



Women in Forensic Psychology

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What is Forensic Psychology

Forensic psychology is a branch of Forensic Science, it helps the legal and court systems find out Psychological situations within a criminal case Many times these psychologists work with inmates and do psychological exams, they also retrieve and analyze evidence to see if this person has mental health issues that may or may not have affected the crime that was committed.

Personal Statement

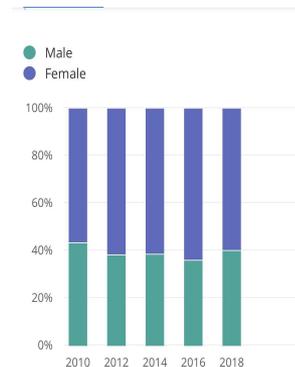
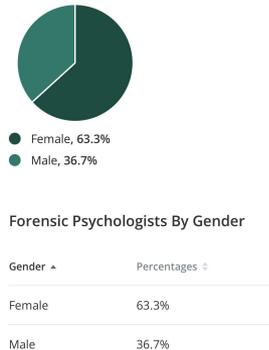
As a woman wanting to work in this field finding research information on Forensic Psychology and reading articles from women already working it gave me a better perspective on what to expect and how to deal with the advantages and disadvantages of the career path I've chosen. I've also been able to get a personal glimpse of what to expect while doing an internship at a funeral home early on, at times my sympathy towards the deceased and their families would get ahold of my emotions, as well as the stress of working long and unpredictable hours would sometimes make me rethink my choices. But overall I personally enjoyed and learned so much useful information and knowledge that many others aren't able to receive and I am grateful for the opportunity.

Problems

A huge problem women face in Forensic Psychology is the dangerous working conditions and inexperience with working with criminals. For example in “**Forensic Psychologist career guide**” it states how at times the job can be very hard and dangerous when having to deal with criminals, and it can also be bad for your physical and mental health. In another News article called “**Forensic Psychology: Preparing Female Clinicians for Challenging Offenders**” it specifically talks about how women Psychology when having a professional encounter with an inmate for a case is not well trained to conceal their emotions and know how to deal with the criminal in any type of situation that might come at them.

Advantages

An advantage of women working in Forensic Psychology is that in recent years the percentage of women working in the field is up to 63.3 percent and 36.7 percent are men working in the same field. Throughout these past few years the percentage of women have decreased and the men have decreased while makes Forensic Psychology a more female-dominated field. **{zipa.com}** This increase is because of women being in shows such as NCIS and other forms of media becoming more seen and influence a large group of young females.



Problems

Stereotypes within the Job have a huge impact on how women are able to work and how they are seen within their group of colleagues as well as the criminals themselves.

Common stereotypes are that women are much weaker and can't handle if a criminal attacks them, or that they can't mentally handle the stress of long hours, gruesome cases, and the large some of workload they receive on a day to day basis. When it comes to having a one on one with an inmate many cases involve men killing a female and using them to stigmatize Forensic Psychologist and not respect and seeing them as beneath men.

Advantages

Forensic Psychology at times can be very stressful with the long hours and workload that is needed to do research and find evidence for a cases. On the other hand it gives the flexibility to be able to work anywhere a Forensic Psychologist pleases. Women are able to work in a office at a desk, or in a courtroom, in a forensic lab doing autopsy and dna analysis, as well as doing research at home and even in another state or country. Due to these opportunities many women and also men who work in the field have a wide range of specialized groups and jobs within Forensic psychology.

Conclusion

In conclusion I personally think that if women are able to receive more resources and training on what to expect when working as a Forensic Psychologist and possibly even before starting the career have the same training to prepare, women going forward would feel a sense of security and knowledge that won't make them feel like they won't be accomplish what is needed to be done in Forensic Psychology. I also believe that the overall stereotypes that many people have that women are seen as "victims" and "weak" are also withholding young women to want to become Forensic Psychologist and showing a more toxic and negative side which gives Forensic Psychology a bad reputation.

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