

Robert R. McComsey Career Development Center



Careers In...Environmental Studies

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The Field

Environmental Studies graduates have found interesting and rewarding employment in a wide range of careers. The experience and qualifications acquired throughout their studies, research projects and internships enable graduates to work as environmental professionals in government regulatory departments, in private industry, and with private environmental consulting firms. Many of our graduates continue on to graduate school.

Sample Job Titles

- Environmental center director
- Environmental educator
- Management consultant
- Outward Bound leader
- Lobbyist
- Scientist
- Program director
- Lawyer
- Urban planner
- Real estate assessor
- Park education director
- Environmental engineer
- Technical writer
- Photographer
- Environmental technician
- Researcher
- Hazardous materials technician
- Naturalist/Ranger
- Environmental lab tech
- Industrial hygienist
- Health & safety manager
- Soil and water analyst

Our Graduates...Where Are They Now?

Within the past few years, graduates have obtained jobs as:

Top Secret – Defense Intelligence Agency

Environmental Technician – JGI Estern, Inc.

Project Geologist – D.W. Kozera, Inc.

Jr. Environmental Analyst – SAIC

Environmental Health & Safety – Colgate University

Environmental Scientist – Haley's Aldrich

Environmental Educator – Robert A. Macoskey Ctr. For Sustainable Systems Education

Naturalist & Environmental Educator – Shaver's Creek Environmental Center

Environmental Affairs Assistant – Environmental Health & Safety, University of Nevada

Lab Technician – University of Rochester

Environmental Coordinator – C&W Environmental

Landscape Superintendent – L.C. Whitford Co.

Field Tech Inspector – Dresser Rand/C.M.E.

Lead Technician – University of Arizona, National Park Service

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Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources – Fisheries Technician
Water Quality Analyst- Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection

...and have gone to graduate school at:

Colorado University (Water Resources)
SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry (Ecology & Biogeochemistry)
Clark University (International Development, Community & Environments)
Indiana University School of Env. Science (Restoration Ecology)
Slippery Rock University (Resource Management & Sustainable Systems)
University of Nevada (Environmental Chemistry)
SUNY Binghamton (Organic Geochemistry)
University of Rhode Island (Environmental Policy)
University of South Florida (Marine Science)
SUNY Albany (Public Affairs and Policy)
University of New Hampshire (Atmospheric Chemistry)
SUNY Albany (Ecology & Animal Behavior)
SUNY Buffalo (Geology)

Alumni who graduated several years ago are currently employed as:

Lead Geologist – Foster Wheeler Environmental Corp
Industrial Hygienist – Roy F. Weston, Inc.
Environmental Program specialist – New York State Dept. of Environmental Conservation
Center Director – National Audubon Society
Environmental Engineer – Sun Company, Inc.
Senior Environmental Scientist – Amerada Hess Corp.
Project Geologist III – EIS Environmental Engineers, Inc.
Manager of Product Development – Trinity Biotech
Associate Professor, Public Health Research Associate – University of Arizona

Get Experience on Campus

Try to get involved in activities or organizations related to your area of interest. Some organizations or clubs through which you can gain relevant experience include:

- Complete a project for the Undergraduate Research Forum
- Apply for the Donaldson Research Fellowship or an ARGUS Grant through Alfred University
- Join a national or regional organization such as Nature Conservancy, the Alliance for Sustainable Earth, or the Geological Society of America
- Pursue an internship with the Student Conservation Association (SCA), a state Public Interest Research Group (PIRG), or offer your services to Alfred University's Center for Environmental and Energy Research (CEER)
- Sign up for the ENS listserv through the Career Development Center. You will receive announcements regarding employment, internships, grants, fellowships and more

Where to go from here?

- Individual career counseling for anything from choosing a major to getting a job
- Saxon JobLink web services (www.alfred.edu/cdc) to view jobs/internships, and post a resume
- Saxon Career Volunteer network – speak to alumni in your career field
- Choices CT computerized program for searching graduate schools
- Web resources: we recommend **The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation** at www.dec.state.ny.us/website/career, www.environmentnetwork.com, www.ecoemploy.com, www.eco.org, and the **National Environmental Directory** at www.environmentaldirectory.net