

What Can I Do With a Major in Religion?

Possible Career Options

(some career options could require advanced study)

Campus Religious Coordinator
 Church Administrator
 Church Camp Director
 Clergy
 Collection Agent
 Community Service Agency Worker
 Day-Care Center Worker
 Director of Religious Activities
 Evangelist
 Family/Marriage Counselor
 Fund Raiser
 Hospice Director
 Hospital/Military/Prison Chaplain
 House Parent
 Labor Relations Specialist
 Lawyer
 Legal Assistant
 Librarian
 Missionary
 Newspaper/Magazine Journalist
 Nursing Home Director
 Peace Corps/VISTA Worker
 Personnel Interviewer
 Public Relations Specialist
 Rehabilitation Counselor
 Religious Education Director
 Religious Bookstore Manager
 Researcher/Archivist
 Residence Hall Director
 Retail Store Manager
 School Guidance Counselor
 Social Worker
 Student Activities Director
 Theological Professor
 University/Seminary Administrator
 Urban Regional Planner
 Writer/Author/Editor
 Youth/Music Minister

Transferable Skills

Views humanity in light of the Scriptures
 Applies spiritual truths to current life issues
 Senses how to meet the spiritual and social needs of others

Research Skills

Elicits hidden assumptions
 Distinguishes the genre and literacy devices of a text
 Examines material in its historical, grammatical, and cultural context

Problem Solving Skills

Analyzes and applies biblical, theological, and doctrinal principles
 Distinguishes differing views and discovers ultimate truth
 Analyzes complex spiritual issues and establishes a standard
 Generates and implements ways to meet human, spiritual, and social needs

Communication Skills

Listens and responds to others objectively
 Interacts with people of varying ages and backgrounds
 Presents ideas through well-constructed, concise arguments
 Expresses a distinctive view with authority and confidence
 Incorporates theory and practical application
 Writes interpretively, descriptively, and persuasively
 Develops structure and technique while utilizing relevant examples

Persuasive Skills

Builds and defends views in competing positions
 Develops strong apologetics and appropriate illustrations
 Convinces others of truth by personal example

Employment Sites

Past interns and graduates have worked at:

Aleph Alliance for Jewish Renewal
Canton South Child Care Company
Cheyenne Brethren Church
Crown College
Douglas County Sheriff's Department
Flint River Regional Library
Greenville College
Knox County Board of Education
MacMillan Computer Publishing
Meorc Company
Park Street Brethren Church
Perryville Junior High School
Redeemer Community Christian School
Richland County Children Services Office
Southeastern Ohio Regional Medical Center
Upland Friends Church
Wilmington Star News

Experiential Education

Serving as chaplain at summer camp

Working as student intern for a religious organization

Developing newsletters for district church office

Coordinating vacation bible school programs

Providing leadership for church's volunteer program

Providing one-on-one care as hospice center volunteer

Serving as youth minister at area church

Assisting chaplain in nursing home

Additional Resources

Occupational Outlook Handbook, (2002-03), US Department of Labor.