

Career Fact Sheet

A.A.S. Community Leadership (CoLead)

An associate degree or diploma from the Community Leadership Program prepares people for a variety of positions within nonprofit and community organizations. According to the Independent Sector (a major research and information institution): Nonprofit sector employment continues to grow at a rate much higher than employment rates in business or government. The number of Americans working for nonprofit organizations has doubled in the last twenty-five years. Occupational opportunities are quite diverse, including human services, education, politics, administration of artistic and historic organizations, animal welfare, state and local government, community organizing and activism, and entrepreneurial ventures. For many, this degree is a gateway to careers requiring an associate degree; however, some professions do require additional education.

The study of Community Leadership develops skills necessary for a large number of career fields. These include:

- Critical and creative thinking
- Effective interpersonal skills
- Meeting management and facilitation
- Event planning
- Grant writing and other forms of professional writing
- Community organizing
- Budgeting and accounting principles
- Negotiation and mediation skills
- Volunteer management
- Nonprofit organizational design and implementation
- Project management skills
- Media relations
- Fundraising
- Effective use of technology for public relations and advertising

Make the Most of Your Major:

- Participating in CoLead service projects
- Developing an internship
- Volunteering for area nonprofit and community organizations
- Writing articles for local newspapers and media sources
- Working on political campaigns
- Creating your own blogs, podcasts and websites
- Advocating for specific public policy and legislation
- Assisting faculty with community projects
- Participating in the UNH Undergraduate Research Conference

Sample Career Possibilities:

- Event planners
- Volunteer coordinators
- Grant writers
- Political lobbyists
- Public relations and marketing assistants
- Fundraisers
- Community outreach coordinators and advocates
- Program assistants
- Legislative and public policy aides
- Recreation coordinators
- Job coaches
- Project Leaders
- Education aides
- Nonprofit program staff

University of New Hampshire and General Resources:

Occupational Outlook Handbook on-line

www.bls.gov/oco | The US Department of Labor resource describes what workers do on-the-job, work environment, training and educational qualifications, earnings and expected job outlook for a wide variety of occupations.

www.unh.edu/uacc/formpages/workstudentlogin.html | MonsterTrak via the University of New Hampshire University and Career Center website. Login in. Go to Resources. Scroll down to “Major to Career Converter”. (First-time users need to email student.recruiting@unh.edu for the UNH password and directions on using MonsterTrak.)

Quintessential Careers

www.quintcareers.com | Over 2,400 pages of job search information.

University of New Hampshire at Manchester: Internships

www.unhm.unh.edu/internships

University of New Hampshire at Manchester: What Can I Do With A Major In...?

www.unhm.unh.edu/counseling/career/

WetFeet

www.wetfeet.com | Research industries, companies and careers. Also a source for job search tips.

Vault.com

http://www.vault.com/cb/careerlib/careerlib_main.jsp?parrefer=2333 | Vault has been called “The best place on the Web to prepare for a job search.” More than 80 full-length career guides, insider company information and career advise. It can also be accessed through the UNH Manchester Library site via on-line resources/databases as well.

Community Leadership Resources:

Local within Northern New England: New Hampshire, Maine and Vermont

<http://www.nhnonprofits.org> | New Hampshire Center for Nonprofits

<http://www.nonprofitmaine.org/jobs.asp> | Maine Association of Nonprofits

<http://www.vanpo.org/nonprofitcorner/jobsfaq.html> | Vermont Alliance of Nonprofits

National and International Jobs

<http://www.idealists.org> | Action Without Borders

<http://www.nonprofitjobs.org> | Community Career Center

<http://www.nonprofit-jobs.org> | Non Profit Jobs

<http://philanthropy.com/jobs> | Chronicle of Philanthropy

<http://fdncenter.org/pnd/jobs> | Foundation Center

Independent Sector

http://www.independentsector.org/members/job_postings.htm

