Religious Studies and Philosophy Job Search Strategies and Resources

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Career Search Strategies

- Research careers by exploring <u>The Occupational Outlook Handbook</u> and <u>O*NET Online</u>. Match your skills, interests, values, accomplishments, experience, personality traits and goals with career information that you find at these sites.
- When researching about the various career paths, pay close attention to the various skills, abilities, knowledge base and tools and technology that many careers will require you to possess. Top skills that students will gain from this degree will include analyzing and synthesizing data, research, communication skills, idea generation, problem solving and critical thinking.
- Develop the various skills and abilities through minors, certificate programs, career readiness tracks and/or participation and leadership in various campus activities. Pay close attention to the Interdisciplinary programs and courses.
- An undergraduate degree prepares students for professional and graduate study in business, law, medicine, counseling, higher education, and other fields. Check for prerequisite classes needed to enter various graduate programs.
- Apply for membership in the Theta Alpha Kappa national honor society for religious studies and philosophy.
- Join professional organizations and affiliations in your field and continuously update your LinkedIn profile.
- Gain relevant experience in potential careers through internships, informational interviewing, full time and part time jobs and volunteer experiences.
- Network continuously with family, friends, neighbors, faculty, students and other people that you come into contact with on various occasions.
- Connect with the Office of Alumni Relations and become a member of the Alumni Mentoring Program to gain valuable advice, insight and information on your chosen profession.

Job Websites

Academic Career Online
Bioethics.net
CatholicJobs.com
Christian Jobs.com
Christian School Employment

EpistemeLinks
Ministry Employment.com
Operation Blessing International
The Chronicle of Philanthropy
United World Mission

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Professional Associations

American Academy of Religion
American Association of Pastoral Counselors
American Catholic Philosophical Association
American Philosophical Association
American Philosophical Practitioners
Association
American Society for Bioethics and
Humanities

Association for Practical and Professional Ethics
Religious Education Association
Religious Research Association
Society for Business Ethics
Society for Scientific Study of Religion

The Office of Career Development and Engagement located in O'Connor Hall, Room E-301, welcomes you to make an appointment with a member of our counseling staff to further discuss your job search strategies. Career counseling sessions are generally 30-60 minutes in length and appointments can be scheduled by contacting the Office at 631.687.1248.