

What can I do with a major in... **YOUTH AND EMERGING ADULT STUDIES**

The Youth and Emerging Adult Studies major prepares students to establish, develop and evaluate a ministry to youth and emerging adults in local church and parachurch ministry contexts. Emphasis is on understanding youth in their everyday life grounded in a biblical theology of seeing youth as created in God's image. The major also lays a foundation for seminary/graduate study.

What types of work are related to this degree?

Campus ministry
 Christian education
 Curriculum development (church/para-church)
 Early adult ministry coordinator
 Pastoral roles to young adults
 Parachurch ministry worker
 Social/human services worker or case manager
 Camp administrator
 Fund development
 Disaster/aid relief worker
 Program administration or development
 Dorm parent/international school or residential treatment facility
 Missions or tent making ministry
 Residence life or student development
 Job development or life skills coaching

Who employs people with this degree?

Christian colleges
 Local churches and denominational offices
 Mission agencies
 Parachurch organizations
 Social and human services organizations
 Educational programs (non-licensure)
 Curriculum publishing companies
 Residential treatment programs
 Parks and recreation programs
 Community services agencies/programs
 National and international humanitarian aid organizations

More information online at ONETonline.org

General Strategies for Success:

- Pursue mentoring relationships with ministry leaders you respect.
- Obtain part-time, Summer, internship or volunteer experiences in churches as well as hospitals, camps, or overseas programs, or in advocacy or service-oriented programs addressing alcoholism, drug abuse, family violence, aging, poverty, disabilities, etc.
- Serve as a peer mentor, resident assistant, or student advisor to cultivate leadership and program development skills.
- Keep your finger on the pulse of pop culture and the pressures young adults face. Know the trends that will affect your ministry.
- Early in your career, you may need to supplement ministry income with other work.

Select Professional Associations :

National Association of Evangelicals
 National Network of Youth Ministries
 Christian Camping International

Evangelical Theological Society
 Christian Camp and Conference Association
 National Campus Ministry Association

This information represents possible occupations and strategies for careers with this major. As with any job or career, there may be additional qualifications or experience needed. For more information and options,

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