) No

What degree is required (or most typical) for your job?

Ph.D./Psy.D.

What is your primary work setting?

University

In just a few words, how would you describe your job? What are the primary activities you engage in?

Coordinate and oversee university-wide research and engagement in education and human development, including: managing and directing activities of data staff; making research grants; connecting and collaborating with multidisciplinary faculty; oversee and conduct program evaluations.

Can you guesstimate about what percentage of your work time you spend engaged in each of the following activities?

Research?	Teaching	Practice: Assessment	Practice: Therapy	Consultation or Administration
20	10			70

What makes your field most unique from some of the other fields on the list above?

Contributes to my understanding of developmental phenomena; amenable to coordinating multidisciplinary teams; grasp of applied research-to-policy link.

What other non-psychology-related activities does your job entail that you did not expect? For instance, does your job include accounting, personnel management, business administration, clerical work, or other activities?

It includes many non psych skills but that was not a surprise. More surprising was my previous job as program evaluator for the NC General Assembly, where activities included evaluating programs far beyond the realm of child development (e.g. research farm management structure) and drafting bills.

What is the BEST thing about your field? What would you tell a college student to encourage them to enter your field?

Love the diverse activities, working with wonderfully diverse colleagues, learning about new fields and methods every day, facilitating connections in a world that is woefully siloed most of the time.

What is your LEAST FAVORITE thing about your field? What would you tell a college student to DISCOURAGE them to enter?

Competitiveness, isolation, difficulty getting funding.

(Optional) What is your age?

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(Optional) If you would like students to contact you with questions, please list your email below

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