

Career Information for Community Development

A College of Social Sciences major

General Overview Information

This program teaches students to improve the social, economic, and environmental qualities in our communities. It focuses on design and implementation of programs designed to make a community better. The program looks at these elements: characteristics of communities emphasizing their heritage, issues such as suburban sprawl, affordable housing, downtown revitalizations, and traffic congestion. Strategies to address community issues that combine community organizations and partnerships is also addressed.

Do You Have These Characteristics?

Spatial & Visual Thinking Skills · Detail-Oriented · Ability to Work as Part of a Team
Flexible · Work Well Under Stress · Effective Oral & Written Communication Skills
Dedication to Public Service · Familiarity with Statistical Techniques & Computers

Salary Information Can Be Found At:

www.bls.gov/bls/blswage.htm

www.iseek.org

www.stcloudstate.edu/careerservices

What Can You Do?

- City Planner/Developer
- Environmental Development
- Land Use Specialist
- Transportation
- Community Development
- Urban Design/Architecture
- Historical Preservation
- Social Work
- Economic Development Coordinator
- Regional Planner
- Zoning Administrator

Where Can You Work?

- Housing & Redevelopment Authorities
- City & County Planning Agencies
- Transportation Commissions
- Environmental Agencies
- Non-Profit Service Organizations
- Community Development Agencies
- Parks Departments
- Local, State & Federal Government
- Architectural & Surveying Firms
- Educational Institutions
- Law Firms
- Large Land Development Companies
-and MORE!

Resources

- SCSU Community Development – <http://bulletin.stcloudstate.edu/ugb/programs/cmtly.asp#cd>
 - Occupational Outlook Handbook – <http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocos057.htm>
 - American Planning Association – www.planning.org
 - Urban Land Institute – www.uli.org
 - Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning – www.acsp.org
 - International City/County Management Association – www.icma.org
 - *A Guide to Careers in Community Development*
 - *Career Opportunities in Conservation and the Environment*
 - *Career Opportunities in the Nonprofit Sector*
 - *For the Common Good: Internships with Community & Social Service Agencies*
 - *Handbook of Business & Management Careers*
 - *Jobs and Careers with Non-Profit Organizations*
 - *National Trade and Professional Associations*
 - *Top Careers for Liberal Arts Graduates*
- (Books are available at SCSU Career Services Center)