

# Career Fact Sheet

## A.A.S. Community Leadership (CoLead)

*An associate degree or diploma from the Community Leadership Program prepares people for a variety of positions within nonprofit and community organizations. According to the Independent Sector (a major research and information institution): Nonprofit sector employment continues to grow at a rate much higher than employment rates in business or government. The number of Americans working for nonprofit organizations has doubled in the last twenty-five years. Occupational opportunities are quite diverse, including human services, education, politics, administration of artistic and historic organizations, animal welfare, state and local government, community organizing and activism, and entrepreneurial ventures. For many, this degree is a gateway to careers requiring an associate degree; however, some professions do require additional education.*

**The study of Community Leadership develops skills necessary for a large number of career fields. These include:**

- Critical and creative thinking
- Effective interpersonal skills
- Meeting management and facilitation
- Event planning
- Grant writing and other forms of professional writing
- Community organizing
- Budgeting and accounting principles
- Negotiation and mediation skills
- Volunteer management
- Nonprofit organizational design and implementation
- Project management skills
- Media relations
- Fundraising
- Effective use of technology for public relations and advertising

**Make the most of your major:**

- Participate in CoLead service projects
- Develop an internship
- Volunteering for area nonprofit and community organizations
- Write articles for local newspapers and media sources
- Work on political campaigns
- Create your own blogs, podcasts and websites
- Advocate for specific public policy and legislation
- Assist faculty with community projects
- Participate in the UNH Undergraduate Research Conference

### Sample Career Possibilities

- Community outreach coordinators and advocates
- Education aides
- Event planners
- Fundraisers
- Grant writers
- Job coaches
- Legislative and public policy aides
- Nonprofit program staff
- Political lobbyists
- Program assistants
- Project leaders
- Public relations and
- Recreation coordinators
- Volunteer coordinators marketing assistants

**University of New Hampshire and General Resources:**

*Occupational Outlook Handbook on-line*

[www.bls.gov/oco](http://www.bls.gov/oco) | The US Department of Labor resource describes what workers do on-the-job, work environment, training and educational qualifications, earnings and expected job outlook for a wide variety of occupations.

*Wildcat Careers*

<http://www.unh.edu/uacc/careeradvising.html> | Wildcat Careers via the University of New Hampshire University Advising and Career Center website. Scroll down and click on the Wildcat Careers Login Box (First time users need to register).

*Quintessential Careers*

[www.quintcareers.com](http://www.quintcareers.com) | Over 2,400 pages of job search information.

*University of New Hampshire at Manchester: Internships*

[www.unhm.unh.edu/internships](http://www.unhm.unh.edu/internships)

*University of New Hampshire at Manchester: What Can I Do With A Major In...?*

[www.unhm.unh.edu/counseling/career/](http://www.unhm.unh.edu/counseling/career/)

*WetFeet*

[www.wetfeet.com](http://www.wetfeet.com) | Research industries, companies and careers. Also a source for job search tips.

*Vault.com*

<http://www.library.unh.edu/researchtools/databases/databases.asp?search=UVWXYZ>

Vault has been called “The best place on the Web to prepare for a job search.” This database includes more than 80 full-length career guides, insider company information and career advice. Scroll down and click the link to Vault Online Career Library.

**Community Leadership Career Resources:**

*Northern New England: New Hampshire, Maine and Vermont*

<http://www.nhnonprofits.org> | New Hampshire Center for Nonprofits

<http://www.nonprofitmaine.org/jobs.asp> | Maine Association of Nonprofits

*National and International Jobs*

<http://www.idealists.org> | Action Without Borders

<http://www.nonprofitjobs.org> | Community Career Center

<http://www.nonprofit-jobs.org> | Non Profit Jobs

<http://philanthropy.com/jobs> | Chronicle of Philanthropy

<http://fdncenter.org/pnd/jobs> | Foundation Center

*Independent Sector*

[http://www.independentsector.org/members/job\\_postings.htm](http://www.independentsector.org/members/job_postings.htm)

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