

What can I do with a major in... Chemistry?

A major in chemistry will prepare you for a variety of careers, whether you choose to become a chemist or apply your background in other work environments. The following list contains sample job titles of CMU graduates who majored in chemistry. This list represents some, but certainly not all, of the careers you may consider.

Career Titles for a Chemistry Major:

- Chemical Technician
- Crime Laboratory Analyst
- Environmental Health Specialist
- Food Chemist
- Inorganic Chemist
- Medical Researcher
- Organic Chemist
- Pharmaceutical Sales Representative
- Pharmacologist
- Physician
- Quality Assurance Manager
- Soil Chemist
- Toxicologist
- Wastewater Treatment Specialist
- Water Purification Chemist

Students obtaining employment immediately upon graduation usually are those with the best college records and a willingness to relocate for a job. Some of these jobs also require education beyond a bachelor's degree.

Professional Skills Acquired Through a Major in Chemistry

Many occupations in today's working world require college-educated individuals who can write and speak well, solve problems, learn new information quickly, and work well with a team. In addition to opening the door to numerous career possibilities in this field, a major in chemistry will help you develop the fundamental skills that many employers in many other professions are seeking in their employees.

Skills and qualities acquired through a major in chemistry may include:

- Accuracy
- Analytical and quantitative abilities
- Conducting research
- Curiosity
- Data collection and organization
- Decision making
- Detail orientation
- Follow-through
- Objectivity
- Organization
- Perseverance
- Problem solving
- Teamwork
- Technical interpretation
- Theory development
- Understanding mathematics
- Working independently

For more information about chemistry and other majors, please contact Career Services.

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