

What can I do with my degree in...Bachelor of Arts Family Studies & Gerontology?

Knowing what is expected

If you are interested in delving into policies on aging, family life education, the dynamics of family relationships, as well as developing exceptional community programs, you will enjoy the options that the Bachelor of Family Studies & Gerontology degree affords.

Jobs in this field require the ability to perform a wide variety of functions.

You will be required to have an excellent command of language and exhibit strong interpersonal and communication skills.

Other requirements include problem solving skills, thinking and analytical skills.

You should also be willing to conduct solid research and develop excellent writing skills.

Transferable Skills

- ❖ Excellent interpersonal and communication skills
- ❖ Problem solving and analytical skills
- ❖ Solid research skills
- ❖ Community service work

Your Career choices

A Bachelor of Family Studies & Gerontology opens the door to many fields like law, psychology, education, ethics, health, public administration, sociology and recreation. As a result, you may pursue occupations in health, sciences, community services, government services or education.

Careers for Family Studies & Gerontology Majors

- ❖ Family life educators
- ❖ Employee assistance professionals
- ❖ Outreach workers
- ❖ Family mediators
- ❖ Continuing care assessors
- ❖ Public Administration
- ❖ Policy and program specialists in family and aging
- ❖ Health Services
- ❖ Accommodation, Food & Recreational Services
- ❖ Education
- ❖ Consulting and other business services

Necessary Skills

- ❖ Communication Skills
- ❖ Good client/customer relation
- ❖ Reporting
- ❖ Awareness of current events and staying constantly updated in your specialty

What Employers Want

Contributions you make to your community reflect well on you as an individual. Employers are looking for students who are dedicated, hard working, and show a commitment to their interests.

By getting involved in on-campus societies (See-www.mountstudents.ca) and volunteering early, you will not only show credibility in your area of interest but also a willingness to work towards goals.

Associations

Why join now? Professional associations are a great way to network within your field of study. Not only do these organizations help get you connected, they also help keep you well-informed. Many also have discounted student membership rates.

- ❖ American Association of Family & Consumer Sciences
www.aafcs.org
- ❖ Gerontological Society of America
www.geron.org/default.asp
- ❖ Association for Gerontology in Higher Education
www.aghe.org/aghe/

Available Reference Materials

What To Do With Your Degree

- ❖ Family Studies and Gerontology (Refer to yellow binder)

Occupation Information

- ❖ Careers for Caring People & Other Sensitive Types
- ❖ www.careercruising.com

Directories

- ❖ Who's Hiring
- ❖ Associations Canada
- ❖ Canadian Career Directory

Job Searching

Job Hunting Websites

- ❖ www.msvu/careerplanning
- ❖ Career Beacon
www.careerbeacon.com
- ❖ <http://www.bestjobsca.com/>
- ❖ Brains Talent
www.brainstalent.com
- ❖ Government of Nova Scotia
www.gov.ns.ca/psc/employ
- ❖ Government of Canada
<http://jobs.gc.ca>
- ❖ HRSDC (NS)
www.ns.hrdc-drhc.gc.ca/english/jobs.htm
- ❖ Workinfontet
www.ns.workinfontet.ca
- ❖ Atlantic Canada Careers
www.acc.net

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