

***Achieving an excellent education is about many things:*** becoming a well-educated citizen, gaining knowledge for thoughtful and well-considered decisions, engaging your curiosity, and developing skills that will contribute to the greater good, for example. In addition, your education also prepares you to pursue a ***wide variety of career paths.***

***Depth of knowledge*** generally refers to the information and ways of thinking that are directly related to your academic major. In addition, you have developed an ***incredibly important set of more general skills:*** to think analytically and critically; to view issues in context and from multiple perspectives; to ask and address questions about ethical and societal implications; to pursue research; to engage your creativity; and to communicate complex issues clearly. Thus, ***CHID majors*** offer an array of skills which are ***highly valued by employers*** from all sectors.

***Many Possibilities.*** Because your major is not narrowly focused on specific career paths, you have a wide array of professional options. While this kind of career flexibility is definitely good news, it does require you to be more *proactive* in identifying and articulating your skills to potential employers.

***Ready for the Work World.*** The top five critical skills identified by employers in a recent national survey were:

- Ability to communicate clearly
- Interpersonal / Teamwork skills
- Problem-solving and decision-making abilities
- Ability to find and process information
- Ability to plan, organize, and prioritize

*You have undoubtedly developed these skills while studying at UW.*

### **JOB SKILLS RELATED TO NEAR CHID MAJORS**

Here are even more career-related skills and strengths that employers value:

Read/interpret/synthesize complex material

See situations from multiple perspectives

Produce effective persuasive writing

Design and implement engaging presentations

Understand linguistic nuance and subtlety

Handle ambiguity adeptly

Apply mental agility to creative problem-solving

Understand the broader context

Gather, analyze, organize, interpret data

Link abstract concepts to practical applications

Understand human nature & its variations

Evaluate and manage linguistic data

Identify and explore implications

Propose and support recommendations

Simultaneously see big picture and details

Engage intellectual curiosity

Conduct research

Bring motivation, imagination, enthusiasm, initiative

Work well individually and on teams

Understand & appreciate cultural diversity

Understand how "data" can be interpreted in multiple ways

And many more!

### **NEXT PAGE: ACTUAL JOBS IN THESE THREE CATEGORIES:**

1. CHID/Humanities/Social Science/Interdisciplinary is *required/preferred* and the job's *primary* responsibilities directly relate to these areas
2. CHID/Hum/SocSci are *preferred* but job's *primary* responsibilities aren't necessarily directly related to these
3. Your major *isn't required or preferred* but your other transferable skills make you highly qualified

*In some cases, actual employers are included to convey the variety of employers.  
Remember that, usually, you needn't have every single qualification in order to apply.*

**1. CHID/Humanities/Social Sciences/Interdisciplinary major is *Required or Preferred* (Entry-Level):**

Associate Media Editor (Macmillan Higher Education—Publishing)  
Program Coordinator & Administrative Assistant (Humanities Washington)  
Product Analyst - Social Studies (IXL Learning)  
Jr. Cognitive Scientist (Applied Research Associates)  
Academic Adviser (University of Southern California)  
Social Science/Humanities Research Associate II (University of Texas at Austin)  
Member Engagement Coordinator (American Academy of Arts and Sciences)  
Publishing Assistant and Permissions Coordinator (Georgetown University Press)  
UX Specialist (Centralis)  
Content Administrator - Metadata (Blackstone Professional Recruiting)  
Social Services Representative (Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs)  
Marketing Coordinator, Social Sciences and Humanities (John Wiley & Sons)  
Associate Analyst (Gallup), Data Analyst (Choices), Analyst (FactSet)  
Research Analyst (Ventura County Community College District)  
Case Manager (Homes for the Homeless)  
Program Administrator (LGBTQ Student Center, New York University)  
Education Research Program Assistant (Social Science Research Council)

**2. Your major *isn't required/preferred* but your other transferable skills make you highly qualified (Entry-Level):**

Associate Account Strategist (Google)  
Service Coordinator (Choice Program)  
Grassroots Advocacy Coordinator (EveryLife Foundation for Rare Diseases)  
Research Associate (Environmental Law Institute)  
Knowledge Assistant (Children's Law Center)  
Recruitment & Admissions Assistant (Fund for American Studies)  
Partner Support Coordinator (Kiva Microfunds)  
Assistant Community Outreach Coordinator (Next Step Living)  
Change Corps Assistant Organizing Director (Work for Progress)  
Investigative Advocate (Disability Rights Washington)  
City Year - Corps Member (City Year Seattle/King County)  
Financial Advisor (ING Financial Partners)  
Patient Services Representative (Seattle Reproductive Medicine)  
Outreach Coordinator (MedBridge Education)  
Junior Project Manager (HealthPath Education)  
Internet Marketing Specialist (Chair 10 Marketing)  
Immigration Assistant (Law Firm)  
Marketing Coordinator (Yext)  
Account Coordinator, Employee Benefits (MCM)  
Pharmaceutical Representative (Publicis Solutions)  
Executive Team Leader (Target)  
*More:* Project Manager, Social Media Campaign Developer, Policy and Advocacy Specialist

### **3. Examples of actual jobs that real CHID majors have secured:**

Customer Experience Program Manager (Amazon)  
Foreign Affairs Officer (Bureau of International Organization Affairs, U.S. Department of State)  
Software Release Management Team (S&P Capital IQ)  
Director (Boys & Girls Clubs of King County)  
Policy & Advocacy Manager (Cascadia Green Building Council)  
Partner Investments Manager (US Channel Incentives, Microsoft)  
Residential Youth Counselor (Friends of Youth)  
Young Executives of Color (YEOC) Program Manager (University of Washington)  
Editor and Project Manager (The Truax Company)  
Configuration Specialist (Limeade)  
Meta Data Analyst (Green Infosystems)  
Academic Counselor & College Internship Associate (College Support, Rainier Scholars)  
Teacher (Teach for America)  
Victim Advocate (Pima County Attorney's Office)  
VP of Development (US Techs)  
Director of Quality Assurance (Travelport /Highwire)  
Director of Education (Slate Coffee Roasters)  
HR Specialist (University of Washington)  
Operations Manager (Jura Physicians)  
Senior Project Manager & Research Coordinator (Behavioral Tech Research, Inc.)  
Transaction Coordinator (Redfin)  
Media Maker (The Stranger)

***These are just some examples. The Career Center can help you find positions that meet your goals!***