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### AREAS

**HUMAN SERVICES**
- Counseling
- Case Management
- Advocacy
- Mental Health Services
- Programming
- Administration

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE**
- Corrections
- Rehabilitation
- Law Enforcement
- Judiciary

**EDUCATION**
- Teaching
- Research

### EMPLOYERS

**Community service agencies**
- Advocacy groups
- Federal, state and local government
- United Way agencies/local branches of national non-profit organizations
- Religiously-affiliated service organizations
- Private foundations
- Adoption and child care agencies
- Nursing homes and retirement communities
- Hospitals and wellness centers

**Correctional institutions**
- Court systems
- Federal, state and local government, especially law enforcement agencies

**Public and private schools**
- Colleges and universities

### STRATEGIES

**Gain experience and develop helping skills through volunteer positions.**
- Spend summers working at camps, YMCA’s or other social service agencies.
- Learn to work well with diverse populations.
- Develop excellent communication skills.
- Concentrate course work in area of interest such as youth, gerontology or poverty.
- Learn a second language to interact with non-native speakers of English - particularly helpful in certain parts of the country.
- Take advantage of opportunities to serve as peer mentors, resident assistants, or other student leader positions.
- Earn a master’s degree in social work, counseling or other related fields to increase employment opportunities.
- Most states require licensure or certification for professional counseling-oriented positions.

**Gain essential practical experience via part-time or summer jobs, internships, or volunteer work.**
- Volunteer to work with troubled youth.
- Develop a desire to work with and help all types of people.
- Obtain a graduate degree for advancement.

**Obtain certification/licensure to teach grades K-12. Earn dual certification to increase job opportunities.**
- Earn a graduate degree to teach in post-secondary institutions; master’s degree required for two-year colleges and a doctoral degree for four-year institutions.
- Assist a professor with research.
- Take extra courses in research and statistics.
- Develop exceptional communication skills.
- Volunteer as a tutor.
- Secure strong personal recommendations, particularly from professors.
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<td>Federal departments and agencies including but not limited to: Departments of Agriculture; Education; Interior Health and Human Services Drug Enforcement Administration Environmental Protection Agency Housing and Urban Development Veteran's Administration National Institutes of Health National Institute of Aging State and local government</td>
<td>Take additional courses in statistics and social research. Develop exceptional computer skills. Gain work experience via government internships or summer work. Acquire skills in research and evaluation; develop a specialty in fields such as aging, family, criminal justice, etc. Learn the federal application process. Obtain a graduate degree for advanced positions.</td>
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<td><strong>SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH</strong></td>
<td>Universities Government agencies Research institutes Non-profit agencies Community organizations Private industry Advertising and marketing firms Consulting organizations Information brokers Newspapers, magazines, news agencies Public opinion research polls</td>
<td>Develop exceptional quantitative, statistical, and writing skills. Learn to use statistics software packages as well as database, spreadsheet, and desktop publishing programs. Volunteer to help a professor with a research project. Obtain an advanced degree in sociology for research administration. Earn certification in applied social research by The American Sociological Association.</td>
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<td><strong>ENVIRONMENT AND SOCIETY</strong></td>
<td>Waste management firms Health agencies Local planning agencies Environmental advocacy groups Environmental periodicals Federal government Regional, state, and local agencies Consulting firms</td>
<td>Enhance curriculum with courses in ecology, environmental science, and statistics. Join environment-related student organizations. Volunteer to work on environmental clean-up projects. Find a related internship. Obtain a graduate degree for advancement.</td>
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## AREAS

**BUSINESS**  
Human Resources  
Management  
Sales  
Marketing  
Public Relations  
Training and Development  
Office Administration

## EMPLOYERS

Business and industry including:  
- Insurance firms  
- Retail stores  
- Banks  
- Temporary employment agencies  
- Manufacturing companies  
- Service industry  
- Non-profit organizations

## STRATEGIES

- Earn a minor in business or take basic business classes such as accounting and finance.  
- Gain business experience through part-time jobs, summer work, and internships.  
- Develop excellent computer skills. Learn to use software applications such as spreadsheets, databases, and word processing.  
- Hone written and oral communication skills.  
- Join related professional associations.  
- Seek leadership roles in student organizations.