

What can I do with a major in...

Child Development?

A major in child development will prepare you for a variety of careers, whether you choose to become a preschool teacher or apply your background in other work environments. Listed here are sample job titles of CMU graduates who majored in child development. This list represents some, but certainly not all, of the careers you may consider.

Career Titles for an Child Development Major:

- Adoption Specialist
- After-School Program Director
- Caseworker
- Child Behavior Specialist
- Child Care Director
- Child and Family Advocate
- Child Life Specialist
- Community Activity Director
- Crisis Pregnancy Counselor
- Head Start Professional
- Home Visitor
- Nanny
- Preschool Teacher/Director
- School Readiness Teacher
- Teen Parent Educator
- YMCA/YWCA Program Coordinator
- Youth Minister
- Youth Services Worker

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 Child Development

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 child development 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 child development may include:

- Cooperation
- Creativity
- Decision making
- Detail orientation
- Encouragement
- Evaluation
- Flexibility
- Listening
- Motivation
- Oral and written communication
- Organization
- Patience
- Problem solving
- Project planning
- Supervising
- Understanding human development

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

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