

Ministry

The Ministry major is a flexible program emphasizing studies which prepare the student for a career of ministry in the church, on the mission field, or in the world at large. It also lays a foundation for seminary/graduate study. The major focuses the student's attention on courses which aim at proficiency first in the performance of general Christian ministry and then in specified ministry specializations. The major includes core courses and an area of concentration which consists of completing one of the minors (other than Bible) listed in the catalog or the equivalent.

What Type of Work are Related to this Degree?

- Campus ministry
- Christian education
- Curriculum development (church/para-church)
- Ministry support or coordination
- Pastoral roles
- Para-church 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
- Para church organizations
- Social and human services organizations
- Educational programs (non-licensure)
- Curriculum publishing companies
- Residential treatment programs
- Parks and recreation programs
- Community services agencies/programs (financial, family planning, health and wellness, marriage, vocational, food/housing assistance, military family support)
- National and international humanitarian aid organizations

More information at ONETonline.org

General Strategies for Success:

- Pursue mentoring relationships with ministry leaders you respect.
- Subscribe to ministry publications and join ministry associations.
- Obtain part-time, Summer, internship or volunteer experience 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, trends, and issues facing society. Know the trends that will affect your ministry.
- Early in your career, you may need to supplement ministry income with other work.

Professional Associations

National Association of Evangelicals
 National Network of Youth Ministries
 Christian Camping International
 Christian Camp and Conference Association
 Christian Research Association
 The National Campus Ministry Association
 National Urban 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, make an appointment with Career & Leadership Development or check out our online resources on our website or on myUNW, Career & Leadership Development tab.