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# **CAREER OPPORTUNITIES FOR THEOLOGY MAJORS**

# SKILLS & ABILITIES OF THE THEOLOGY MAJOR

### **Critical Thinking**

- Take a reasoned approach to problem solving
- Critical evaluation of religious questions
- Integration of cross-cultural theological thought
- Analyze new ideas

#### **Human Relations**

- Awareness of individual and cultural differences
- Appreciate diversity
- Helping others organize and express unique points of view

#### Communication

- Objective listening
- Effective writing
- Convey complex information
- Speak to groups
- Read critically

## **POTENTIAL CAREERS**

- Youth Ministry
- Campus Ministry
- Mission Director, Catholic healthcare facility
- Social Advocate
- Teacher
- Professor
- Editor, religious publishing house
- Librarian for Religious Holdings
- Journalist, religious-based newspaper, magazine, or journal
- Director of Religious Programming
- Foreign Service
- College Service Activities Coordinator
- Community Organizing
- Lawyer
- Lobbyist
- Counselor

- Psychologist
- Fundraiser
- Paralegal
- Hospital Administrator
- Public Policy Management
- Clergy
- Hospital Chaplain
- Correctional Institution Chaplain
- Military Chaplain
- Campus Chaplain
- International Missionary
- Abroad Missionary
- Director of Religious Education
- Director of Music
- Religious Social Work

## **TYPES OF EMPLOYERS**

- Newspapers
- Magazines
- Journals
- Colleges and Universities
- Seminaries
- Publishing Firms
- Healthcare Facilities
- Correctional Institutions
- U.S. Government
- Non-profit Organizations

## **RESOURCES AND WEBSITES FOR THE THEOLOGICAL MAJOR**

Practical Theology <u>http://practicaltheology.org/</u> Interfaith Alliance <u>http://www.interfaithalliance.org/</u> Joint Religious Legislative Coalition-<u>http://www.jrlc.org/</u> The Acton Institute for the Study of Religion and Liberty-<u>http://www.acton.org/</u> O\*Net-<u>onetonline.org</u>

Sources: The College Majors Handbook (Fogg, Harrington, & Harrington, 2012)