

What can I do with a major in...

Family Studies?

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

Career Titles for a Family Studies Major:

- Adoption Specialist
- Caseworker
- Child and Family Advocate
- Community Activity Director
- Community Outreach Worker
- Credit Counselor
- Crisis Pregnancy Counselor
- Employee Assistance Program Director
- Family Support Specialist
- Foster Care Worker
- Home Visitor
- Residential Counselor
- Respite Care Worker
- Runaway Counselor
- Teen Parent Educator
- Victim Advocate
- 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 Family Studies

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 family studies 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 family studies may include:

- Complex situation analysis
- Conflict resolution
- Cooperation
- Decision making
- Empathy
- Encouragement
- Listening
- Motivation
- Objectivity
- Oral and written communication
- Organization
- Patience
- Problem solving
- Tact
- Understanding human relationships

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

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