Youth Ministry is a major that prepares students for leadership roles in ministry with adolescents in church and parachurch. Rooted in study and understanding of the unique developmental journey of youth, the major equips students for evaluating various models of ministry with adolescents and developing their own consistent approach. A focus on teaching and mentoring youth is supported by study and practice in evangelism, counseling, recreation, and assessment of youth culture, with a goal of guiding youth to Christian maturity and participation in the Church’s ministry.

**Associated Job Titles:**
- Youth Pastor
- Youth Worker
- Director of College Ministries
- Campus Minister
- Director of Campus Ministries
- Director of Christian Education
- Director of Children’s Ministry
- Director of Single’s Ministry
- Director of Discipleship
- Church Camp Director
- Pastor
- Evangelist
- Music Minister
- Chaplain
- Missionary
- Bible Teacher
- Peace Corps Volunteer
- Director of Non-Profit Agency

**Career Library Resources:**
- Opportunities in Religious Service
- Careers for Good Samaritans and Other Humanitarian Types
- Liberal Arts Jobs
- What Color Is Your Parachute?
- Career Planning Today
- Majoring in the Rest of Your Life
- Do What You Are
- Encyclopedia of Careers and Vocational Guidance
- The Kuder Book of People Who Like Their Work
- The Enhanced Guide for Occupational Exploration
- The Dictionary of Occupational Titles
- The Occupational Outlook Handbook
- FOCUS Computer Guidance System

**Places To Contact For More Information:**
Your denominational office of ministry or:
- Interchristo
- The Christian Career Specialists
  19303 Fremont Ave. North
  Seattle, Washington 98133
- National Council of Churches
  475 Riverside Dr.
  New York, NY 10115
- United Methodist National Youth Ministry Organization
  P.O. 840
  Nashville, TN 37202

**Websites To Visit:**
- [www.youthpastor.com](http://www.youthpastor.com)
- [www.youthministry.com](http://www.youthministry.com)
- [www.youthspecialties.com](http://www.youthspecialties.com)
- [www.thesource4ym.com](http://www.thesource4ym.com)
- [www.christianitytoday.com](http://www.christianitytoday.com)
- [www.umc.org](http://www.umc.org)

**Professors To Contact For More Information:**
- Dr. Clair Budd, Chair
- Professor Jan Harper

**Nearby Employers:**
Check the Christian Ministries department site on NOAH for “ministry opportunities/ local”. Check with local area churches or ministries to see if they are hiring part-time or full-time employees. Also consider a non-paid internship with ministries who are looking for students to help them.

**Alumni Contacts:**
Schedule an appointment with Career Services to conduct a tailored search for alumni working in the fields associated with this major.

**Notes:** For specific information concerning course requirements of this major, please pick up a major sheet at the Registrar’s Office located in the Administration building.

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