



CAREER PATHFINDERS

DEVELOPMENTAL STUDIES DEGREE

Developmental Studies is a distinct field that draws on the integration of the perspectives and methods of many disciplines to provide a coherent analysis of the biological, environmental, and social factors that influence both individual and group development. As such, it has specific relevance to a growing number of occupations and professions, notably child care, gerontology, and family studies. Graduates may find employment in a variety of governmental and non-governmental agencies dealing with childcare services or human service-oriented professions. Positions may include daycare centre personnel, supervisors and caregivers. Graduates might also find work as: family-home visitors, family and community support facilitators, child-life therapists, or staff specializing in programs for the developmentally delayed and other children with special needs.

Career Options / Job Titles

(SOME MAY REQUIRE ADDITIONAL EDUCATION AND/OR TRAINING)

- Aging/Gerontology Specialist (NOC 3143)
- Case Worker (NOC 4212)
- Child Care Executive Director (NOC 4214)
- Child Welfare/Child Services Worker (NOC 4212)
- Community Organization Director (NOC 4422)
- Corrections Officer (NOC 4422)
- Developmental Disabilities Specialist (NOC 4212)
- Employment Counsellor (NOC 4156)
- Facility Manager (NOC 0714)
- Intake Counsellor (NOC 4212)
- Leisure Writer (NOC 5121)
- Manager/Administrator (NOC 0423)
- Probation Officer (NOC 4155)
- Program Manager (NOC 4155)

Skills Developed by Developmental Studies Majors

- Communication
- Problem solving
- Critical thinking
- Creativity
- Research
- Self-reflection

Employers / Areas of Employment

- Consulting Firms
- Correctional Facilities
- Counselling Agencies
- Educational Institutions
- Government Agencies/Departments
- Health Care Facilities
- Human Resources Departments
- Media/Publishing/Telecommunications Industry
- Political Parties
- Retirement Homes
- Social Service Organizations
- Trade/Professional Organizations

Professional Associations and Websites

- Developmental Studies Fact Sheet <http://uwinnipeg.ca/factsheets/docs/factsheet-developmental-studies.pdf>
- NOC Codes <http://www5.hrsdc.gc.ca/NOC/English/NOC/2011/Welcome.aspx>
- Canadian Association on Gerontology <http://cagacg.ca/>
- Centre on Aging <http://umanitoba.ca/centres/aging/>
- Child Life Council <http://www.childlife.org/>
- Manitoba Child Care Association <http://mccahouse.org/>
- Developmental Studies Association <http://www.devstud.org.uk/>